



## Honoring All Who Have Served this Memorial Day

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WASHINGTON, DC (May 23, 2013) – This Memorial day, the US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) remembers those who have given their lives in service to the nation and honors the brave men and women have been injured in the line of duty.

“We invite our members, stakeholders, the entire disability community and everyone across the United States to remember these individuals that have provided us with our nation’s freedom through their sacrifices,” shared **Jill Houghton**, USBLN® Executive Director.

In recognition of the important role of wounded post-service men and women, the [2013 USBLN® 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Expo](#) will feature programming and special events focused on support of the nation’s returning veterans. A Veteran’s Service Community Project hosted by Lowe’s Companies, Inc. will make a direct contribution to the local Los Angeles community and encourage attendees to learn more about service as a road to employment for people with disabilities. Programming will feature successful organizations that recognize that a culture that values the contributions of veterans is an important business imperative and essential to maintaining competitiveness. This includes lessons from the USBLN® [Disability Supplier Diversity Program®](#), the nation’s leading third-party certifier of disability-owned business enterprises (DOBE®s), including companies owned by service-disabled veterans.

In December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law “The National Moment of Remembrance Act,” P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. The USBLN® respectfully invites readers to join them in this important practice to honor all who have served this Memorial Day.

### About the US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®)

The US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) is a national non-profit that helps business drive performance by leveraging disability inclusion in the workplace, supply chain, and marketplace. The USBLN® serves as the collective voice of over 50 Business Leadership Network affiliates across the United States, representing over 5,000 businesses. Additionally, the USBLN® Disability Supplier Diversity Program® (DSDP) is the nation’s leading third party certification program for disability-owned businesses, including businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. [www.usbln.org](http://www.usbln.org)

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