

## DVVC Spring 2025 Quarterly Meeting: **Entrepreneurship within the Veteran Community**

Wide-ranging information about programs, resources, and tips for becoming an entrepreneur with the skills and experience earned as a veteran! Speakers included:

- **Ricardo “Rick” Roman**, VA Benefits Advisor, Team Calibre Contractor, Outreach, Transition and Economic Development, Veterans Benefits Administration, <https://benefits.va.gov/transition/index.asp>;
- **Hank Gillen**, Director, Veterans Services, SJU, <https://sju.edu/veterans>, sharing resources here: <https://www.facebook.com/SJUVeteransServices>;
- **Rob Goza**, Veterans Business Development Officer, SBA, <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/veterans-business-development-officers>;
- **Mike Ferraro**, Founder, Bridging the Gap, <https://www.bridgingthegap.vet/veteranhiringtaskforce>;
- **Rebecca Chalson**, Founder, Professional Brilliance, <https://professionalbrilliance.com/> – check out the event on April 30 in particular!

Below are some additional resources (including those shared in the chat during the event):

### **U.S. Small Business Administration** - [sba.gov](https://sba.gov)

Office of Veterans Business Development: [sba.gov/ovbd](https://sba.gov/ovbd)

Veteran Business Outreach Centers:

Pennsylvania: <https://vboc.psu.edu/>

New Jersey: <https://vbocregion2.com/>

Delaware: <https://midatlanticvboc.com/>

SCORE mentor and training network: [SCORE.org](https://score.org)

Small Business Development Centers: [Americassbdc.org](https://americassbdc.org)

### **D’Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Services (IVMF)**: [ivmf.syracuse.edu](https://ivmf.syracuse.edu)

### **Power Up Your Business, Community College of Philadelphia:**

<https://www.ccp.edu/degrees-programs/continuing-education-noncredit/power-up-your-business>

### **Rider University Veterans Entrepreneurship program:**

<https://www.rider.edu/academics/centers-institutes/center-entrepreneurial-studies/veteran-entrepreneurial-program>

### **DAV Business Bootcamp 14-16 May:** <https://patriotbootcamp.org/>

### **Warrior Rising Warrior Academy:** <https://www.warriorrising.org/become-vetrepreneur/>

### **Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network:** [GPVN.org](https://gpn.org)

### **New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of Commerce:** <https://njveteranschamber.com/>

### **LA21:** <https://www.la21philly.org/>

### **VETRN Veteran Online MBA:** <https://vetrn.org/program/>

### **Owners in Honor (Entrepreneurship through Acquisition):** [ownersinhonor.org](https://ownersinhonor.org)

### **Vetrepreneur** - Veteran franchise opportunities [www.vetrepreneur.com](https://www.vetrepreneur.com)

There are many other veteran franchise organizations

**Mission Ready Entrepreneurship Academy** on-demand course for veterans @ Fairleigh Dickinson SBDC: <https://clients.njsbdc.com/workshop.aspx?key=12450003>