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# **VETERAN'S DRONE TRAINING PROGRAM**



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## **About The Project**

- Empowering Veterans: Comprehensive drone training, Part 107 certification, and job placement.
- Addressing Challenges: Transition to civilian life, in-demand skills.
- Leveraging Experience: Military background and discipline for commercial drone piloting.
- Diverse Opportunities: Filmmaking, agriculture, construction, public safety, inspections, and real estate.
- Supportive Community: Fostering camaraderie and successful reintegration.
- Provide mental health support and resources for **PTSD** therapies.



#### Ret. US Air Force Veteran Frank Sean Johnson

# Why Drones for Veterans?

- **Transition Challenges**: Difficulty finding meaningful employment, lack of camaraderie.
- Mental Health: PTSD resources and mental wellness support
- Drone Industry Growth: Exponential growth, diverse applications.
- Untapped Potential: Veterans' skills and experience align with industry needs.
- VDTP Solution: Structured program, technical skills, community building.



# **Problem Statement:**

- Veterans Suicide Rate: The escalating number of veterans every day who lose their fight and succumb to suicide
- Veterans Unemployment: High growing rate of unemployed veterans, especially among disabled veterans.
- Underutilized Skill Sets: Difficulty finding fulfilling jobs.
- Drone Industry Opportunity: Lucrative careers, but lack of training and resources.
- Bridging the Gap: The divide between civilians and veterans is real and makes it difficult to relate to the challenges that our veterans face when they transition home



# **Goals and Objectives**

### **PRIMARY GOALS:**

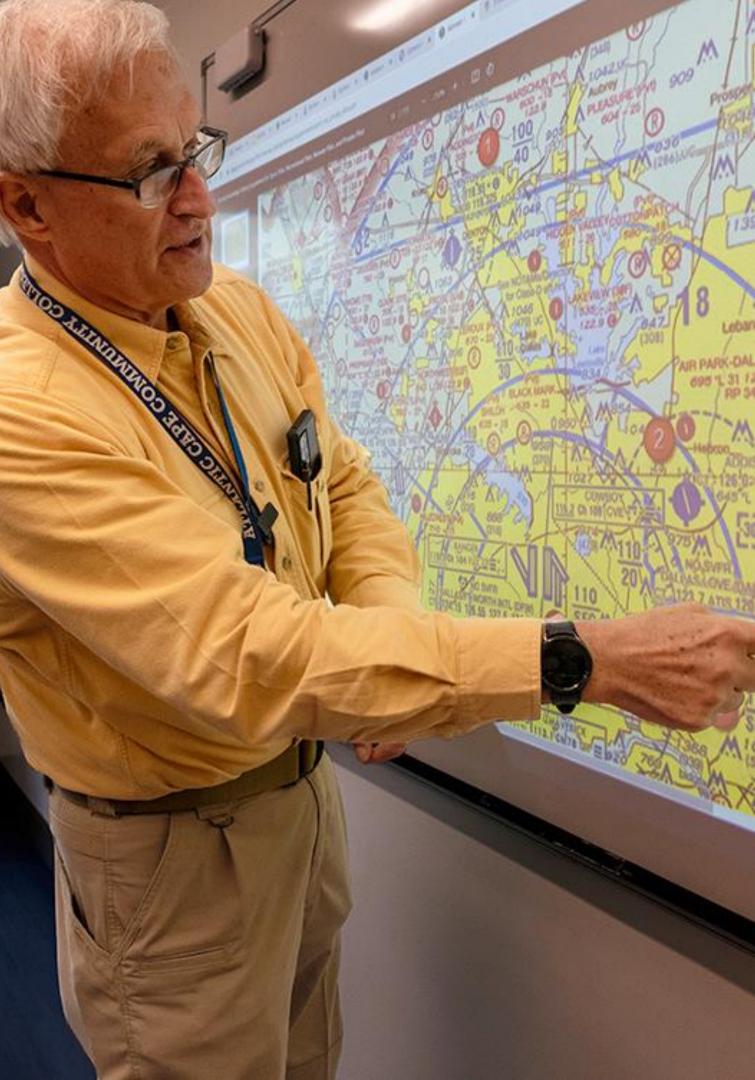
- Train and certify Part 107 pilots.
- Facilitate job placement.
- Foster supportive community.
- Contribute to economic growth.
- Provide mental health resources

### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- Comprehensive curriculum.
- Hands-on training and simulation.
- Exam preparation.
- Employer partnerships.
- Networking events.
- Elevate mental wellness to
  - combat and diminish PTSD
  - symptoms

# **Project Scope DELIVERABLES:**

- Training curriculum.
- Flight training and simulation.
- Exam preparation.
- Job placement assistance.
- Networking and workshops.
- Ongoing support and mentorship.
- Ongoing support with veterans careers, mental wellness and mentorship





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# Methodology

- Curriculum Development:
  - Experienced pilots, industry
  - experts.
- Training Delivery: Classroom,
  - hands-on, simulation.
- Certification: Dedicated exam
  - prep sessions.
- Job Placement: Partnerships,
  - career counseling.
- Community Building: Events,
  - workshops, mentorship.
- Mental Health: Ongoing
  - support with mental wellness
  - and PTSD resources

## **Proof of Concept**

The Veterans Drone Training Program's first class launched on April 6, 2024, with 12 veterans enrolled. Funded by a U.S. Senate grant and partnered with ACEA (Atlantic County Economic Alliance), ACCC (Atlantic Cape Community College), and 22Zero Organization.

The current 'first' class of 12 veterans are being trained in a comprehensive drone training curriculum, which includes the following:

- Comprehensive drone training
- Hands-on flight training
- Exam preparation
- Job placement assistance
- Mental health resources.



#### Introduction

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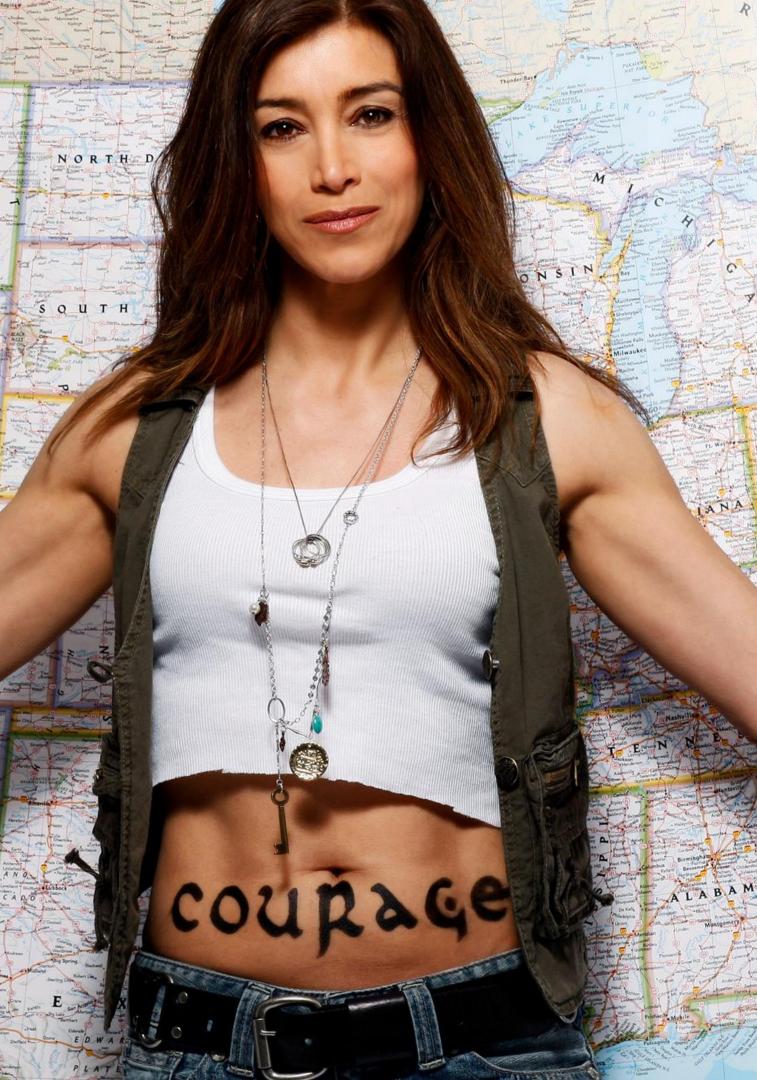
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# Why A Write to Heal

- Lisa Regina: 23 years serving communities as an advocate, international/national keynote speaker for the YWCA.
- Understanding of Challenges: Lisa as a survivor of violence understands the challenges surrounding PTSD and has the ability to bond with veterans and relate to their issues
- Established Network: Successful partnerships with organizations supporting veterans, providing veterans with an extensive network of support and resources.



## **Team and** Resources

The Veterans Drone Training curriculum consists of a team of aviation experts, drone pilots, instructors, career counselors, and job placement specialists.



#### Lisa Regina

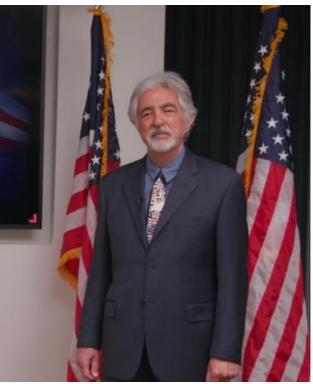
A Write to Heal - President & Founder of the Veterans Training Program A licensed Part 107 Commercial Drone Filmmaker & Advocate of 23 years

#### **Ret. Army Cpt. Leslie Nicole Smith**

Gary Sinise Ambassador A Write to Heal - Board of Directors







**Joe Mantegna** Actor, Gary Sinise Ambassador. Veteran Supporter

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#### **Ret. Colonel Jon D. Schleifer, USMCR**

A Write to Heal - Vice President

**Dr. Pamela Arnell Executive Director for 22Zero Organization** A Write to Heal – Secretary



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Together, we can honor and provide veterans with the support they deserve.





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