



The Veteran Business Owners Initiative has hundreds of participants & members throughout 6 New England chapters.

- More than 250 businesses have been created with the help of the VBOI over the past 14 years.
- The VBOI has assisted members in borrowing over \$2 million in SBA Patriot Express loans from commercial banks.
- \$100,000+ has been lent and paid back to members from the VBOI Empowerment Bank.



The Veteran Business Owner Initiative provides members with an outlet for networking and the development of healthy business relationships. VBOI strives to create an active think tank and helpful resource for all veterans looking to become business owners.

-Andrea, VBOI Corporate Secretary

The Business Gymnasium

- Eighteen module course
- Provides fundamental, educational courses that build skills in all stages of small business development
- The Business Gym is also a beneficial experience for mature businesses
- After completing the business gym, you can receive 3 credits towards a college degree or certificate.

“The qualities that make a good warrior also make a good entrepreneur.”

The Problem:

There is a lack of opportunities for veterans, some with disabilities, which leaves them with fewer options – usually low paying jobs that do not reflect personal abilities, experience and interests.

The Solution:

The Veteran Business Owners Initiative offers participants programs designed to help veterans and non-veterans develop and manage their own successful businesses through training and access to resources.



With the help of the VBOI, one of our members opened his own Victorian coffee house located in Franklin, MA called Rhapsody's. This picturesque setting not only offers tranquility, but an array of delicious crepes, pastries, and of course, coffee. It has become a thriving business that keeps people coming back for more.



One Shark Tank episode took this husband & wife duo to the VBOI Gym to learn its business lessons.

Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream shops are a unique spin on a traditional ice cream shop with new patented technology using a blast of liquid nitrogen to flash-freeze their fresh customized products! Sub Zero's business model offers multiple revenue stream opportunities across New England through event catering, and STEM science presentations. Franchises available in your community!!!