

CBP celebrates 4 years of Veteran Entrepreneurship Workshops



Figure 1: Our first Veterans "Entrepreneurship Pathway" workshop in August 2012. A panel of Veteran business owners share their knowledge with transitioning service members.

It was August 2012 that Community Business Partnership (CBP) held its first "Entrepreneurship Pathway" workshop at Marine Corps Base Henderson Hall. This two day workshop was the precursor to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) "Boots to Business" program - which would officially launch in January of 2013. We had 6 attendees!

Since then, the Boots to Business (B2B) program has hosted over 50,000 members of the military community worldwide. Boots

to Business is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the SBA as part of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP). The curriculum continuum includes steps for evaluating business concepts, the foundational knowledge required to develop a business plan and information on SBA resources available to help access start-up capital and additional technical assistance.



Figure 2: Our 2016 Boots to Business class at MCCS Henderson Hall led by Patti Senft (VBOC Deputy Director).

In August 2016, we returned to MCCS Henderson Hall for another (quarterly) B2B workshop. Additionally, we held B2B workshops at the Pentagon, Fort Meade and the Aberdeen Proving Ground as well as two B2B Reboot workshops in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

This fiscal year, we are slated to teach/support 56 Boots to Business workshops on 14 military installations as well

as 4 Reboots in Northern Virginia and the rest of our territory.

A very big "Thank You" to everyone who has supported us and our efforts over the years. We are proud to be able to support the military community.