

This is Cyber Veterans Alliance (CVA)

Non-profit community for veterans & serving armed forces in cyber.

(Fills the gap – TechVets does training-to-jobs, but no ongoing network for knowledge-sharing + defence expertise.)

What

- Network organically, share real-world technical knowledge, insights & opportunities
- Support each other through military-to-civilian transition
- Become the hub of defence expertise: MOD, NCSC, government & industry come to us for best-practice advice, consultations & veteran talent

Where

- Main base: West Midlands Cyber Hub (Millennium Point) – seamless with your backing
- Online: LinkedIn group + Discord for daily chats
- Bigger events: Eagle Labs possible, but careful with Hub 8 (keep clear of heavy WMCH influence so it stays our independent veteran-led space)

Who

You, me & Andrew leading it

Henry Annafi (Veteran.UK networks) + Ben Gallagher (UKSF Signals / Invictus athlete) for early momentum & outreach

Legal

Community Interest Company (CIC) limited by guarantee

(Quick & cheap to set up, everything locked for community benefit, flexible for events/sponsorships/consultancy – lighter than full charity but still credible for MOD/NCSC work)

How

- Use our networks (Henry + Ben) to build fast
- Launch/fundraising event tied to Bosnia or Bust Veterans Honour Rally 2026 (keep our share <50% to follow their rules)
- Start small: free/low-cost regular events at the Hub, online group live straight away

Success

- 50+ active veteran members in first 6 months
- Regular events at Hub with 10–20+ turnout
- Simple member blog platform (app/site) live for sharing knowledge
- Becomes the go-to hub that MOD/NCSC & defence primes actually consult for best practice

Long-term vision

Build a dedicated app – essentially a LinkedIn purely for cyber security in MOD/defence.

Recruitment opportunities, talent matching, and a secure hub where defence organisations, MOD, CISOs and cyber professionals meet and collaborate.

(Rather important right now given recent events – this could be a game-changer for veteran talent pipelines.)