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AUGUST 2023
Welcome to the Breaking Barriers in Entrepreneurship Program! We're so excited to have you join us on this eight-week journey to make your business more successful!

We are launching the seventh cohort of our expanded workshop series presented by the PwC Foundation, General Motors, ADP, and Macy's. This cohort will build on the community established by the prior cohorts, where we successfully trained 549 veterans, military spouses, and military families.

There are so many success stories to tell, but we would love to highlight the 31 participants that have secured cumulatively almost $2 million in grant funding since the start of the workshop series in June 2020. Here is a list of a few of the winners:

- **Renette Dallas** owner of Life by Dallas
  - $10,000 grant through WeWork's Black-Owned Business Grant.
  - $10,000 grant from NAACP and Beyonce-BeyGood: Black Owned Small Business Impact Fund

- **Zephrine Hanson** owner of Hampden Farms
  - $10,000 grant through WeWork Black-Owned Business Grant
  - $10,000 grant from the Creative Ideas Fund
  - $15,000 grant from LinkedIn

- **Carla Bond** of Upskill
  - $10,000 grant through WeWork Black-Owned Business Grant
  - $10,000 grant from the Google For Startups Black Founders Fund

- **Kamekio Lewis**, Career and Personal Development Coach
  - $5,000 first-place prize in the BossPreneur Pitch Your Business Competition

- **Ronnie Davis** President of Davlin Developments LLC
  - $1,500 grant from the Gwinnett County Small Business Assistance Program
  - $9,000 Comcast RISE Grant

- **Idongesit Essiet-Gibson** owner of The Idyeas Group
  - $2,500 grant from Facebook

- **Love Hudson-Maggio** Founder and CEO of Mar Dat
  - $50,000 grant from the Google For Startups Black Founders Fund

- **Mario Mitchell** of Code Legion
  - $250,000 grant from the RNOX

- **Brian McClean** CEO of McClean Photography
  - $5,000 Grant from the State of California's California Relief Grant

We're eager to work with you and help you start and scale your business. Thank you in advance for completing the Entrepreneur Assessment and connecting with the BBiE Group in Bunker Online.

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**Program Impact**

1. Natasha Norie Standard CEO of NNS LLC Footwear
   - $20,000 from the River City Capital Grant
   - Shopify Business grant receiving one year free Shopify subscription.

2. Regina Rembert owner of Think Veterans First which hosts an annual event called VET OHIO EXPO
   - $25,000 was raised through grant funding, sponsorships, and donations to support her event.

3. Angela Van Owner/Director of Keisha's Kare Learning Academy
   - $10,000 grant from the Texas Workforce Development.

4. Lavern Sellers CEO of Battle Buggies To Go LLC in Fayetteville, NC
   - $10,000 from NC IDEA Grant

5. Niurka Castaneda CEO of Amor Umbrella
   - $10,000 grant from Comcast

   - $15,000 first-place prize at Bunker Labs Pitch Competition
   - $50,000 grant from AFWERX/ SBIR Phase I
   - $10,000 runner-up prize from The Task Force X Capital Management 5th Annual Veteran Startup Showcase

7. Carrie Roker Jones Founder and Owner of Essteam
   - $10,000 2022 Black Girl Ventures Grant

8. Lester Lumbad President/Founder of the Southern Nevada Veterans Chamber of Commerce
   - $45,200 secured in sponsorship money

9. Theresa Irving Owner of Duneberry Farms
   - $5,000 Grant from Farmer Veteran Coalition

10. Comcast RISE Technology Grant Winners
    - Will McNeil, Black Tech Jobs
    - Aida Johnson, Aspire to Harmony
    - Monifa Cain, Queen of Spades Style, LLC
    - $2,500 - Schmid Etienne, R.E.S.S.E.T Studio
    - $10,000 - Shmonda Strother, You Can Fit Out 2
    - $2,500 - Liseth J. Velez, L.J.V Development LLC.

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Tactical Animal Rescue Unit - Constant bombings in Ukraine create a dangerous operating environment to rescue animals and provide aid. I am solving this issue for the refugees of Ukraine and the animals at risk. My solution is awesome because it empowers veterans to solve a humanitarian crisis and strengthen international relations.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/michael-jacobson-1b307bb5

Old Dogs New Tricks Blockchain Corp - Our solution tackles the critical issue of supply chain fraud in shipping and auto parts industries. Leveraging advanced AI and blockchain technology, our platform provides real-time visibility, secure data sharing, and trustworthy identity verification. With smart contract automation, we offer a comprehensive and personalized solution, revolutionizing supply chain security for all stakeholders involved.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/farrakh-khawaja-k-a345a24

Chai Five Organics: Chai Five solves the problem of finding a truly authentic chai tea blend for people seeking a natural way to support energy, immunity, and daily wellness. We crafted the first 100% single-origin, organic chai blend rooted in the ancient wisdom of Ayurvedic medicine and combines potent superfoods to naturally boost immunity, energy, and gut health, and reduce inflammation, empowering those who seek a more sustainable lifestyle. Our consciously crafted chai blends are free from sweeteners, preservatives, micro-plastics, and other harmful chemicals found in most tea products while supporting small farming communities through our commitment to ethical and sustainable sourcing and giving back to our communities.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/joshianita
ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER ENTREPRENEURS

RAYA ARBIOL
NAVY VETERAN

Thrive Consulting: Thrive aims to empower organizations to achieve their strategic objectives through a collaborative and customized approach to consulting. Thrive strives to provide value-added solutions that optimize processes, leverage technology, and enhance leadership capabilities. Thrive is committed to building long-term partnerships with our clients based on trust, integrity, and results.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/rayaarbiol

DOROTHY TRAIN
MILITARY FAMILY

Clear Communication Therapy: Clear Comm is a private practice for speech, communication, and dyslexia therapy. Highly individualized services are provided to an underserved area to improve the lives of those with disorders of communication and learning. Clear Comm Therapy puts the client first and has results proven by continuous data analysis, happy caregivers and clients!

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/mwlite

JOY PATTON
AIR FORCE VETERAN (MILITARY SPOUSE)

Silver Hair Confidence Coach: I strive to empower new entrepreneurs by helping them gain clarity on their goals and eliminating negative mindsets that get in the way. My business model is based on simplicity and trust. One package includes two sessions followed by unlimited sessions at a deeply reduced cost. Focused on exceptional laser-focused coaching, accessibility, and affordability.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/jspatton

STEPHINEY FOLEY
ARMY ACTIVE DUTY (MILITARY SPOUSE)

Yuzu: Yuzu is a postnatal and postpartum care network and technology platform that offers personalized care to improve the fourth trimester care experience. We are looking to revolutionize the fourth trimester parent experience.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/stephiney
Sew Chic Fabrics and Crafts - The problem my business is solving is teaching kids, teens, and adults how to sew, learn basic leatherwork, bra fit, and construction, as well as other crafts and workshops. We also solve the problem of a lack of fabric and sewing supplies in the community. My service is awesome because we are lacking individuals to perform alteration services and custom garments. My service is also awesome because it empowers people to design, create, and alter their own clothes.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/sew-chic-fabrics-and-crafts-8b520021a

Corporate Facilities Management, Inc. - CFM is a commercial janitorial company providing services to industrial plants, commercial properties, and educational and medical facilities.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/j-l-spratling-03708aa

Our objective is to surpass customers' expectations for Catamaran charters. Our workforce will provide valuable experience from past employment and life experiences, which will translate well into the crew team's customer service areas of our business goals.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/david-henry-878633224

Maylon Media - We're the standout digital marketing agency for local businesses, delivering tailored strategies, driving tangible results through a holistic approach of social media, paid traffic, automation, and reputation management. Data-driven, transparent, and committed to your success.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/maylonmedia
United Christian Community Fellowship
UCCF is a multi-service organization that provides counseling, coaching, and consulting services to individuals, groups, and organizations. Our expected results are to bridge the community and the church. Changing lives!!!

LinkedIn: http://linkedin.com/in/anthony-brown-8276181b2

JAERIMY Inc.: JAERIMY is a veteran-owned company that has developed the Emergent Reply Imminent Crisis mobile app (ERIC). ERIC is a wellness and personal safety app designed to address the challenges faced by individuals who live alone with chronic health conditions, disabilities, or elderly who lack regular visitors. Unlike existing solutions like Life Alert or traditional personal safety apps, ERIC automatically sends a distress message based on timed events, eliminating the need for active user interaction with a dongle, making it highly effective for individuals unable to do so themselves.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/keithtademy

TherapeuticLiving, PLLC: TherapeuticLiving provides traditional and expressive mental health therapies.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/tl1112

Debbies Doors, LLC: Providing equal and equitable housing for homeless veterans. Establishing strategic partnerships with the HUD-VASH program, non-profits, and local and state public assistance agencies. provides consulting on avenues where veterans can attain independence and economic self-sufficiency.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/charles-stokes-abab2545
HED Space Coaching - I help managers transitioning to leadership excel in their new positions with coaching to enable them to be Authentic, Confident, and Effective Executive in their new role.
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/cheddymatthews

Tonya Bee's - Tonya Bee’s provides tasty Mississippi Delta styled soul food. Tonya Bee’s is a Ghost Kitchen that owns several other food brands as well. All of our brands are operated on UberEats and DoorDash
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/latonya-bolling-00a433169

Majestic7clothing - At Majestic7clothing, we are dedicated to empowering overweight men to embrace an active lifestyle by providing high-quality workout clothing designed specifically for their needs. Our business is a specialized clothing line that focuses on addressing the unique challenges faced by men who are seeking comfortable, stylish, and supportive athletic wear.
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/kahlil-lindsey-04155119b

Transition365 Property Solutions - Hunidew.io is dedicated to providing homeowners with reliable and knowledgeable professionals to assist with tasks such as maintenance and safety.
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/nyotagordon
DANA YOUNG-ASKEW
COAST GUARD VETERAN
Connection Point Services, LLC - We provide home health care to disabled people to help lessen the load on their families and loved ones. Our company is paid via Medicaid. We help the caregiver (may it be a spouse, parent or family member) receive compensation for caregiving.

YUSUF HENRIQUES
ARMY VETERAN (RETIRED)
IndyGeneUS AI - IndyGeneUS AI, a Black and Veteran-owned artificial intelligence-powered digital health company accelerating the discovery, development, and manufacturing of advanced therapeutics to address health disparities impacting African diaspora populations in accessing equitable, precision healthcare.

Website: https://www.indygeneus.ai

CAREY REDDICK II
MILITARY FAMILY
ACD Group - We are a minority owned business that manages, runs and operates a cleaning, travel, government bid, Mortgage Lending, Real estate.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/carey-r-15002943

BOLUWATIFE DAODU
NAVY VETERAN (RETIRED)
ACTIVMO - ACTIVMO is a gamified health and wellness platform that revolutionizes how individuals engage with their fitness routines. It provides personalized workout plans, expert guidance, and a vibrant community. Users can track progress, access nutrition tips, and participate in challenges. With licensed professionals, social interaction, and a mobile app, ACTIVMO offers convenience, motivation, and accountability. Revenue streams include subscriptions, in-app purchases, partnerships, advertising, and data analytics. Join ACTIVMO for a comprehensive and personalized fitness experience.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/bolu-daodu-744904201
Snow Fabulous Cones - Black and Brown communities have the highest numbers of diabetes yet still should enjoy a historic classic treat in a healthier way. Although rarely recognized as such, 'The Snow Cone Lady' and her snow cone stand is usually a child's first introduction to entrepreneurship and provided one of the earliest examples of black enterprise, cooperative economics, black women CEOs and good customer service. Snow Fabulous Cones seeks to provide a history and representation by putting a creative healthy twist on a classic treat.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/meoshathomas

Luxury Help Line - At Luxury Help Line, we specialize in providing comprehensive home safety solutions for seniors. Our mission is to address the problem of safety concerns and hazards in seniors' homes, ensuring their well-being and peace of mind. We serve seniors who wish to age in place comfortably and independently, offering personalized recommendations, home modifications, and educational resources to create a secure and supportive living environment.

LinkedIn: ljddevelopment.com

SHE VET Creative Network - SHE VET Creative Network revolutionizes how talented women of the military community transition into civilian life by providing a comprehensive platform that offers creative coaching, skills development, and business support using media and technology.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/wandapetty

NailSent, LLC - NailSent is an online auction platform where nail enthusiasts all over the world can buy and sell custom, high quality press on nails. NailSent is the first platform of its kind; NailSent makes acquiring press on nails simple with its unique style and eliminating using multiple social media platforms to acquire press ons.

Website: https://www.nailsent.com
Amazing Dream Homes, LLC - Creating opportunities for those with obstacles or challenges to sell their house, to have a fair and empathic avenue by doing business with my company. Providing honest feedback to potential seller, which may not result in an actual sale; but at least will have all parties better informed as to various course of actions that may be available to resolve their current predicament in a timely manner. The company wants to complete each transdaction one heart at a time by building more business through referral than monetary gains.

LinkedIn: jfandfmultisolutioninc.godaddysites.com

SEEDS4 GROWTH, LLC - I’m an AWS IQ expert which is a company that offers cloud services within the AWS ecosystem and looking to grow into a full fledge Technical Professional Service company that specializes in cloud security and cloud compliance.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/kevingarrett

Campaign Covid-free Communities - We are a 2-sided network (direct marketing, data collection, and consulting) company offering opt-ins for health and wellness solutions at no cost to low-cost for lower-income consumers.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/agency/campaign-covid-free-communities

The Wealth Playground - Only 31% of parents have money conversations with their kids, which means 69% will never have a conversation about money. The Wealth Playground is creating fun and engaging solutions to start money conversations early and often. We design financial-centric books, workshops, and community initiatives with families in mind.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/jasmineapaul
**ALTON WEEKES**  
**NAVY VETERAN (RETIRED)**

Cellful Organics - Cellful is a cold press juice company that helps you DETOX, CLEANSE and RESTORE your body systems. This is done by liquifying fruits and vegetables so that one is able to absorb more nutrients, vitamins, minerals and live enzymes quicker. Cellful's goal is to help people dealing with health challenges just as our founder did after experiencing a heart event. He started juicing and eventually came off all 7 medications prescribed by his cardiologist.

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**GENIE DAWKINS**  
**MILITARY SPOUSE**

The Parenting Cipher - The parenting cipher is an educational consulting business that provides parents of color with special needs children with advocacy tools that increase their child's ability to make academic progress in school and in life.

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**AFRIKA WILLIAMS**  
**MILITARY FAMILY**

NIA Worx Talent Development - NIA Worx women experts advise, coach, train, and provide career connections for women with disabilities, women Veterans, and low-earning women who want to increase their income. We impart the knowledge and skills needed to level up careers or launch businesses through collaborative, real-world learning and leadership experiences. We close gaps in confidence and competence to help underemployed and underpaid women maximize their earning power. We do this work because we believe women should not just survive but thrive and because we want to make leadership more equitable and inclusive.

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**JERRY WILLIAMS**  
**MILITARY FAMILY**

Elite Photoz - It's a photo booth business. I'm focusing on capturing the best moments at events.

LinkedIn: [https://linkedin.com/in/jay-will](https://linkedin.com/in/jay-will)
KIM CROSS
NAVY VETERAN (MILITARY SPOUSE)
ZHI BATH AND BODY - I create goat milk skincare cleansers and moisturizers for skin sensitivities that are toxin free and sustainable targeted to individuals, estheticians, and other small businesses looking to offer their customers a natural alternative to skincare.
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/kimcatzhi

JASMINE MOTUPALLI
ARMY VETERAN (MILITARY SPOUSE)
The Data Love Co. - At The Data Love Co., we believe AI + ML technology can transform the way companies collect, analyze, and integrate data into decisions that streamline operations, optimize decision-making, and enhance customer experiences. Driven to provide the simplest and most technologically advanced solutions to challenges faced by organizations in their use of data collection and analysis, we are developing two focused technologies; SageCast Forecasting Engine directed toward operations-driven organizations and HeartBeat Customer Health Engine for customer-focused organizations.
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/jasmine-motupalli

CARLTON JAMES
NAVY VETERAN (RETIRED)
Providr LLC - Providr is the only on demand geolocation based application and web portal designed to support transiting service members, Veterans and their dependents. We help Veteran entrepreneurs establish an instant storefront to offer their products or services OnDemand. We are your neighborhood Service Providrs. Service connected to you.
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/carltonjames

DESWICK BONDS JR
MILITARY FAMILY
Elevato Co - Elevato Co is to provide a supportive and empowering environment for artists, creatives, musicians, and filmmakers in the West Tennessee area. Through state-of-the-art facilities, mentorship opportunities, comprehensive membership offerings, and partnerships with local organizations, Elevato aims to elevate emerging talent and foster their growth and success.
Website: https://elevato.my.canva.site/
**DEWAYNE KIMBLE**
**ARMY VETERAN**

KMD89 VA Claims Consulting - We educate veterans on the VA claims process so they may receive the due process their claim deserves. Also, we enhance the veterans' knowledge and understanding of the claims process, so they may maximize their VA compensation benefits.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/dewayne-kimble

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**REBECCA WILSON**
**MILITARY FAMILY**

Riveting Wellness Cosmetic Solutions and Training Institute, LLC - I am addressing hair loss, affecting over 80 million Americans. I have combined my 16 years of professional behind the chair experience with advance studies in Trichology and cranial prosthetics to provide cosmetic solutions for all ages.

LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/in/rebecca-wilson

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**LAHAROLD WOODHOUSE**
**ARMY VETERAN (RETIRED), MILITARY SPOUSE**

iGolf4VETS, Inc. - At iGolf4VETS, it is our mission to provide Veterans and family members a platform to cope with Mental Health Disorders, Suicide Prevention, and education on the VA Program through the sport of golf.

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**HYACINTH TUCKER**
**ARMY VETERAN, MILITARY SPOUSE**

The Laundry Basket, LLC - Our mobile laundry and dry cleaning delivery business revolutionizes traditional laundry methods by offering a convenient, eco-conscious, and customer-centric solution. We solve the problem of time-consuming laundry tasks for busy professionals, families, and individuals by bringing the laundromat and dry cleaner to their doorstep. Our awesome solution not only saves valuable time and reduces stress but also promotes environmental sustainability through the use of eco-friendly practices, making laundry day a seamless and joyful experience for our customers and the community.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/hyacinhtucker
**Female Entrepreneur Series**

**Marie Bailey**  
*Naval Veteran (Retired)*  

*Mortgage Me Free* - Mortgage Me Free is a customizable, interactive, Mortgage Payoff Tool, that helps homeowners understand exactly HOW to pay off their mortgages as soon as possible. Saving them thousands of dollars in interest payments. The company is an online, web-based subscription service, designed to help homeowners reduce their mortgages in as short of a time span as they determine desirable for their personal circumstances.  

LinkedIn: [https://linkedin.com/company/mortgage-me-free](https://linkedin.com/company/mortgage-me-free)

**Marvin Brown**  
*Military Family*  

*Belle Ju Spa* - I help women naturally relieve menstrual cycle issues such as pain, length of cycle, and fibroids.  

LinkedIn: [https://linkedin.com/bellejuspa](https://linkedin.com/bellejuspa)

**Tanesha Simon**  
*Naval Veteran*  

**Goddess Fleet Trucking** - Goddess Fleet Trucking will solve the problem of trucking shortages around the United States. There is a shortage of trucks being able to transport the goods needed to keep our economy flowing and we will be a part of lessening that problem. The more trucks we can get to deliver goods, the better our economy can grow and businesses can grow.  

Website: [https://goddess-fleet-trucking.yolasite.com](https://goddess-fleet-trucking.yolasite.com)

**Crystal Jordan**  
*Naval Veteran*  

**Joy Travel Inc.** - Travel Agency

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*Images of Marie Bailey, Marvin Brown, Tanesha Simon, and Crystal Jordan.*
Women of Substance - Presenting an informative/educational podcast paying tribute to the grassroots women of the Civil Rights Movement who never received recognition for their legislative initiatives. They were largely responsible for changes in laws and policies. Their work created more movements, more women to enter politics and the law, and more worldwide advocacy.

**PEARLINE DOTTIN**
ARMY VETERAN, MILITARY SPOUSE

**ELECISHA POPE-BRADFORD**
MILITARY SPOUSE

Rhoyal Distinction, LLC - I sell sorority branded apparel and accessories that elevate the style of sorority women worldwide. I want women of all sizes and shapes to feel confident in their skin in my designs. I plan to expand my brand so that it appeals to a broader audience beyond the sorority niche.

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**CHRISTIE RANKINS**
ARMY VETERAN

Redress Lives In Logistics, Inc. - We attract, sustain, connect, and advance women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry. We will offer services for women who are reintroducing themselves into the workforce. And this will shape the future of transportation for the public through the advancement of women into the transportation industry.

LinkedIn: https://linkedin.com/in/christie-rankins-647084209

**KAMEKIO LEWIS**
ARMY ACTIVE DUTY, MILITARY SPOUSE

Career Concepts - Empowering and equipping the working woman with the tools that she can use to build a bridge to the other side of the money, secure her independence, start, grow, and sustain a successful business

Website: https://www.kamekiolewis.com
Female Entrepreneur Series

**Kenji Ono Mundy**
**Military Spouse**

TaraKenji Photography - TaraKenji Photography solves the problem of capturing timeless and meaningful moments through captivating photographs. We cater to individuals and families who seek professional photography services to preserve their cherished memories for a lifetime. Our solution is awesome because we blend creativity, expertise, and a deep understanding of our clients’ desires to deliver stunning visual narratives that truly reflect their unique stories and emotions.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/kenji-mundy-4b51b8247

**Harriett Sims**
**Military Family**

Hair Therapy Studio, LLC - The problem I solve is to provide healing, a great escape, in a safe private space of hair care therapy to women men, and children with natural hair who don’t have the patience, time, or tools to do it themselves. My solution to issues people have with natural Haircare not only provided a Beautiful style but ways to keep it healthy and a lot of extra benefits like Aromatherapy, sound therapy, & of course Touch therapy. It goes without saying listening therapy is where they can share their first dark secrets and know they’re safe with me.

**Renee Dickerson**
**Air Force Veteran, Military Spouse**

Victory Place - Victory Place (VP) provides a holistic, integrative mental health and wellness experience to service members, veterans, and first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) caused by military-related or on-the-job trauma, including the experience of sexualized trauma. VP understands that PTSD can cause significant distress and interfere with a person’s ability to function in their daily life, including other people.

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**Denise Knowles**
**Military Family**

The DUE Over Coach Denise Knowles - As a Relationship Specialist and consultant, I assist in re-establishing the foundation of self-positivity, regaining positive relationships from within to encourage external relationships, and realigning oneself to create and keep life balanced through Soles Meditation. If the foundation of SELF is not solid, how solid can we be for others?

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/denise-edmondson-knowles-891239182
Access to Creative Expression - Access to Creative Expression looks to provide Veterans and Service Members with awareness, access, agency, and exposure to art and expressive modalities. Whether it is for therapeutic benefit or as a full-time occupation, we believe in the power of art and creativity to change lives.

Goddess Warrior Virika - I'm teaching wellness, spirituality and self healing for personal development.
Website: https://metamami.glossgenius.com/

Laura Hatcher Photography - I help veterans and businesses preserve their legacy through stunning imagery.
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/laurarhatcher
Website: https://www.etsy.com/shop/Nisacreates

NisaCreates - NisaCreates is a veteran-owned, unique, handmade sterling silver jewelry business. It started as an outlet that kept me grounded during times of stress and a gift to those whom I hold dear. Now, I hope to bring love and light to all who wear them.
Website: https://www.etsy.com/shop/Nisacreates
**FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR SERIES**

**MARIA LUQUE**  
**AIR FORCE ACTIVE DUTY**  
Fitness In Menopause - My company is dedicated to helping women navigate the challenges and rewards of menopause. I provide a multi-pronged approach that includes 1:1 and group coaching programs, workshops, and online classes.  
LinkedIn: [https://www.linkedin.com/in/drmarialuque](https://www.linkedin.com/in/drmarialuque)

**ALANA CONLEY**  
**ARMY VETERAN (RETIRED), MILITARY SPOUSE**  
Maven Expeditionary Medicine - Tactical Combat Casualty Care course (TCCC) or Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) course seeks to solve the management of traumatic injuries in austere and hostile environments where immediate medical evacuation may not be possible. In such situations, individuals with TCCC or TECC training can effectively provide initial medical care to injured personnel, potentially saving lives and reducing the severity of injuries.

**KELLEY FRABLE**  
**MILITARY SPOUSE**  
LKelleys’ Picture Framing - Providing a way to preserve and protect art and photos.  
LinkedIn: [https://linkedin.com/in/kelley-9824aa219](https://linkedin.com/in/kelley-9824aa219)

**ALEHA INGLE**  
**AIR FORCE VETERAN (RETIRED), MILITARY SPOUSE**  
Work Culture Works - Our vision at Work Culture Works is to transform the way business leaders understand and approach employee culture. We believe that employee culture is the most critical factor in determining a company’s success and profitability, and our mission is to help CEOs and managers identify and mitigate any cultural challenges that may be affecting their bottom line. Our goal is to create a world where every workplace is a thriving and productive environment, and we aim to do this by empowering leaders with the tools and insights they need to foster employee engagement and satisfaction. In the next 100 years, we hope to be recognized as the leading authority on employee culture, helping organizations achieve maximum production through engaged and motivated employees.  
LinkedIn: [https://www.linkedin.com/in/alehaingle](https://www.linkedin.com/in/alehaingle)
Mindfully Well, LLC - At Mindfully Well LLC, we emphasize authentic self-care through healthy habit formation as the way to properly build a strong foundation for mental health. Our evidenced-based approach provides affordable, accessible, and convenient products and services that address underlying issues and foster the whole person, meeting individual needs. We are part of a larger social impact of challenging the mental health stigma while partnering with other military spouse-owned businesses to support additional financial/employment opportunities for this population.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/sykora-zabel

Leadership Enrichment Group - The Leadership Enrichment Group offers consulting and educational seminars on self-awareness, team building, and organizational development. Classes are offered for individuals through large groups and are based on proven tips and techniques over a lifetime of military and federal government service.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/kailahmurry

Baskets and Beads Kenya - We work with women in Kenya in extreme poverty to build community and create microenterprises so they can sell their products with dignity. We do this by providing a personal handcrafted fair trade product in a mass-produced world.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/eldonna

Buswell Biomedical Inc. - Developing upward mobility to save money by reducing lawsuits in rehabilitation hospitals.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/sheilabuswellbiomedical
Poderoza Strategies - Poderoza Strategies is a cutting-edge consulting firm that excels in political branding and campaign management. We specialize in solving the challenge of effectively navigating complex political landscapes by providing tailored solutions to organizations, campaigns, and individuals. With our expertise in political branding and campaign management, we empower our clients to make a lasting impact and achieve their goals in the realm of politics and advocacy.

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