

# LOUISIANA VETERAN PROSPERITY SERIES



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MISSION: to unite Acadiana-area veterans, Acadiana veteran-owned businesses, and all Acadiana-based companies for a common purpose; supporting veterans in job creation and work placement, assisting veterans in mental health solutions, and creating a new, fully-developed support system for brothers-in-arms through financial/legal/housing assistance.

## WORK

### NEXT-STEP RESOURCES FOR VETERANS AND TRANSITIONING MILITARY IN LA

AVA is dedicated to creating work placement and employment opportunities to veterans and service-members, to create new partnerships and spur innovation and economic growth.

We connect great organizations with veterans to provide new workplace opportunities and further regional economic development.

## HEAL

### MULTILEVEL SYMPATHETIC CHAIN BLOCKADE FOR TREATMENT OF PTSD

Our goal is to help veterans suffering from PTSD absolve or reduce their symptoms to increase daily functioning and improve overall quality of life.

The focus is to combine the utilization of SGB injection with traditional therapies, by clinical therapists with expertise in trauma and veteran treatment.

7 successful treatments in 6 months.

## GIVE

### FUNDING EXISTING VSO'S IN THE STATE

AVA is dedicated to working with existing veteran-focused philanthropies and causes in the Acadiana area. Our goal is to become a foundational channel, where our core purpose is to further the mission of those groups and continue their success.

Funding grants provided to St. Michael Homeless Shelter for Veterans and Christian Service Center.

# BUNKER LABS

\$812M+

Revenue generated by participating startups

\$298M+

Capital raised by participating startups

2,873+

Jobs created by participating startups

886+

Jobs created for military veterans and spouses

## NATIONAL FUNDERS

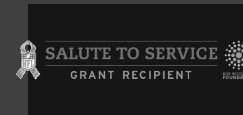
JPMORGAN CHASE & Co.



FedEx



Google for Startups





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ORIGINAL

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN AND COX AND SENATOR CATHEY

MILITARY AFFAIRS/NATL GD: Requests each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, certain state agencies, and private companies to expand the Department of Defense SkillBridge program to include reserve members of the National Guard

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation to expand the  
3 Department of Defense SkillBridge program to provide post-service employment  
4 assistance for reserve members of the National Guard and to urge and request the  
5 Department of Economic Development, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, and  
6 private companies in the state of Louisiana, such as but not limited to Amazon.com,  
7 Inc., agree to participate in the program by providing post-service employment  
8 opportunities to program participants.



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Louisiana State Legislators

Re: John Deere DoD SkillBridge Letter of Support

Dear Legislators,

John Deere is a proud industry partner in the Department of Defense SkillBridge program. We at John Deere are passionate about finding a way to give back to those who have served our Country. These programs assist service members in making the transition from the military, help businesses attract talent to meet future workforce needs, and help develop the local communities near our factory locations and dealerships.

We support the Louisiana state legislation to expand the Department of Defense SkillBridge program to Louisiana National Guard and Reserve units. This program will help us increase the volume of transitioning military and bring together more employment opportunities in our Thibodaux factory and many dealer locations throughout the state. We also know that this will help grow Louisiana's agricultural industrial vertical via veteran labor and ingenuity.

John Deere looks forward to partnering with the state of Louisiana to help grow this very important initiative that helps attract great talent, assist service members in their transition, and helps build the local community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mike Duplantis'.

Mike Duplantis, Factory Manager – John Deere Thibodaux

# HOW DO WE MAKE LOUISIANA THE MOST “VETERAN BUSINESS-FRIENDLY” STATE IN THE COUNTRY?

## Alleviate Veteran Business Owner Concerns and Provide OPPORTUNITY

### Reduce Expenses

Exempt the first \$250k revenue from Corporate Income Tax.

### Increase Profit

Reduce the burden of bidding small state govt. contracts.

### Match Neighboring States

Tiered property-tax exemption program for service-disabled veterans (ex. 10-30% rating equals 20% exemption)





# **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

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**THANK YOU**

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