# **VETERAN RESOURCES**

"Live for something rather than die for nothing."

-George Patton

#### **EDUCATION**

- 1. Udemy: <a href="https://www.udemy.com/">https://www.udemy.com/</a>
  - a. Online Academy for all subjects
- 2. Khan Academy: https://www.khanacademy.org/
  - a. "You can learn anything. For free. For everyone. Forever"
- 3. Coursera: https://www.coursera.org/
  - a. "Take the world's best courses, online"
- 4. Edx.org: https://www.edx.org/
  - a. Top Online Courses.
  - b. Harvard, MIT, Berkeley, University of Texas, ect..
- 5. Ocw.mit.edu: https://ocw.mit.edu/index.htm
  - a. MIT Open Courseware
- 6. Student Veterans of America: https://studentveterans.org/
  - a. "To provide military veterans with the resources, support, and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education and following graduation."

## **LEGAL**

- 1. Veterans Legal Institute: https://www.vetslegal.com/
  - a. "Veterans Legal Institute (VLI) seeks to provide pro bono legal assistance to homeless and low income current and former service members so as to eradicate barriers to housing, education, employment and healthcare and foster self-sufficiency."
- 2. National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP): https://www.nvlsp.org/
  - a. "The NVLSP is a nonprofit organization that has worked since 1980 to ensure that the government delivers to our nation's 25 million veterans and active duty personnel the benefits to which they are entitled because of disabilities resulting from their military service to our country."
- 3. Legal Shield: https://www.legalshield.com/
  - a. Making smart legal coverage simple.

#### **HOME PURCHASE**

- 1. VA HOME LOAN: https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/resources\_veteran.asp
  - a. The veteran home loan process.
- 2. Military.com: <a href="https://www.military.com/money/va-loans/first-time-homebuyers-and-advantages-of-va-loans.html">https://www.military.com/money/va-loans/first-time-homebuyers-and-advantages-of-va-loans.html</a>
  - a. First-Time Homebuyers & the Advantages of VA Loans
- 3. Military Benefits: <a href="https://militarybenefits.info/va-home-loans-for-first-time-buyers/">https://militarybenefits.info/va-home-loans-for-first-time-buyers/</a>
  - a. VA Home Loans for First Time Buyers

#### **MOVING**

- 1. www.Move.Mil
- 2. My Next Move: https://www.mynextmove.org/vets/help/vets\_assistance/
- 3. DAV: https://www.dav.org/membership/members/membership-benefits/moving-discounts/
  - a. Moving discounts

## **NETWORKING**

- 1. Bunker Labs
  - a. Bunker Labs is a national not-for-profit organization helping veterans, active duty service members, and their spouses start and grow businesses.
- 2. Veteran Business Network: http://veteransbusinessnetwork.com/
  - a. Membership in the VBN is open to all active duty military and veterans of all services, including National Guard and the Reserves, and we are able to offer it to you at no cost due to the financial support of our Partners.
- 3. Eventbrite: http://www.moaa.org/networkingforum/
  - a. Military and Veteran Networking Forum
- 4. Veteran Business Coalition: http://veteranbusinesscoalition.org/events/
  - a. Enhancing veteran and military family-owned business success

- 5. NVBDC: http://nvbdc.org/events.html
  - a. National Veteran Business Development Council
- 6. LinkedIn: 1-year free Premium membership with a Lynda membership

#### **BUSINESS**

- 1. America's SBDC: https://americassbdc.org/
  - a. A nationwide network of small business development centers providing free consulting to businesses of all types at all stages.
- 2. SDVOSB: https://www.gsa.gov/acquisition/assistance-for-small-businesses/find-and-pursue-government-contracts/seek-opportunities/setasides-special-interest-groups/for-servicedisabled-veteranowned-small-businesses
  - a. The United States Government sets aside contract benefits for companies considered 'Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB.) The most notable of these contracts is the "VETS-GWAC" is the result of Executive Order 13360 that is designed to strengthen federal contracting opportunities for SDVO firms.
- 3. SBA: https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/veteran-owned-businesses#section-header-0
  - a. "The SBA offers support for veterans as they enter the world of business ownership. Look for funding programs, training, and federal contracting opportunities."
- 4. NaBOBA: https://navoba.org/
  - a. National Veteran Owned Business Association
- 5. Victory Spark: https://angel.co/victoryspark
  - a. VictorySpark is a seed accelerator for U.S. Military Veteran-led startups. Member of GAN.
- 6. Techstars: https://www.techstars.com/
  - a. Techstars is the worldwide network that helps entrepreneurs succeed.

### **BENEFITS**

- 1. My access for all Veteran DOD Sites
  - a. https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/consent?continueToUrl=%2Fidentitymanagement%2Fauthenticate.do%3Fexecution%3De6s1
- 2. State Veterans Affairs Offices: https://www.va.gov/statedva.htm
  - a. Office Locations and Information.

- 3. E-Benefits: https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage
  - a. Benefits Page for Veterans
- 4. VASH Program: https://www.hud.gov/program offices/public indian housing/programs/hcv/vash
  - a. The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- 5. Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E): https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/
  - a. Veterans may receive vocational rehabilitation and employment services to help with job training, employment, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. Other services may be provided to assist Veterans in starting their own businesses or independent living services for those who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment.
- 6. Illinois Veterans Grant: https://www.isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/illinois-veteran-grant/ivg-eligibility-requirements.html
  - a. Tuition and Benefits for Illinois Veterans
- 7. REBOOTCAMP

#### **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS**

- 1. The Mission Continues: https://missioncontinues.org/
  - a. The Mission Continues empowers veterans who are adjusting to life at home to find purpose through community impact. We deploy veterans on new missions in their communities, so that their actions will inspire future generations to serve.
- 2. Team RWB: https://www.teamrwb.org/
  - a. Team RWB's mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity.
- 3. Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA): https://iava.org/
  - a. "Founded in 2004 by and Iraq veteran at a time when there were little to no resources available for post-9/11 vets, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) has quickly become the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing new veterans and their families. Now, with nearly 300,000 veterans and civilian supporters nationwide, IAVA is the only 21<sup>st</sup> Century veterans' service organization (VSO) dedicated to standing with the 2.8 million veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan from their first day home through the rest of their lives."
- 4. Team Rubicon: https://teamrubiconusa.org/

- a. "Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams."
- 5. American Legions: https://www.legion.org/
  - a. "Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, The American Legion currently has about 2.4 million members in 14,000 posts worldwide."
- 6. VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars USA: https://www.vfw.org/
  - a. "To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans."
- 7. Next Step Service Dogs: https://www.nextstepservicedogs.org/about/
  - a. "to empower positive change for veterans with invisible disabilities such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) through the use of expertly-trained service dogs."
- 8. Veterans Moving Forward: https://vetsfwd.org/
  - a. They provide service dogs to veterans with physical and behavioral health concerns.
- 9. Recycled Rides: https://calibercollision.com/about-us/community-involvement/recycled-rides
  - a. a military/veteran support program designed to help ease the transportation burden for current military and veterans. They provide refurbished vehicles to deserving recipients. Their technicians restore these vehicles to proper driving condition.
- 10. VBA Veteran Benefits Administration: https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/
- 11. AMVETS: http://amvets.org/
  - a. American Veterans, is the most inclusive Congressionally-chartered veterans service organization open to representing the interests of 20 million veterans and their families. We are veterans serving veterans since 1944.
- 12. PVA: https://www.pva.org/
  - a. Paralyzed Veterans of America
- 13. Veterans' Health Administration: https://www.va.gov/health/
  - a. Health Care
- 14. National Guard: https://www.nationalguard.com/
- 15. BVA: http://www.bva.org/BVA
  - a. Blinded Veterans Association
- 16. Marine Corps League: https://www.mclnational.org/
  - a. Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions, promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States marine Corps and those who have been honorable discharged from that service. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains and their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

- 17. Jewish War Veterans of the Unites States of America: http://www.jwv.org/
- 18. Wounded Warrior Project: https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/
  - a. Helping out our Wounded Warriors
- 19. National Association for Black Veterans: http://nabvets.org/
- 20. Catholic War Veterans & Auxiliary of the United States: http://www.cwv.org
- 21. National Veterans Outreach American GI Forum: http://www.agif-nvop.org/
  - a. Veteran crisis line that connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends.
- 22. Honor Flight Network: https://www.honorflight.org/
  - a. Mission: To transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.
- 23. AFSA: http://www.hqafsa.org/
  - a. Air Force Sergeants Association
- 24. Polish Legion of American Veterans USA: http://www.plav.org/
  - a. The Polish Legion of American Veterans is an organization of veterans whose membership shall not be discriminatory on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin.
- 25. United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI): https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp
- 26. FRA: Fleet Reserve Association:

https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/About\_FRA/Web/About\_FRA.aspx?hkey=218ef517-7b91-433d-8cbc-e4a9f2cc54df

- a. FRA is first and foremost a community of the Sea Services; U.S. Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel. Your enlisted service in any of these branches—past or present, for a short time or for the long haul—
- 27. ITAMVETS: Italian American War Veterans: https://www.itamvets.org/

## **BOOT CAMP PROGRAMS/ APPRENTICE PROGRAMS**

- 1. MSSA: https://military.microsoft.com/programs/mssa/
  - a. Microsoft Software & Systems Academy provides an 18-week (or two 9-week terms) training for high-demand careers in cloud development, cloud administration, cybersecurity administration, or database and business intelligence administration. Program graduates gain an interview for a full-time job at Microsoft or one of our hiring partners.
- 2. Apprenti: https://apprenticareers.org/
  - a. Unlike conventional career pathways, Apprenti takes the stress and uncertainty out of your future. When you are accepted into our program congratulations, you're already hired. Your

paid training will be specifically tailored to you and a high-tech position will be waiting for you when you finish. If you thought your dream job was out of reach, think again.

- 3. EBV: http://ebv.vets.syr.edu/
  - a. The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV)
- 4. Boots to business: http://ebv.vets.syr.edu/
  - a. Boots to Business (B2B) is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as part of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP). B2B provides participants with an overview of business ownership and is open to transitioning service members (including National Guard and Reserve) and their spouses.
- 5. Patriot Boot Camp: https://patriotbootcamp.org/
  - a. Patriot Boot Camp is hosting its next technology entrepreneurship boot camp in Austin, TX from February 8-10. The program will welcome 50 military veteran and spouse entrepreneurs from around the country, who will participate in educational workshops, mentoring sessions with startup experts, and peer networking over the course of three intensive days.

#### **MENTORSHIP**

- 1. ACP
  - a. An ACP mentorship is a yearlong commitment. ACPencourages Mentors and Protégés to connect for monthly discussions to advance the veteran's goals. Eachmentorship is supported by an ACP staff member who offers customized resources, training and suggestions and to help the pair build a successful mentorship.
- 2. Veterati: https://www.veterati.com/
  - a. Join thousands of Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses in setting up free 1-hour mentorship phone calls with successful professionals. We're the only Veteran Mentorship Platform to let you choose your own mentors and as many as you would like; our average member selects 4 mentors, and some mentees have 25+ mentors! Create a free profile at Veterati to get unlimited access to thousands of volunteer mentors: CEOs, recruiters, entrepreneurs, managers, Veterans & Civilians alike.
- 3. Veteran ementor: https://www.ementorprogram.org/veteran-ementor/
  - a. eMentor is a cutting-edge online mentoring program for military personnel, veterans and military spouses. eMentor connects individuals for dynamic mentoring experiences that powerfully move them forward in their personal and professional lives. Turn a lifetime of experience into the experience of a lifetime...become a mentor or protégé today!
- 4. SCORE

- a. SCORE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides free business mentoring services to prospective and established small business owners in the United States. More than 10,000 volunteers provide these services, with all volunteers being active and retired business executives and entrepreneurs.
- 5. Strength in Support: http://www.strengthinsupport.org/who-we-are/mentorship
  - a. Our vision is for every service man, service woman, veteran and their family members to have the mental health services, resources and support that they earned, deserve and need.

#### **JOB SEARCH**

- 1. Orion Talent: https://www.oriontalent.com/
- 2. Tek Systems: https://www.teksystems.com/en
- 3. Insight Global: https://www.insightglobal.com/
- 4. Bradley-Morris: https://www.bradley-morris.com/
- 5. Lucas Group: https://www.lucasgroup.com/
- 6. Kelly Services: https://www.kellyservices.com/
- 7. USA Jobs: https://www.usajobs.gov/
- 8. Veteran Recruiting: https://veteranrecruiting.com/
- 9. Hire Veterans: https://hireveterans.com/
- 10. Vet Jobs: https://vetjobs.com/
- 11. CSI-Executive Search: https://www.csi-executivesearch.com/
- 12. Recruit Military: https://recruitmilitary.com/
- 13. Veterans Staffing Network: http://veteranstaffingnetwork.org/
- 14. Military Hire: https://www.militaryhire.com/
- 15. Leave No Veteran Behind: https://www.leavenoveteranbehind.org/
- 16. Cameron Brooks: http://www.cameron-brooks.com/
- 17. MPvets: https://www.mvpvets.org/
- 18. Government Jobs: <a href="https://www.governmentjobs.com/">https://www.governmentjobs.com/</a>
- 19. USA Gov: https://www.usa.gov/government-jobs
- 20. Career One Stop: http://www.careeronestop.org/
- 21. Dep. Of Labor: http://www.dol.gov
- 22. Federal Government jobs: http://federalgovernmentjobs.us/
- 23. Robert Half: https://www.roberthalf.com/work-with-us/our-services/technology
- 24. Zip Recruiter: <a href="https://www.ziprecruiter.com/">https://www.ziprecruiter.com/</a>
- 25. Monster: https://www.monster.com/
- 26. Indeed: <a href="https://www.indeed.com/">https://www.indeed.com/</a>
- 27. LinkedIn: https://www.LinkedIn.com

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