

# Northwest PA Veteran Entrepreneurship Program Business Financing Webinar

**February 28, 2018  
10:00 am – 11:30 am**

## About the Program...

Translate your skills from the military to entrepreneurship and your own business. The Northwest PA Regional Planning and Development Commission joined forces with Clarion University SBDC and several other regional partners to offer the NWPA Veterans Entrepreneurship Program – a free online training program designed to educate and accelerate the entrepreneurial success of Veterans! The program consists of five trainings dedicated to helping Veterans start or expand their business.

If you are a Veteran who owns a business, or a Veteran who would like to start a business, join us for this informative workshop that will provide details on the regional resources that are available to help you start and operate your business.

## Guest Presenter Aaron Lewis

**CEO & Principal Investigator, Sphere Brake Defense**  
Aaron Lewis, PMP, is CEO of Sphere Brake Defense, LLC. He is an expert at managing high risk projects leveraging earned value, earned schedule, and Agile methodologies. He's led several business in GE Transportation and served over 12 years as a military officer in the Army. With a well-rounded background in technology, manufacturing, and leadership, Aaron has brought technology from conception to market through seed, institutional, and private equity fund raising.

## Featured Speakers:

- **Jill Foy**s, Executive Director, Northwest Commission
- **Brian Slawin**, NW Regional Director & Portfolio Manager, Ben Franklin Technology PARTners
- **Jonathan Bennett**, Veteran's Representative, US Small Business Administration, Pittsburgh District Office
- **T.J. King**, Director, Bridgeway Capital, Erie Region

## Remote Locations: (if no access to computer and/or internet)

Gannon SBDC: 900 State Street, Room 104, Erie, PA.  
Clarion SBDC: 330 North Point Dr #100, Clarion, PA 16214  
New Castle Public Library: 207 East North Street New Castle, PA 16101

**To register, please visit:**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NWPAVets>

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