Veterans & Entrepreneurship are a perfect match.
Navigating the transition from military to civilian life can be difficult for many veterans. For many, entrepreneurship is a viable next career path as the experience and discipline learned in the military provides a competitive edge for starting a business.

To help translate the skills learned in the military to entrepreneurship, Veterans Florida and the Florida SBDC Network, in partnership with five institutions of higher education, have joined forces to offer the Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program—a three-phase training program designed to accelerate the entrepreneurial success of qualified veterans.

PROGRAM DETAILS
The program is an exclusive three-phase entrepreneurial training program that will include:

1 PHASE ONE March 15-May 3, 2016
Eight-week online entrepreneurial development training covering the basics of entrepreneurship

2 PHASE TWO May 7-22, 2016
In-class training—to be held on weekends—at one of the participating institutions of higher education during which veterans will receive face-to-face instruction from business experts and refine their business concepts and plans

3 PHASE THREE Six Months
Ongoing mentorship and follow-up support from Florida SBDC business consultants to help veterans launch and run their business

ELIGIBILITY
The program is designed for veterans who meet the following requirements:

- Are active duty or have been honorably discharged
- Reside in Florida, or plan to locate to Florida
- Demonstrate a strong interest in entrepreneurship

COST
The program is provided at NO COST to qualified veterans. Travel expenses, including lodging and meals, for the Phase 2 residency program will be covered for all participants.

HOW TO APPLY
Space is limited. Applications will be accepted online in early February 2016.

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