

The Rosie Network



The Rosie Network is a nonprofit organization founded by two U.S. Navy SEAL spouses in the “We Can Do It” spirit of WWII icon, Rosie the Riveter; passionate about addressing transition challenges and high unemployment faced by military spouses and veterans. As more than 1 million active service men and women transition back into civilian life many will continue to serve our nation by starting businesses and playing a critical role in creating and sustaining economic opportunities for our nation.

In 2016, The Rosie Network opened San Diego’s first dedicated **Military Entrepreneur Development Center (MEDC)** for transitioning active-duty, veterans and military spouses seeking to launch and/or grow a small business in our region. The MEDC houses our **Service2CEO** program and provides no cost entrepreneurial education and training, financial literacy, one-on-one mentor ship and more all within a centrally located co-working office space.

A key component of The Rosie Network's mission is to promote our nation’s veteran and military spouse small business owners to the American consumer through **Rosie's List** (think Angie’s list), the largest nonprofit searchable database of verified military family-owned businesses in the nation.

This past year, in partnership with the San Diego Business Journal, The Rosie Network raised awareness and funds while recognizing the economic and social impact of the veteran, military spouse and military family owned businesses in San Diego. The **Military Entrepreneur of the Year Conference and Awards** builds a strong connection between San Diego’s business community and our growing military entrepreneur community that embraces San Diego’s deep military tradition.

Link to FOX NEWS highlighting veteran start-ups and The Rosie Network

<http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/5270678340001/?#sp=show-clips>

Most recent article in Military Families Online Magazine.

[Military spouses graduate from inaugural Rosie Network cohort](#)