The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV) offers cutting edge, experiential training in entrepreneurship and small business management at no cost to post-9/11 veterans with service-related disabilities. The Bootcamp was first introduced at Syracuse University in 2007 and has grown to a consortium of ten world-class institutions across the country.

The EBV program at Cornell University is the first to offer a specialized program focused on hospitality entrepreneurship. The three phase program includes a week-long residency on the Cornell campus in the School of Hotel Administration (SHA). Sessions during that week are led by more than a dozen volunteer faculty from SHA, as well as other Cornell schools and the Culinary Institute of America.

In the ten years since the national program was launched, more than a 1,393 veterans have completed the EBV training. The EBV has become an integral component of the Department of Defense’s efforts to transition military members with disabilities from military to civilian life, and in 2009, the Department of the Army named EBV as a national “best practice” for a program serving soldiers and their families.
Your support as a sponsor of EBV is greatly appreciated and will be recognized with the following benefits:

- Acknowledgment as a sponsor at both the opening reception and graduation ceremony, along with additional mentions throughout the week.
- Your name or company logo featured on signage during the Bootcamp.
- Your individual or company name featured on all marketing, the SHA and national EBV websites, programs and invitations.
- Your individual or company name listed as a sponsor in news articles promoting EBV through SHA’s communication networks.
- An invitation to attend the opening reception and graduation ceremony.

1. Unrestricted gift

An unrestricted gift supports the program where the need is greatest. Unrestricted gifts are used for textbooks, veteran travel to and from Cornell, lodging, meals, and other expenses associated in the execution of the EBV program.

2. Opening Reception — suggested gift: $10,000

The opening reception kicks off the residency week with a welcome from the Cornell community and speakers. It’s a night that allows the incoming EBV class to get to know each other and meet the faculty who volunteer their time to support us in the classroom.

3. Graduation Ceremony — suggested gift: $10,000

The graduation ceremony concludes the week long residency with a celebration of the hard work and accomplishments of the veterans. In addition, our EBV graduates will recognize the contributions of our faculty, staff, speakers, and donors. It is an emotional event that marks the beginning of the veteran’s entrepreneurial journey.

Opening reception and graduation ceremony sponsorship will be acknowledged with special signage and opportunities to address the attendees at the event.

Help support our nation’s veterans with disabilities.

To make a gift, contact Melissa Carlisle ’97, Assistant Director External Relations, at 607.255.1078 or mlp1@cornell.edu.

For more information on EBV, visit us at hotelschool.cornell.edu/ebv

The military turns civilians into warriors; EBV turns warriors into entrepreneurs...

— Dr. Mike Haynie, Ph.D, Founder, Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities

The eight-day program we have designed is intense, rigorous and challenging. We have assembled an outstanding group of presenters—successful entrepreneurs, world-class professors, public policy experts and exceptional leaders—all committed to helping our students make their dreams of business ownership a reality.

— Neil Tarallo, Program Director, EBV-Cornell, School of Hotel Administration