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OKLAHOMA VETWORKS

NEWSLETTER



What is “OKVetWorks”

The Business Management Program (OKVetWorks) is a program to assist Veteran owned businesses in Oklahoma to grow. The ODVA strongly encourages entrepreneurship and will assist Veteran owned businesses in any way possible. As we continually develop and improve this new program we will be reaching out to local community leaders for their assistance. We will be working with state legislators to see what areas we can expand Veteran owned business awareness. We will be working with local and state Department of Commerce’s to assist in locating and sharing opportunities for Veterans. Together, we can make a difference - build better, stronger businesses and support our Veterans!

The OKVetWorks Resource Center contains sources to valuable websites to assist Veteran-Owned businesses.

Some of these sources include:

How to obtain State of Oklahoma Contracts

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

U.S. Small Business Administration

State Chamber of Commerce

OKC Chamber of Commerce

Tulsa Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s Hiring Our Heroes

Office of Veterans Business Development

Department of Defense Military Spouse Employment Program

Military Family Advisory Network

Upcoming Events (*networking, training, webinars, conferences, etc.*)



The background of the top section is a photograph of the Oklahoma State Capitol building, featuring its iconic dome and classical architecture under a clear blue sky. A dark green rectangular box with a white border is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title text.

A MESSAGE FROM DARON HOGGATT

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Business Management Program (OKVetWorks)! This is a brand new program for the ODVA and what a better time to start than the month of Veterans Day!

This is a one of a kind state ran program. It combines state and federal resources into a one stop shop. It is designed to assist Veteran owned businesses throughout the state grow in the areas of entrepreneurship, state and federal contracting, working with the Small Business Administration, and much more.

I found it interesting to know that there are only 120 Oklahoma Veteran owned business registered with the Federal Veterans Affairs. There are only 6 registered to bid on state contracts. Only around 10 are able to provide for GSA (federal) contracts.

We work with the state and local chambers to bring attention to these businesses along helping the Veteran owned businesses in educating them in areas of growth. We conduct training, both in person and virtually. We will be conducting regional seminars and resource events. We help direct them in the right direction for small business loans. We will help them in how to market their business and how to bid on state contracts. We will help show them the way to get registered and utilized the benefits it brings along with the registration.

Our Veterans have worked hard and suffer long. They deserve the opportunity to be successful in their businesses and live their dream of working for themselves. Together, we can make a difference – build better, stronger businesses and support our Veterans!

**CELEBRATING
VETERANS DAY
2020**



Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces (and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.



U.S. World War I veteran Joseph Ambrose (1896–1988) attends the dedication parade for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 1982, holding the flag that covered the casket of his son, Clement, who was killed in the Korean War.

VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS

BUY FROM A VETERAN

THIS PAGE WILL BE DISPLAYING VETERAN OWNED
BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.
ASK ABOUT HOW TO HAVE YOUR
BUSINESS FEATURED!
IT'S FREE!

Oklahoma State Capitol Veterans Memorial



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