



SEPTEMBER 6TH – 8TH, 2017 ATLANTA, GA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration
- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm **Pre-Conference Workshop for Veteran-serving Community Leaders – “Leading the Charge: Empowering Services for Veterans” (Additional Registration Required)**
- 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Exhibitor Set up
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Strengthening Military, Veterans, and Military Spouse Employment Recruiting – Military.com (Free, but must be pre-registered)**
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **VetConnect – Networking Reception and Concurrent Corporate Panels (Free for military, veterans and their families)**
Corporate Employment Panel
Corporate Connections Panel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

- 7:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration
- 7:00 am – 6:30 pm Exhibitors Open
- 7:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall
- 8:00 am – 8:30 am **Opening Session**
Presentation of Colors – Army Color Guard
National Anthem – Dustin Luther Wilkes
Opening Remarks
Governor Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia
Jim Lorraine, President and CEO, America’s Warrior Partnership
Honorable Tim S. McClain, Board Chairman, America’s Warrior Partnership
Deputy Secretary of Veteran Affairs

8:30 am – 9:30 am	General Session “The Power of Community: Building Resilient Cities” Moderated by: Dr. Lynda Davis, Chief Veterans Experience Officer, Veteran Experience Office, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Break
9:45 am – 10:45 am	General Session “Addressing Invisible Wounds in Your Communities” Moderated by: Marcus Ruzek, Program Director, Marcus Foundation
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 11:50 am	Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Health and Wellness A. Health and Wellness: Exploring the Military-Civilian Divide by United Health Foundation and MOAA B. Hope & Strategies for Connecting in Your Community (Panel) C. The Impact of Military Service on the Family: Ways to Empower Families in Your Community (Roundtable Discussion) D. Case Coordination & Seamless Transition: A Collaborative Way to Serve Veterans (Panel) E. Staff Resiliency & Compassion Fatigue (Workshop)
11:50 am – 12:05 pm	Break/Lunch Seating
12:05 pm – 1:35 pm	Luncheon honoring the late Col. Leo Thorsness, Medal of Honor Recipient Hanoi Hilton POW presentation Presentation of Leo Thorsness Leadership Award President George W. Bush, Recipient
1:35 pm – 1:50 pm	Break
1:50 pm – 2:40 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Education, Training, Employment And Entrepreneurship A. Entrepreneurship: Challenges and Opportunities (Panel) B. The Changing Workforce: Skills Translation (Panel) C. Community Integration: The Roles of Colleges & Universities (Roundtable Discussion) D. Character Does Matter in the Workplace (Workshop) E. Employment: What’s Next? (Panel)
2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Keynote Address “One Mission” , Chris Fussell, Former Navy SEAL Officer, Partner at McChrystal Group, and Best Selling NY Times Author
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	General Session “Bridging the Civilian-Military Divide” Moderated by: Bill Rausch, Executive Director, Got Your 6
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	“Debrief” Networking Reception in the Exhibit Hall

6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

President’s Reception at the Georgia Aquarium
(Additional Registration Required)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

7:30 am – 9:00 am

Registration

7:30 am – 12:00 pm

Exhibitors Open

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

8:30 am – 9:30 am

General Session “Social Responsibility: Role of Corporations and Foundations In Veteran Philanthropy”

Moderated by Harriett Dominique, Senior VP, Corporate Responsibility & Community Affairs, USAA

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Break

9:45 am – 10:35 am

Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Emerging Veteran Issues

- A. **What’s New at the VA? An Interactive Forum on Transition** (Forum)
- B. **Tiers of Need: Finding the Balance Between Empowerment vs. Entitlement** (Workshop)
- C. **Mayors Roundtable** (Panel)
- D. **Building Programming to Support and Serve Military Women and Female Veterans** (Roundtable)
- E. **Advocacy Roundtable**

10:35 am – 11:00 am

Networking Break in the Exhibit Hall

11:00 am – 11:50 am

Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Capacity Building and Collaborative Efforts

- A. **The Role of Technology in the Veteran Space: How to Unlock the Potential of Data** (Panel)
- B. **Insight Discovery** (Presentation)
- C. **Telling Your Story Effectively** (Workshop)
- D. **Engaging with Funders on a Community Level** (Panel)
- E. **Unexpected Issues and Best Practices in Your Community: Regional View from the Field** (Roundtable Discussion)

11:50 am – 12:00 pm

Break/Lunch Seating

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Luncheon

Bi-Partisan Townhall Meeting
Closing Remarks
Closing of Colors