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Right now, more than 500 veterans are leaving the service every single day. And for many, it can be tough to transition for the military to civilian life, and find a job. That's why a new effort is focused on helping veterans be their own boss. The rows of treats inside Bakery Boutique [2] will make your mouth water. "We have a chocolate cake. It's filled with a rich fudge," said Dianne Miller, co-owner of the bakery.

Miller's spent her career in sales and finance.

"We knew what we wanted to do, but getting there was a challenge," she said.

Her sister-in-law Lisa Mazza recently retired after 21 years in the US Army. Lisa's always loved making cakes, and went to culinary school. But even with Dianne's help, Lisa felt clueless when it came to turning her hobby into a business.

"Just the starting steps of even finding out who to get permits from or what departments to go," said Mazza.
Thankfully, the partners found Operation Startup. It's a fairly new program through Hillsborough Community College, and sponsored by the county.

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