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Online course helps Veterans launch small business ideas

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Want to start a business but don't know where to begin? A free course from Warrior Rising helps service-disabled Veterans take the first step.

You've probably heard it before... "There are benefits out there for Veteran entrepreneurs." But knowing where to begin can feel overwhelming.

What should you build? How do you know if it's a real business idea? Do you need a plan? Funding? A degree?

Most Veterans stop here before they start. But the benefits aren't the means to a successful business—the right opportunity is.

That's why Warrior Rising created SDVET LaunchPoint—a free, 4-week virtual course in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), designed specifically for service-disabled Veterans who are ready to explore business ownership.

What is SDVET LaunchPoint?

It's a starting point. It is a place to explore ideas, test assumptions and begin aligning what matters most.

Warrior Rising can help you connect the dots between:

- What you're interested in.
- What you're skilled at.
- What you're passionate about.
- And how that becomes a viable market opportunity with the resources you have available.

Whether you're just beginning your entrepreneurial journey or already running a business and want to vet a new idea, this is the place to do it with structure and with fellow Veterans who understand the mission.

You'll meet weekly on Zoom, learn from other SDVETs who've built businesses of their own, and walk away with clarity, confidence and a plan to move forward. And yes, it's completely free.

Course details

- Course Name: SDVET LaunchPoint.
- Start date: June 5, 2025.
- End Date: June 26, 2025.
- When: Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. PT.
- Where: Live on Zoom (1-hour weekly sessions).
- Deadline to Apply: June 1, 2025.

What you'll learn

This is about mindset, mission and mapping your next step.

Each week builds on the last. By the end, you'll have:

- A clear understanding of whether business is the right path for you.
- 1–2 solid business ideas shaped by your experience.
- Insight into your ideal customer and your competitive space.
- A simple model to test your idea's potential.
- An overview of Warrior Rising and other resources for SDVETs

Who can apply?

To be eligible for SDVET LaunchPoint, you must:

- Be a U.S. military Veteran with an honorable discharge.
- Have a service-connected disability rating.
- Be in the idea or early-stage of building a business.
- Or be a current business owner exploring a new direction.
- Be ready to learn, build and take action.

Spouses of qualifying Veterans may also apply with the appropriate documentation.

Verification includes:

- A DD-214 (with SSN blocked) showing honorable discharge.
- A current VA disability letter (any rating accepted).

APPLY NOW

Apply by June 1, 2025.

There is no waitlist.

Registration for future sessions opens two weeks before the next launch.

About Warrior Rising

Warrior Rising is a nonprofit built by Veterans for Veterans. Since 2015, it has helped thousands of military-connected entrepreneurs start businesses through real-world training, coaching and community.

National Veterans Financial Resource Center

After military service, Veterans work toward financial success. But finding financial tools can be a challenge since they are located in many different places. FINVET steps in as a *one-stop website*, making it easier for Veterans to find money resources, boost financial literacy, and navigate their financial journey.

No matter when you separated from military service, there are steps you can take to earn, save, and protect your money. Explore the pillars below to improve your financial well-being or get started quickly with [the 20 financial resources every Veteran should know](#).



The Pillars of Financial Well-Being

Each pillar provides access to videos, services, worksheets, and more to enhance your financial well-being, experience greater financial security, and make a positive change in your life.

Meet Your Basic Needs

Find ways to achieve housing stability, food security, or find clothing or auto assistance.

Manage Your Money

Learn how to create a budget, save money, and lower impulse buying

Increase Your Income

Get details on employment, investing, and VA benefits and compensation

Manage Your Debt

Determine how to manage debt, improve credit, and lower bills

Protect Your Money

Learn how to avoid scams, use secure banking, and prepare for financial emergencies.

Money & Health

Learn how healthy habits can improve your finances and how financial well-being can improve your health.

Veteran Success Stories

On [Make the Connection](#), Veterans share their stories about overcoming financial challenges, how they did it, and how it improved their lives.



“Being able to have a little bit of money so that I can, you know, take a vacation or not have to worry at the end of every month whether I can eat or not was nice to say the least.”

– VETERAN WHO USED VA RESOURCES

About FINVET



FINVET, the National Veterans Financial Resource Center, was created by the VA Office of Suicide Prevention because financial well-being is related to better mental health and lower risk of suicide. In line with the VA Suicide Prevention Strategy, FINVET takes a proactive approach to boost protective factors. Our mission is clear: we want to act as a bridge, linking Veterans to resources that help them better manage their money, so that every Veteran can earn more, save more, and keep their money safe.



[Order free materials to promote FINVET and Veterans well-being](#)

[Email Us your suggestions, success stories, tools, or other financial resources for Veterans.](#)

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TRICARE Toolkit: Using Pretax Funds for Medical Expenses



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Using a Health Care Flexible Spending Account (HCFSA) alongside TRICARE benefits can help military members and retirees save money on their family's health care costs.

Some civilian employers, including the federal government, offer flexible spending accounts. As of March 2025, [DoD opened up an HCFSA program](#) for military members.

An HCFSA is a tax-advantaged account that allows employees to set aside pretax dollars to cover eligible health care expenses. Contributions are made via payroll deductions and are not applicable to federal income, Medicare, and Social Security taxes. Flexible spending account contributions may also be excluded from state taxation.

HCFSA's can complement TRICARE by covering out-of-pocket expenses such as deductibles and copayments. You can also use an FSA to pay for vision care, dental expenses, some over-the-counter medications, and eligible treatments not covered by TRICARE.

If your employer offers an HCFSA, there are several steps you can take to make sure you get the most of this valuable benefit. First, familiarize yourself with the full list of eligible expenses under IRS guidelines and the rules for your specific account.

Then, review your family's medical, dental, and vision expenses from the past year to estimate how much to contribute. Consider whether you will have any changes in expenses during the next year, such as orthodontics or a new pregnancy.

During the year, keep receipts and documentation of eligible expenses. You might have a debit card tied to your flexible spending account, or you might have to submit for reimbursement. If the expense is eligible, you'll pay for those expenses with tax-free money.

Contributions to HCFSA's must be used within the calendar year, although some plans have a limited grace period into the next year. Unused funds are forfeited.

You will be able to update your HCFSA contribution amount every year, within your plan's rules. Certain qualifying life events, such as marriage, might allow for midyear adjustments.

**Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, being men of courage, be strong."
1Cor 16:13**

Sincerely,

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[Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255](#) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255

[Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838](#) or [Chat](#)

[White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311](#)

[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](#) is never the wrong number