



# Veterans Small Business Week Approaches

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WASHINGTON—The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) will celebrate veteran small business owners nationwide during National Veterans Small Business Week 2016 (NVSBW), October 31 to November 4.

“Veteran entrepreneurs are a driving force in our economy. Each year, the Small Business Administration assists thousands of veterans, reservists, members of the National Guard, and service-disabled veterans to start and grow their small businesses. Veterans are integral to the growth of America’s small businesses. Nearly one in every ten American businesses today is owned by a veteran, collectively employs nearly six million workers and generates more than \$1.2 trillion in receipts,” said Barbara Carson, Associate Administrator for the Small Business Administration’s Office of Veterans Business Development.

“With our partners, we are working to empower the next greatest generation of veteran

small business owners to build on the outstanding successes of the generations that came before them,” she said.

During National Veterans Small Business Week, Small Business Administration district offices and resource partners across the United States will host local events including Boots to Business and Boots to Business: Reboot, webinars, and workshops on access to capital, federal procurement, and entrepreneurial development.

The Small Business Administration encourages veteran business owners to share their small business success stories and asks local communities to demonstrate appreciation for veteran entrepreneurs and small business owners by joining the National Veterans Small Business Week conversation using the #MyVetBiz hashtag.

In 2015, United States Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced a resolution to designate the first week in November as National Veterans Small Business Week. A similar resolution will be passed in this year for National Veterans Small Business Week 2016, which will include the last day of October. The two-fold purpose of National



Veterans Small Business Week is to applaud the success of veteran entrepreneurs and to increase awareness of the Small Business Administration’s programs and services for transitioning military service members, veterans, and their spouses.

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