



## Josh Smith

### Chief Executive Officer, Veteran Benefits Guide

Josh Smith is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and the Chief Executive Officer of Veteran Benefits Guide.

Josh served in the U.S. Marine Corps for six years, where he served as a Cryptologic Arabic Linguist. He deployed to Iraq in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Josh transitioned from active duty to civilian life in 2005, eventually working at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a Rating Veteran Service Representative, or Rater. During that time, he was trained on the VA's Disability Compensation System and discovered inefficiencies in how disability ratings were evaluated. Josh recognized the need to provide a better option for processing disability claims and sought to create a new process to help Veterans expedite them while also obtaining their full benefits.

After leaving the VA, Josh started VBG with his wife, Lauren, to fulfill the mission of better serving Veterans with the disability claims process. Since its founding, VBG has served over 45,000 Veterans.

Outside of VBG, Josh loves spending time, especially outdoors, with his wife, Lauren, their three daughters and their German Shephard / Husky mix. He is also an avid fan of the San Francisco 49ers, San Francisco Giants and Vegas Golden Knights.