

NVBDC's National Conference will Kick Off with Special Guest Don Cravins, Jr., and Exciting Networking Opportunities

NVBDC's Annual Veteran Matchmaking Conference: Featuring Don Cravins, Jr. and LTC (Ret) Scott Mann, Promises Exciting Networking and Procurement Opportunities.

DETROIT, MI, UNITED STATES, October 24, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC) is just weeks away from kicking off its biggest annual National Event; with Corporations and Veterans from around the country preparing for the best Supplier-Veteran Business matchmaking event there is. November 8th and 9th, 2023, NVBDC will be in Louisville, KY at the Omni Hotel. Registration will be closing soon!



Keith King, Founder & CEO, National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC)

On the first day of the [National Veteran Matchmaking Conference](#), NVBDC will have a special guest speaker Mr. Donald "Don" R. Cravins, Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development, in attendance.

About Don Cravins, Jr.

Don Cravins, Jr. is the inaugural Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development, overseeing the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). President Biden's 2021 legislation established MBDA as a permanent federal agency. Confirmed by the U.S. Senate in August 2022, Cravins brings extensive experience from both public service and the private sector. His career includes serving in the Louisiana State Legislature, pivotal roles in the U.S. Senate, and leadership positions in prominent non-profit and for-profit organizations, notably as

the Executive Vice President and COO of the National Urban League. He also holds the rank of U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel and has received numerous military honors. Cravins has been recognized for his contributions to civil rights and community service. He resides in Maryland with his wife and three children.

To learn more about Don Cravins, Jr. Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development, please visit:

<https://www.commerce.gov/about/leadership/don-ald-r-cravins-jr>

The goal of [NVBDC's National Veteran Matchmaking Conference 2023](#), is to bring together Supplier Diversity professionals and Veteran businesses in a face-to-face environment to provide procurement opportunities, business relationships, and education opportunities. NVBDC is excited to host Vets Night Out with Corporate Member Sponsor Beam Suntory on their

properties at "The Kitchen". The event maintains a fun relaxed environment where supplier professionals and veteran business owners can network with one another. LTC (Ret) Scott Mann, author of Operation Pineapple Express, will be in attendance as the Vets Night Out guest speaker.

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We are excited for Veteran-Owned businesses across the country to have the opportunity to connect with procurement professionals from all of these major corporations.”

*Keith King, Founder and CEO
of NVBDC*

About LTC (Ret) Scott Mann

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Scott Mann is a former U.S. Army Green Beret with tours all over the world including Colombia, Iraq, and multiple tours in Afghanistan. He is a warrior storyteller and the founder of Rooftop Leadership where he shares the rapport-building skills he learned in Special Forces to help today's leaders make better human connections in high-stakes, low-trust engagements. Scott is the author of the instant New York Times Best-Seller,

Operation Pineapple Express, a third-person narrative detailing the harrowing stories of the veterans, volunteers, and Afghan Allies who navigated the US abandonment of Afghanistan in August of 2021. The Gary Sinise Foundation has also partnered up with Scott to bring his play, Last Out: Elegy of a Green Beret to the legendary theater Steppenwolf, as well as to stages across the country to provide healing to our Veterans and Families of the Fallen, as well as providing



Brigadier General (Ret) Dick Miller,
President, NVBDC

insight to our citizens on the personal cost of the longest war in our Nation's history.

To learn more about Scott's full body of work, visit www.ScottMann.com.

To learn more about National Veteran Matchmaking Conference 2023 please visit NVBDC.ORG/EVENTS.

For more information on how to become an NVBDC Certified SD/VOB. Please visit our website: www.nvbdc.org or contact us directly: (888) CERTIFIED.

NVBDC MISSION:

NVBDC is the only Veteran Owned Business Certification organization developed by Veterans, for Veterans. The purpose is to provide a credible and reliable certifying authority for all-size businesses ensuring that valid documentation exists of Veteran ownership and control.

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