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The OKVetWorks Team is partnering with the Veteran Employment Services team to promote the benefits of hiring veterans to Veteran-Owned Businesses across the state.

So, are looking to grow your team? Is it time to delegate activities to others so you can lead strategy for next stage business development?

I recently attended the Midwest City All Industry Hiring Event where I met with several companies that are willing to give veterans preference when filling their positions. We all know that Veteran Owned Businesses are always willing to give this same preference.

With that being said...if you have positions you need to fill, let me know and I will pass the information along, we will post it to our employment/jobs page and target local veterans to help you fill those positions.

I know I have asked a couple of times about interest in participating in some free booth space opportunities. These really are coming up. One of the events will be with our annual symposium and the other will, hopefully, a training event for the State of Oklahoma Certified Procurement Officers. Both of these events will reach hundreds of people. I am trying to finalize the events so more details coming soon!

Don’t forget about our Podcasts!

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1. “Every journey starts with one step — make sure you have the right shoes to go far.”
Launching a small business involves many important decisions, both big and small. The choices you make today can affect your business for years to come, so it’s critical to get off to a strong start and put your business on the path to success.

2. “Don’t boil the ocean — think small and fast.”
Don’t let yourself get overwhelmed by complexity or paralyzed by the quest for perfection — keep things simple when and where you can.

3. “Trust your instinct — you may just know the next industry trend!”
Running a small business is daunting, but you’ve got this. You’re the captain of the ship, so trust yourself to steer the right course.

4. “Dream big, but remember to scale for the future. Planning is your best tool to ensure continued success!”
It’s great to have a vision of where you want your company to go. But it’s even more important to plan ahead so that the decisions you make today don’t box you in tomorrow.

5. “Be open to the journey without being too rigid on the outcome.”
Running a small business is an unpredictable adventure. Flexibility is one of the entrepreneur’s best tools for overcoming unexpected adversity.
6. “One great employee is better than 10 bad employees.” Employees are your biggest asset. Hiring (and then listening to and trusting) the right people is one of the most important steps to success.

7. “Listen. Listen. Listen. You have two ears and one mouth. Use them in that ratio.” Details (and good communication) matter.

8. “Know your numbers, but know your customers better!”

Customers are the lifeblood of any business, but especially for small businesses. Treating them right and giving them a reason to come back is critical.

9. “Whether you think it’s possible or not, you are right!” Elvis sang it best — “Only the strong survive.” When the going gets tough, successful small business entrepreneurs get going.

10. “Work for a company you’re proud of.”

Once you’ve hired great employees you need to treat them right so they stick around. The churn and expense of replacing good workers can debilitate even the strongest small business.

11. “Do what you say you’ll do!”

What does your company stand for? If it doesn’t stand for much it likely won’t be around for long.

12. “You have one life. What is important to you?”

There’s only one you! It’s impossible to create and run a successful company if you aren’t functioning at 100%. Be good to yourself, so that you’re around to enjoy the fruits of your labor.
A Bit of History

Article by: VeteranOwnedBusiness.com
by Editorial Staff · Published 09/17/2015 · Updated 08/15/2019

History of POW/MIA Recognition Day
More than a half million Americans have been captured and interned as prisoners of war (POW) since the American Revolution. Those numbers include more than 142,000 Americans captured and interned as POWs since World War I, and nearly 100 women. Many came home, but many more remain missing.

On National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Recognition Day Sept. 18, Americans honor the commitments and sacrifices made by the nation’s prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.
The country also honors the courage of their families and friends, who live with the uncertainty of not knowing the fate of the missing.

Since World War II, nearly 88,000 men and women in uniform remain unaccounted for. Almost 90 percent of those service-members served during World War II. The Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO) and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) work to keep the promise America has made to its military members and their families that they will never leave a fallen comrade behind.
The DMPO estimates 26,000-36,000 of those still missing are recoverable. More than 1,300 service members who have gone missing while serving in World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War have been identified since 1973. Since October 2007, the remains of more than 70 servicemen have been identified and returned to their families for burial, including WWII Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen missing for more than 60 years. Three Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Soldiers — Staff Sgt. Matt Maupin, Sgt. Alex Jimenez and Pfc. Byron Fouty — also were returned home for burial. Maupin’s unit, the 724th Transportation Company demobilized at Fort McCoy in 2005. Spc. Ahmed K. Altaie, an Iraqi-born translator and Reserve Soldier who was abducted by gunmen in October 2006, remains the only Soldier listed as missing in OIF.

The President issues a proclamation commemorating the observances and reminding the nation of those Americans who have sacrificed so much for their country.

Observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans’ facilities. It is traditionally observed on the third Friday in September each year. This observance is one of six days throughout the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families’ POW/MIA flag. The others are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

September 17, 2021
Training Opportunities

Upcoming

With Special Guest from

Veteran Owned Business
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WHEN: SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
TIME: 11:00AM-12:00PM
WHERE: FB LIVE

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

Our past trainings are still available for viewing on our Facebook page.

Past

https://www.facebook.com/OklahomaDepartmentofVeteransAffairs
December 1940, Kingfisher, Oklahoma. National Guard Units preparing to leave for active duty in the regular Army. Photo is from "The Pioneers of Kingfisher County", page 344, published in 1976.