



SEPTEMBER 6TH – 8TH, 2017 ATLANTA, GA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Grand Hall Pre-function Lobby	Registration Pre-conference, Full Symposium , VetConnect and President's Reception
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Grand Hall A/B	Pre-Conference Workshop for Veteran-serving Community Leaders Leading the Charge: Empowering Services for Veterans Additional Registration and Fees Required
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Grand Hall West	Exhibitor Set up
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Grand Hall B	Strengthening Military, Veterans and Military Spouse Employment Recruiting – Hosted by Military.com Free, but must be pre-registered
6:00 pm – 6:55 pm Grand Hall West	VetConnect – Networking Reception and Concurrent Corporate Panels Free for military, veterans and their families but must be pre-registered
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions
Learning Center	Corporate Employment Panel Moderated by: Lloyd Knight, Director, UPS Supply Chain Solutions and President, VETLANTA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Matt Grob, Regional Veteran Employment Coordinator, US Department of Labor ▪ Patricia Ross, Executive Director, Georgia Veteran Education Career Transition Resource (VECTR) Center ▪ Holly Best, Transition Specialist, Hire Heroes USA ▪ Roger Roley, Southeast Regional Director, Four Block ▪ Stefond Harris, Vice President, UPS Supply Chain Solutions ▪ Karin Childress, National Director for Veteran Employment, Military.com

Regency Ballroom VI/VII

Corporate Connections Panel

Moderated by: John Phillips, Vice President, VETLANTA; Founder, Boots to Loafers

- Patrick Haddock, Chief Information Officer, VETLANTA
- Brad Losner, Vice President, SunTrust Bank
- Bethany George, Talent Acquisition, Field Staffing Manager, The Home Depot
- Michael Hare, Georgia/Alabama President, Sharp Business Systems
- Stephanie Reese, Director of Data Center Facilities-Enterprise Infrastructure Services, Time Warner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Grand Hall Pre-function Lobby

Registration

Pre-conference, Full Symposium, VetConnect and President's Reception

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Grand Hall West

Exhibit Hall Open

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Grand Hall West

Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:30 am

Regency Ballroom VI/VII

Symposium Opening Ceremony

Presentation of Colors – NIOC GA Color Guard

National Anthem – Garden City Brass, Detachment 1, 282nd Army Band

Welcome and Symposium Kick-off The Honorable Tim McClain, Chairman, America's Warrior Partnership Board of Directors and Jim Lorraine, President and CEO, America's Warrior Partnership

Remarks Dr. Lynda Davis, Chief Veterans Experience Officer, Veteran Experience Office, US Department of Veterans Affairs

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Regency Ballroom VI/VII

General Session **The Power of Collaboration: Building Strong Communities**

Moderated by: Dr. Lynda Davis, Chief Veterans Experience Officer, Veteran Experience Office, US Department of Veterans Affairs

- John Boerstler, Executive Director, NextOp; Board Member, Combined Arms
- Blake Bourne, Executive Director, Charlotte Bridge Home
- Koby Langley, Senior Vice President, Service to the Armed Forces, American Red Cross
- Jim Lorraine, President and CEO, America's Warrior Partnership
- Frank Talerico, President and CEO, Orange County Goodwill

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Break

9:45 am – 10:45 am
Regency Ballroom VI/VII

General Session Addressing Invisible Wounds in Your Communities

Moderated by: Marcus Ruzek, Program Director - Military and Veterans Initiatives, Marcus Foundation

- Ken Falke, Founder, Boulder Crest Retreat
- Sean T. Foertsch, Vice President, Outreach and Partnerships, Cohen Veterans Network
- C. Spencer Milo SSG, USA (Ret.), Director of Veterans Programs, Marcus Institute for Brain Health
- Michael C. Richardson, Vice President, Independence Services and Mental Health, Wounded Warrior Project
- Dr. David Williamson, Brain Injury Physician, TIRR

10:45 am – 11:00 am

Break

11:00 am – 11:50 am

Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Health and Wellness

- **Health and Wellness: Exploring the Military-Civilian Divide** (Presentation)
Co-Facilitators: René A. Campos, CDR, USN (Ret.), Director, Government Relations, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and Anne Yau, Vice President, Grants and Programs, UnitedHealth Group
- **Hope and Strategies for Connectivity: Peer Support & Suicide Prevention in Your Community** (Panel)
Moderator: Major General Mark Graham, USA (Ret.), Director, Vets4Warriors
- **Impact of Military Service on the Family: Building a Safety Net in Your Community** (Roundtable) *Moderator:* Joyce Wessel Raezer, Executive Director, National Military Family Association
- **Case Coordination and Seamless Transition: A Collaborative Way to Serve Veterans** (Panel) *Moderator:* Cheree Tham, Director of Community Integration, America's Warrior Partnership
- **Staff Resiliency and Combatting Compassion Fatigue** (Workshop)
Presenter: Jay Merlino, Director of Tactical Performance, EXOS

11:50 am – 12:05 pm

Break/Lunch Seating

12:05 pm – 1:35 pm
Regency Ballroom VI/VII

Luncheon

Tribute to the late Col. Leo K. Thorsness, Medal of Honor Recipient

Introduction, SSG Sal Giunta, (USA), MoH Recipient; Director of the Board, America's Warrior Partnership

Hanoi Hilton POW Fireside Chat, Col Wayne Waddell, USAF (Ret.) and Capt. Jim Warner, USMC and USN (Ret.)

Presentation of Leo K. Thorsness Leadership Award, Jay Town, Immediate Past Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, America’s Warrior Partnership

Recipient: Former President George W. Bush
Accepting on Behalf of President Bush, Col. Miguel Howe, USA (Ret.), The April and Jay Graham Fellow of the Military Service Initiative, George W. Bush Institute

1:35 pm – 1:50 pm

Break

1:50 pm – 2:40 pm

Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Education, Training, Employment and Entrepreneurship

- **Entrepreneurship: Challenges and Opportunities** (Panel)
Moderator: Misty Stutsman, Director, Center of Excellence for Veteran Entrepreneurship, Institute for Veteran and Military Families
- **The Changing Workforce: Skills Translation** (Panel)
Moderator: John Phillips, Vice President, VETLANTA; Founder Boots to Loafers
- **Community Integration: The Roles of Colleges and Universities** (Roundtable)
Moderator: Jared Lyon, President and CEO, Student Veterans of America
- **Character Does Matter in the Workplace** (Workshop)
Co-Presenters: Courtney Mitchell, Director of Development, Travis Manion Foundation and Janaia Nash, Southeast Regional Director, Travis Manion Foundation
- **Economic Mobility** (Panel)
Moderator: Rosye Cloud, Senior Advisor, Office of Economic Opportunity, US Department of Veterans Affairs

2:40 pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Regency Ballroom VI/VII

Keynote Address

Introduction – Jim Lorraine, President and CEO, America’s Warrior Partnership

One Mission, Chris Fussell, Former Navy SEAL Officer; Partner at McChrystal Group and Best-Selling *New York Times* Author

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Regency Ballroom VI/VII

General Session Bridging the Military-Civilian Divide - Understanding Perceptions of “Thank You for Your Service”

Moderated by: Bill Rausch, Executive Director, Got Your 6

- Garrett Cathcart, Southeast Director, Team Red, White and Blue
- Charlie Hall, Executive Director, Upstate Warrior Solution
- Jared Lyon, President and CEO, Student Veterans of America
- Ryan Manion, President, Travis Manion Foundation
- Marjorie Morrison, Founder and CEO, PsychArmor Institute

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Grand Hall West

“Debrief” Networking Reception in the Exhibit Hall

6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

President's Reception at the Georgia Aquarium
Music by Smoke Signals, Detachment 1, 282nd Army Band
(Additional Registration and Fees Required)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Registration

7:00 am – 12:00 pm
Grand Hall West

Exhibitors Open

7:00 am – 8:00 am
Grand Hall West

Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

8:00 am – 9:00 am
Regency Ballroom VI/VII

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

Moderated by Harriet Dominique, Senior Vice President, Corporate Responsibility and Community Affairs; President, USAA Foundation; President, The USAA Educational Foundation, USAA

- Kristen Cambell, Executive Director, Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE)
- John A. McCary, Program Officer, Onward Veterans, Schultz Family Foundation
- Lewis Runnion, Senior Vice President, Public Policy Director, Military Affairs, Bank of America
- Anne Yau, Vice President, Grants and Programs, UnitedHealth Group

9:00 am – 9:30 am
Regency Ballroom VI/VII

Keynote Address

Introduction - Lt. Gen. Mike Linnington, USA (Ret.), CEO, Wounded Warrior Project

The New Age of Serving Veterans - The Honorable Thomas G. Bowman, Deputy Secretary, US Department of Veterans Affairs

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Break

9:45 am – 10:35 am

Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Emerging Veteran Issues

- **What's New in Transition: An Interactive Forum with the Departments of Labor, Defense and Veterans Affairs** (Forum)
Co-Presenters: Ivan Denton, Director of National Programs, Department of Labor; Margarita Devlin, Executive Director, Veterans Benefits Assistance Service, US Department of Veterans Affairs and Karin Orvis, Director, Transition to Veterans Program Office, Department of Defense

- **Tiers of Need: Finding the Balance Between Empowerment vs. Entitlement** (Workshop) *Presenters:* Lauren Augustine, Director of Government Relations, Got Your 6 and Bill Rausch, Executive Director, Got Your 6
- **City Leader Roundtable: Lessons Learned from Building Community Networks** (Panel) *Moderator:* Elisha Harig-Blaine, Principal Housing Associate (Veterans and Special Needs), City Solutions and Applied Research, National League of Cities
- **Building Programming to Support and Serve Military and Veteran Women** (Roundtable) *Moderator:* Lt Col Erika Cashin, USAF and Co-Founder, Lean In Women Veterans
- **Advocacy Roundtable** (Roundtable) *Moderator:* Rene' Bardorf, Senior Vice President, Government & Community Relations, Wounded Warrior Project

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

- **The Role of Technology in the Veteran Space: How to Unlock the Potential of Data** (Panel) *Moderator:* Dannielle Pope, Director of Innovative Technology, America's Warrior Partnership
- **Insight Discovery** (Presentation) *Presenters:* Lauren Jenkins, Managing Director of Scout Insight and Vice President, ScoutComms and Kirstie Breland, Research Coordinator, ScoutComms
- **Engaging with Funders on a Community Level** (Panel) *Moderator:* Kate Soresstad, Program Director, Libraries, Northeastern PA and Veterans Grants, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation
- **Unexpected Issues and Best Practices in Your Community: Regional View from the Field** (Roundtable Discussion)
Facilitators: Jeanette Gilles, Deputy Director of Community Integration, America's Warrior Partnership and Denise Grant, Community Integration Manager, America's Warrior Partnership
- **StorYelling – Building Your Brand Externally and Internally** (Presentation)
Facilitators: Pat Ross III, Deputy Director, Field Operations, Team Rubicon USA and Bobbi Snethen, Communications Officer, Team Rubicon USA

11:50 am – 12:00 pm

Break/Lunch Seating

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Luncheon – Keynote Presentation

Introduction - The Honorable Tim McClain, Chairman, America's Warrior Partnership Board of Directors

Keynote Address - Our Calling – Leadership and Service, Gen. Paul Selva, USAF, 10th Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Closing Remarks – Jim Lorraine, President and CEO, America's Warrior Partnership