



Thanksgiving Hours:
November 23: Close At
5 PM

November 24-26:
Closed

November 27:
12:00PM-Begin 24
Hours Open

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Serving Those Who Have Served

The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans, or EBV, is a program that was founded at Syracuse University in 2007 to help turn post-9/11 veterans into entrepreneurs. Through this free program, participants start with a 30-day online business course, followed by a 9-day residency at one of the EBV Consortium schools, and finally a 12-month support program focused on small business creation and growth. Since the Mays Business School became a member of the EBV Consortium in 2008, the Business Library has been supporting this program by teaching a class on business research, lending laptops, maintaining an online EBV research guide, and providing mentorship throughout their 9-day on-site visit to A&M.

TAMU librarians and library professionals have helped veterans with research on many topics, including patents & trademarks, company & industry reports, healthcare, personal training, contracting, commercial real estate, and nonprofits.

Hoppenfeld, J., Wyckoff, T., Henson, J. J., Mayotte, J. N., & Kirkwood Jr., H. P. (2013). Librarians and the entrepreneurship bootcamp for veterans: Helping disabled veterans with business research. *Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship*, 18(4), 293-308. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/08963568.2013.825227>

<https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/entrepreneurship/start-up/ebv/>

In Gratitude

In 2003, Carolyn Blashek met a soldier returning to combat after attending his mother's funeral. This soldier, heartbroken by the death of his infant child and subsequent abandonment by his wife, expressed the kind of hopelessness a person feels who believes they are alone, and nobody cares about them. This encounter spurred Blashek to find a way to show soldiers, especially those who do not get mail from home, that someone cares about each of them.

Beginning in Blashek's living room 21 years ago, Operation Gratitude has expanded to include other first responders and crisis interventionists. Impacting such groups as the national guard, police and fire departments, EMS personnel, healthcare providers, and wounded veterans and their families, Operation Gratitude has boosted the morale of hundreds of thousands of people. Whether in combat overseas or on the home front battling COVID, the gratitude expressed to those who give of themselves to help others has been a great blessing to everyone involved.

As we head towards the Thanksgiving holiday, when friends and family gather for feasting and festivity, how can that thanksgiving be extended to include those who find themselves on the front lines for our best good?

To find out how to help, go to www.operationgratitude.com.

Sources: McCarthy, D. (2022, September 24). Personalized care packages to troops from Operation Gratitude lift morale, and may have saved a life. *Daily News*; <https://www.operationgratitude.com/in-the-news/>