

THE AMERICAN LEGION

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION



February 24-28, 2024
WASHINGTON HILTON





Often, events with busy schedules and large amounts of people can be stressful for veterans, especially if the veterans are away from their homes and support networks.

VA&R recognizes the Washington Conference as an event that may cause feelings of stress or disruption and is proud to announce that two organizations accredited under Assistance Dogs International will be joining us at the Washington Conference.

These two organizations will be bringing dogs for companionship to our veterans in attendance.

Warrior Canine Connection is dedicated to supporting veterans through their Mission Based Trauma Recovery Model, in which veterans train service dogs that provide mobility and social assistance for other veterans with disabilities. Based in Boyd's, Maryland.

Mutts With a Mission is dedicated to restoring independence and freedom to veterans, wounded warriors, and others through the provision of service dogs. Based in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Dogs will be present at the following locations:

Sunday, February 25: TBI, PTSD, and Suicide Prevention Committee meeting, Monroe Room from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Monday, February 26: Concourse area from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. & Concourse area from 3-5pm

Both organizations will have trainers and informational areas for questions as well.

**PROGRAM FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION'S
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON HILTON**

**TBI/PTSD/SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING
MONROE, CONCOURSE LEVEL**

Sunday, February 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. OPENING REMARKS

William Kile (WV)

Vice Chairman

TBI/PTSD Suicide Prevention Committee, presiding

The American Legion

9:05 a.m. ROLL CALL

Andrew Petrie (DC)

Health Policy Analyst

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division

The American Legion

9:10 a.m. REMARKS

Dangers of Unregulated CBD Products

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Executive Director

Coalition for Access Now

10:00 a.m. REMARKS

Suicide Prevention

Paul Bertrand

National Capital Region Training and Delivery Manager

LivingWorks Education USA

Bryan Gibb

North American Suicide Prevention Manager

LivingWorks Education USA

10:50 a.m. REMARKS

Vietnam Survey Mortality Study
Dr. Jeanne Stellman
Epidemiologist and American Legion Consultant
TBI/PTSD Suicide Prevention Committee
Columbia University

11:20 a.m. CLOSED COMMITTEE BUSINESS

11:55 a.m. CLOSING REMARKS

William Kile (WV)
Vice Chairman
TBI/PTSD Suicide Prevention Committee
The American Legion

VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMISSION MEETING
MONROE, CONCOURSE LEVEL

Monday, February 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. OPENING SESSION

Autrey B. James (CA)
Chairman
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, presiding
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ROLL CALL

Tiffany Ellett (VA)

Director
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division
The American Legion

OPENING REMARKS

Autrey B. James (CA)

Chairman
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9:30 a.m. REMARKS

Lisa Williamson

President
American Legion Auxiliary

9:40 a.m. REMARKS

Donald "J.R." Hall

National Commander
Sons of The American Legion

9:50 a.m. REMARKS

VHA Innovation Ecosystem

Matthew Rowley

Community Builder
Office Of Health and Innovative Learning (OHIL)
Department of Veterans Affairs

10:25 a.m. REMARKS

Digital Medical Record Service for Veterans' Health Management

Chief Executive Officer

Eugene Luskin

Sync.MD

11:00 a.m. PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD

Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Award

Daniel J. Seehafer (WI)

National Commander
The American Legion

11:10 a.m. REMARKS

William Kile (WV)

Vice Chairman
TBI/PTSD Suicide Prevention Committee
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11:10 a.m. BREAKING REMARKS

Autrey B. James (CA)

Chairman
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11:30 a.m. LUNCH

12:50 p.m. RETURN FROM LUNCH

1:00 p.m. VA LEADERSHIP PANEL DISCUSSION

Jaime A. Areizaga-Soto

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Dr. Steve Lieberman

Deputy Under Secretary for Health
Veterans Health Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs

Michael Frueh

Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits
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2:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS/ ADJOURN

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