

Veterans Small Business Workshop In Conjunction with National Veterans Small Business Week

Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs

287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

November 2, 2016

Starting promptly at 9:00 A.M.

Veterans with a goal to start a business or Veterans in business - you need to attend this workshop! You will meet fellow Veterans who have already stepped up to start a business. Meet the people who will provide you "hands on" assistance every step of the way. You and your spouse or a guest is encouraged to attend. RSVP immediately to Shirin.Khan@ct.gov or Facebook: [CT Veterans' Affairs](#)

The agenda is (8:30 to Noon):

8:30 to 9:00 Arrive for morning refreshments

9:00 to 9:15 Welcome Remarks –

- Lieutenant Governor, Honorable Nancy Wyman
- Commissioner, CT DVA, Sean Connolly
- District Director Anne Hunt, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Connecticut District Office
- Brian Lafauci, U.S. SBA – New England Veterans Outreach Center

9:15 to 10:00 Quick Information Briefs by Resource Providers (Joe Danao - Moderator)

- Fred Wergeles, Director, University of Hartford Entrepreneurial Center
- Lindy Gold, Senior Specialist, CT Department of Economic and Community Development
- Emily Carter & Michelle Koehler, CT Small Business Development Center
- Luc Deslauriers, President, FranNet CT & RI
- Lisa Wood, Director, CT Procurement Technical Assistance Program
- Ben Bare and Linda LoSchiavo, CT Department of Administrative Services, Procurement
- Mark Cutler, Chairman, Greater Hartford Chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives SCORE

10:00 to 11:00 Panelist Discussion (Michael Zacchea – Moderator)

- Dante Grassi, Owner, Dante Limited Liability Company
- Walt Medina, President & CEO-Walt Medina & Association
- Anthony Beatman, CPA Owner, Amore and Beatman, CPAs LLC
- Michael Thomas, President & CEO, SeraphCare, Inc.
- Lawrence Dapo, President, Jackson Ryan Construction
- Frank Alvarado, Senior Area Manager, Veterans Officer, U.S. SBA

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- Nicole Fleury, Manager Digital Design and Community Events, Better Business Bureau
- Anne Hunt, District Director U.S. Small Business Administration, Connecticut District Office
- Bill Palifka, Vice President, VoiceGlance
- Lisa Wood, Director, CT Procurement Technical Assistance Program
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- Terry Brennan, Veteran Representative, CT Department of Labor
- Johnna Scott, CT Innovations