

STARTING OR GROWING A VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS



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ENROLL IN BOOTS TO BUSINESS

AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES

ABOUT BOOTS TO BUSINESS

THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK OF THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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A TWO STEP PROGRAM

1) INTRODUCTION TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP TWO-DAY COURSE

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2) FOLLOW ON COURSES OFFERED BY THE IVMF

The next step is an interconnected system of learning that allows flexibility and encompasses many paths to education. It gives the participants the tools to determine the right path for themselves through assessment and comfort level.

- ▶ **MARKET RESEARCH:** designed for individuals who are ready to launch their business immediately
 - Primary Market Research: this course teaches students how to operationalize the tools for the creation of the value proposition and market validation.
 - Defining and Redefining Product Market Fit: further discussion of how to apply the tools for the value proposition and market validation.
- ▶ **BUSINESS FUNDAMENTALS:** those that are still exploring entrepreneurship but need more education in basic Business education and knowledge. This section is composed of thirteen, 2-3 hours modular classes in asynchronous one-week online course.
- ▶ **OPTIONAL TRACKS:** offers virtual connection with specialists in Franchising, Manufacturing, Retail, and Government Contracting.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Okinawa 2026 Dates

January 8-9 (Foster, Ed Center)
January 26-27 (Foster, Ed Center)
February 19-20 (Foster, Ed Center)
March 2-3 (Foster, Ed Center)
March 19-20 (Foster)
April 2-3 (Schwab)
April 23-24 (Kinser)
May 7-8 (Foster, Ed Center)
June 4-5 (Schwab)
June 25-26 (Kinser)

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