



# Press Release

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## **NextOp Receives Grant from Bob Woodruff Foundation**

July 20, 2020, HOUSTON, TX — NextOp, Inc. announced the award of a generous grant from the Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF). The grant, awarded through the Salute to Service NFL-Bob Woodruff Foundation partnership, is for NextOp's Veteran Employment Program in 2020. The NextOp Veteran Employment Program recruits, trains, and places high-performing middle-enlisted military leaders into industry careers. This work is possible through the support received from foundations like the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

"Always resilient through adversity, our veterans now face a new threat on the homefront — COVID-19 has rapidly created a 'perfect storm' of challenges for our veterans, from increased financial risk to exacerbated mental health concerns," said Anne Marie Dougherty, Chief Executive Officer of the Bob Woodruff Foundation. "Our investment in best-in-class programs is more important than ever – our team and our partners pivoted immediately to help ensure that vital services can continue to support the short and long-term wellness of our veterans and their families."

"Our work is needed more than ever before", said Steph Drake, Executive Director of NextOp, Inc. "Middle-enlisted veterans comprise approximately 80% of service members and face additional challenges in an uncertain job market. Our services are designed to help them get back to work as quickly as possible. With the support from BWF, we stand ready to support veterans and walk with them through the entire employment process."

BWF's recent grants invest in improving veteran and caregiver health and wellness, supporting veteran and military family transition into civilian communities, and addressing the acute and critical needs of veterans impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. This year, BWF has provided over \$4 million dollars in funding to programs nationwide.

NextOp was founded in 2015 with the belief that military veterans are some of the best hidden resources in our community. Our vision is to be the strongest link between industry and military talent by bridging the gap by recruiting, training, and placing high-performing middle-enlisted military leaders into industry careers. NextOp works directly with veterans to help them understand how their military training and experiences translate into valued qualifications. In partnership with over 150 corporations, NextOp has successfully placed more than 2,200 veterans across multiple industries.

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