



VETS TO DRONES

501(c)(3) NONPROFIT  
vetstodrones.org

## Capability Statement | Veteran UAS Workforce Development

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### OVERVIEW

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Vets to Drones (V2D) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in February 2023 by U.S. Marine Corps and Army veteran Chris Lewis and headquartered in the Raleigh, North Carolina area. V2D empowers military veterans, transitioning service members, and first responders with training in uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) and connects them to careers in the rapidly growing drone industry.

By leveraging the discipline, adaptability, and mission focus veterans already bring, V2D bridges military skill sets to civilian applications and delivers measurable impact in employment, community engagement, and disaster response.

### CORE COMPETENCIES

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#### Comprehensive UAS Training Program

- FAA Part 107 certification preparation and testing
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) standards training
- Vets to Drones Academy, delivered online and in person across three pillars: introductory skills and industry awareness, Part 107 certification, and advanced specialized training

#### Disaster Response and Humanitarian Support

- Drones for Search and Rescue (DSAR)
- Aerial mapping, inspections, and damage assessments
- Supply delivery and coordination with relief agencies

#### Community Outreach and Impact

- Public-facing drone demonstrations and fly days
- STEM education programming for K-12 and beyond
- University and community college partnerships

#### Strategic Partnerships and Scalability

- CHIPS and Science Act partner through the Midwest Microelectronics Consortium (MMEC)
- University and college partnerships nationwide
- Commercial UAS hardware and software partners across the United States

#### Research and Development

- Experience-based, industry-specific insights from veteran operators
- Veteran-owned small business incubator
- Commitment to expanding America's manufacturing base

#### OPFOR Teaming

Deploy our experienced veteran operators as a dedicated opposing force (OPFOR) in your training exercises and evaluations. We bring real-world UAS tradecraft and an unconventional mindset to pressure-test your tactics, systems, and teams against a capable, thinking adversary.

## DIFFERENTIATORS

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- Decades of combined commercial and military experience
- A creative, unconventional problem-solving perspective
- A nationwide network of thousands of vetted veterans
- 501(c)(3) nonprofit structure aligned to mission, not margin
- CHIPS and Science Act funding for veteran workforce development through MMEC

## PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

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### ENTERPRISE SPONSORS

9 Line Aerial Media  
9 Line Flight Systems  
Drone Right  
Midwest Drones  
Perun Defense Strategies  
Precision UAV  
Rising Tide Technology Group

### ACADEMIC PARTNERS

Beaufort County Community College  
Fullerton College  
Sinclair Community College

### MISSION AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS

*Midwest Microelectronics Consortium*  
5.11 Tactical  
Airdata UAV  
Commercial UAV Expo  
Cypress Creek Renewables  
Drone Cadets  
DroneResponders  
DroneSpotter  
Lucid Bots  
Point One Navigation  
Red Cat  
Veterans Outpost  
Womble Bond Dickinson  
Zephyr Drone Simulator

## ORGANIZATION DATA

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<b>Legal Name</b>	Vets to Drones
<b>Structure</b>	501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, founded 2023
<b>Mailing Address</b>	3212 AirPark Dr, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27502
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