



2020 STATEWIDE SYMPOSIUM IN SUPPORT OF SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

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DAY 1 – SYMPOSIUM – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

0800 – 0900 <i>Registration – Breakfast – Exhibitors</i>							
0900 – 1015 INITIAL FORMATION – COTTONWOOD BALLROOM <i>Opening Ceremony Col (Ret) Wanda Wright, Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services Be Connected & Arizona Veteran Survey</i>							
1015 – 1045 BREAK <i>Refreshments, Exhibitors, Posters & Networking</i>							
	BREAKOUT ROOM	TRACK: Mil/Vet in AZ BRITTLEBUSH	TRACK: Legal, Vet Courts & Incarcerated Veterans CHIA	TRACK: Basic Needs, Benefits & Beyond – DESERT STAR	TRACK: Family Matters GOLDEN POPPY	TRACK: Clinical Practice & Skills OCOTILLO	TRACK: Caring for All Who Serve LARKSPUR
1045 - 1200	BRIEFING I <i>Choose one</i>	Military/Veteran 101 Chessa Emmons <i>Arizona Coalition for Military Families</i>	Veteran Law Year in Review Gregg Maxon <i>Law Office of Richard G. Maxon</i>	Increasing Access to VA: Mission Act Moderator: Todd Dahl <i>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</i>	LGBT Cultural Competence and Veteran Care Kelly Anne Wilde <i>Arizona Coalition for Military Families</i>	Intimate Partner Violence & the VA Strength at Home Program Kathryn Doyle <i>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</i>	Wounded Warriors & Families Panel Moderator: Kristin Musch, RN <i>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona</i>
1200 – 1315 LUNCH – Networking							
	BREAKOUT ROOM	BRITTLEBUSH	CHIA	DESERT STAR	GOLDEN POPPY	OCOTILLO	LARKSPUR
1315 - 1430	BRIEFING II <i>Choose one</i>	Navigating the VA Monica Cabrera & Cara Garcia, LCSW <i>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</i>	Justice-Involved Veterans & Substance Use Patricia George <i>City of Phoenix</i>	Beyond the Diagnosis: Recreation Therapy David Donaldson, U.S. <i>Department of Veterans Affairs & Courtney Smythe, Arizona Coalition for Military Families</i>	We Serve Too: Impact of the Veteran Experience on Family & Friends Moderator: Dena Hallman <i>U.S. Army</i>	Threat Assessment in the Clinical Setting Dr. Adriana Weyer, Dr. Alysha Teed & Justin Crawford, RN <i>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</i>	Caregiver Panel Moderators: Jackie Maffucci, Ph.D. & Kelly Mills Office of Senator Kyrsten Sinema
1430 - 1445 BREAK – Snacks							
	BREAKOUT ROOM	COTTONWOOD SOUTH	CHIA	DESERT STAR	GOLDEN POPPY	OCOTILLO	LARKSPUR
1445 - 1600	BRIEFING III <i>Choose one</i>	Decisive Action Rotation: A Military Experience (No, you can’t handle it!) David Donaldson <i>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</i>	Addressing and Reducing Barriers to Veteran Employment Chris Tafoya <i>Arizona Department of Economic Security</i>	Financial Literacy for Service Members, Veterans & Their Families MAJ Holly Brauer <i>Arizona Air National Guard</i>	Opioid Awareness & Prevention MSgt Tommy Morga & Sgt Deborah Stoks <i>Arizona National Guard Counter Drug Task Force</i>	From Isolation to Integration Adam McCray, U.S. <i>Department of Veterans Affairs & Patrick Zeigert, UnitedHealthcare</i>	Dementia & Alzheimer’s: Signs & Services
1600 - 1700 NETWORKING RECEPTION – SAGUARO DINING ROOM <i>Join us to network and connect with refreshments, music and gift basket giveaways</i>							



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DAY 2 – SYMPOSIUM – THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020							
0800 – 0900	<i>Registration – Breakfast – Exhibitors</i>						
0900 – 1000	GENERAL SESSION – COTTONWOOD BALLROOM <i>Arizona Roadmap to Veteran Employment</i>						
1000 – 1030	BREAK <i>Refreshments, Exhibitors, Posters & Networking</i>						
	BREAKOUT ROOM	TRACK: Rural & Tribal Veterans BRITTLEBUSH	TRACK: Veteran Employment & Careers CHIA	TRACK: Basic Needs, Benefits & Beyond DESERT STAR	TRACK: Faith & Spirituality GOLDEN POPPY	TRACK: Be Connected OCOTILLO	TRACK: Women Veterans LARKSPUR
1030 – 1145	BRIEFING IV <i>Choose one</i>	Be Connected Partner Community Panel Courtney Smythe <i>Arizona Coalition for Military Families</i>	Employer Engagement for Veteran Employee Wellness Randy Salazar <i>Arizona Coalition for Military Families</i>	State & Federal Benefits for Veterans Highlights Chrissy Hawn, <i>Arizona Department of Veterans' Services</i> & Monica Cabrera, <i>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</i>	Trauma-informed Care in Faith Communities Sanghoon Yoo, MSW, MDiv	How to Engage with Be Connected Kelly Anne Wilde <i>Arizona Coalition for Military Families</i>	Women Veterans Policy & Legislation Wanda Wright <i>Arizona Department of Veterans' Services</i>
1145 – 1300	LUNCH – Networking						
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1300 – 1415	BRIEFING V <i>Choose one</i>	Engaging Tribal Veterans Moderator: Thomas Winkel, MA, LPC <i>Arizona Coalition for Military Families</i>	Roadmap + Be Connected = AZ Pathways to Veteran Careers Randy Salazar <i>Arizona Coalition for Military Families</i>	Arts in Service: Building Camaraderie Laura Wilde <i>Mesa Arts Center</i>	Role of Faith Communities in Veteran Healing Moderator: Mike Wold <i>Franciscan Renewal Center Veterans Ministry</i>	Connecting Vulnerable Populations: A Dialogue & Models TJ Reed <i>Crisis Response Network</i>	Women Veterans in Leadership Panel Moderator: Wanda Wright <i>Arizona Department of Veterans' Services</i>
1415 – 1430	BREAK – Snacks						
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1430 – 1545	BRIEFING VI <i>Choose one</i>	Reaching Rural Veterans Through Partnership Jill Bullock & Joyce Hospadar <i>Arizona Center for Rural Health</i>	Employment of Guard & Reserve: USERRA and SCRA Brian Clauss <i>University of Arizona Law School Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic</i>	Student Veteran Panel Chessa Emmons <i>Arizona Coalition for Military Families</i>	Mindfulness & Meditation Jamie Valderrama, MAIS <i>Arizona State University</i>	The Connectors Panel: Navigator & Peer Support Providers Moderator: David Donaldson <i>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</i>	Self Defense Workshop Kimberly Bowen <i>Crisis Response Network</i>
1600 – 1630	AFTER ACTION REPORT (AAR) – COTTONWOOD BALLROOM <i>Wrap up & Raffle</i>						