June 5, 2020  Season 5, Episode 6  12 PM to 1 PM EST

Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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12:00 PM  Introduction & Welcome
Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire
Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release
Elaine Katz, Kessler Foundation
The Numbers
Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire

12:15 PM  Announcements from the field of Disability Employment
Denise Rozell, Director of Policy Innovation, AUCD

12:30 PM  Guest Presenters:
Jack Fanous, Co-Founder and Executive Director, GI Go Fund
Justin Constantine, Marine Lieutenant Colonel, retired

12:45 PM  Open Question & Answer period for attendees

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Presenters:

**Jack Fanous** is the CEO and Co-Founder of GI Go Fund. In addition to forming GI Go, Jack serves as CEO and Co-Founder of JobPath.

Under Jack’s leadership, the GI Go Fund has piloted several programs that have forever changed the lives of countless military veterans and their families, most recently with the creation of the Jackson Drysdale Veterans Center and Incubator in Newark NJ. During the COVID-19 crisis, GI Go Fund has worked closely with the many disabled veterans who now face unemployment or have their businesses shut down through virtual office hours and emergency support. Through the Center, GI Go has helped veteran-owned businesses apply for SBA relief programs such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). The organization has also assisted their veteran entrepreneurs in temporarily pivoting their businesses to respond to the crisis by creating facemasks and sanitizer for front line workers, as well as providing remote motivational and team building services to companies.

Jack’s work has been featured on several nationwide media outlets, including CNBC, Fox Business, and CNN, as well as during a 2012 episode of ABC's reality show "Secret Millionaire". For his efforts in the veterans’ community, Jack has received multiple honors, including 2013 “Russ Berrie Award for Making A Difference”, the "Civilian Leadership Award" by both the United States Army and The Department of Veterans Affairs, and both the "Survivor Outreach Award" and "The Excellence in National Guard Family Services Award" by the NJ National Guard.

**Justin Constantine** is Justin joined the Marine Corps while in law school at the University of Denver School of Law, and served on active duty as a JAG officer for six years. Then as a Reservist, Justin deployed to Iraq in 2006, serving as a Civil Affairs Team Leader. During a combat patrol, Justin was shot in the head by a sniper.

Justin retired from the Marine Corps at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is an inspirational speaker as well as the Chief Business Development Officer at JobPath, a robust veteran employment platform that provides a variety of solutions to corporations, government agencies and nonprofit organizations that hire veterans. In 2015, Justin co-founded the Veteran Success Resource Group, which provides innovative and impactful networking events on a national basis, including the wildly popular BourBiz events. A virtual Bourbiz event held during COVID-19 included over 500 veterans and military spouses. Justin is also the Co-Chairman of Empire Vets, an online platform in New York and New Jersey for veteran transition that is a critical part of NYC's employment response to COVID-19.
Andrew Houtenville, PhD is an Associate Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Houtenville is extensively involved in disability statistics and employment policy research. He has published widely in the areas of disability statistics and the economic status of people with disabilities. He is the Principal Investigator on the NIDILRR-funded Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation and Research Training Center. Dr. Houtenville received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of New Hampshire in 1997 and was a National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow at Syracuse University in 1998/1999. He was also a Senior Research Associate at Cornell University and New Editions Consulting in McLean, Virginia.

Elaine E. Katz, MS, CCC-SLP is Senior Vice President of Grants and Communications. Elaine Katz oversees Kessler Foundation’s comprehensive grant making program and its communications department. For more than 25 years, Katz has worked with non-profit organizations in the areas of board development, fundraising, marketing, and business development. Katz often speaks about innovative practices for employing people with disabilities, and is the author/co-author of articles and papers on related topics. She currently serves on the board of directors of JESPY House, New Jersey Association of People Supporting Employment First (NJAPSE), Essex/Newark Disabilities Issues Committee, and on the program committee of the Council of NJ Grantmakers.

Denise M. Rozell is the Director of Policy Innovation at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD). Prior to joining AUCD, she spent fifteen years as Assistant Vice President for State Government Relations with Easter Seals. Denise was the primary resource to Easter Seals 75 affiliates in building capacity to increase awareness of and support for Easter Seals in state government. Prior to that, Denise was the Executive Director of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, an international membership organization for the professionals serving individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Denise also was the Governmental Relations Representative for the American Foundation for the Blind and the Director of Public Policy for the National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils, the membership organization representing the 55 state and territorial Developmental Disabilities Councils. Denise holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Occidental College in Los Angeles and a juris doctorate from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California in Berkeley.