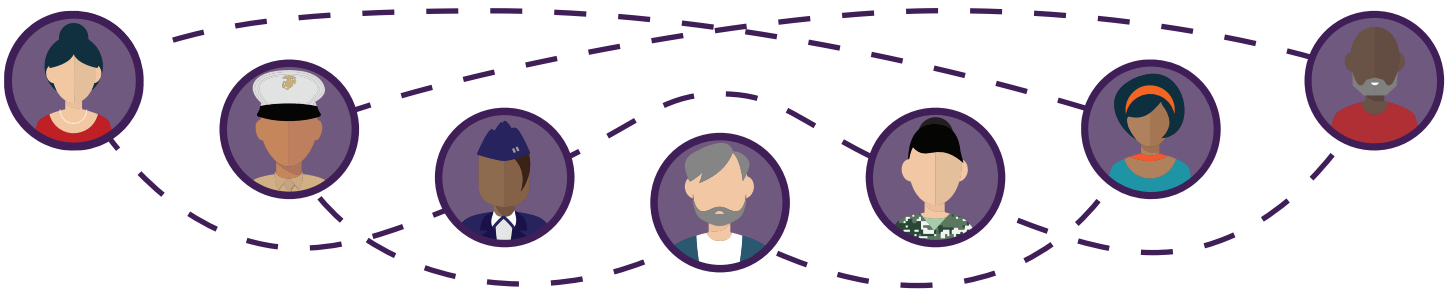


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**11th ANNUAL STATEWIDE
SYMPOSIUM**
IN SUPPORT OF SERVICE MEMBERS,
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11th Annual Statewide Symposium in Support of Service Members, Veterans and Their Families April 21 & 22, 2021 | Arizona

For ten straight years we gathered at Desert Willow Conference Center for the only annual conference in Arizona that brings together the military, government and community in support of all who serve and their families. The pandemic disrupted our 2020 event, so this year we welcome you to join us in the ACMF Virtual Conference Center for the 11th Statewide Symposium.



The format may be different, however the focus remains the same...connecting and learning to strengthen how we collectively care for, serve, support, employ, educate and assist the 500,000+ service members, veterans and their families that call Arizona home.

We are excited to welcome people to the event from around Arizona and beyond!

-The Symposium Planning Team

The Arizona Coalition for Military Families is a nationally-recognized public/private partnership focused on building Arizona's capacity to care for and support all service members, veterans, their families and communities. The initiatives of the Coalition are funded in part by the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, AHCCCS and other public and private sector stakeholders. Learn more about the work of the Coalition and our partners at: www.ArizonaCoalition.org

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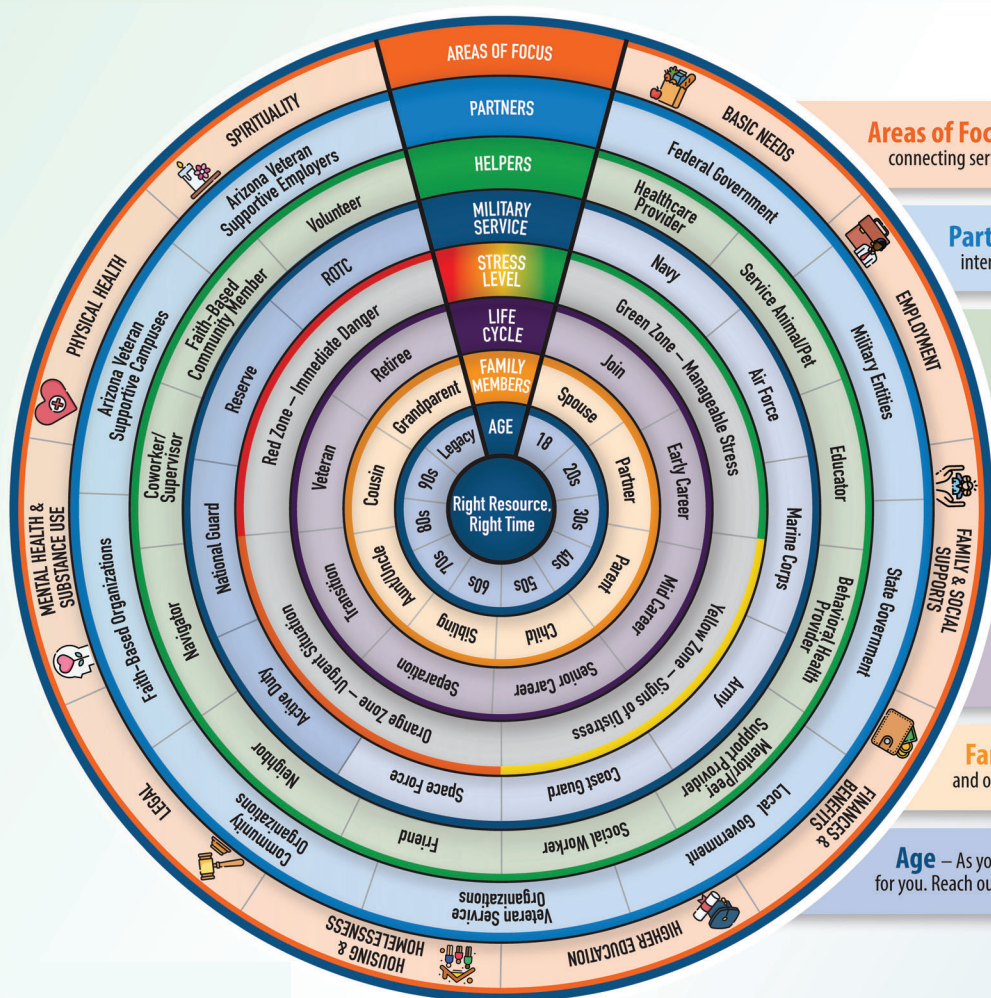
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DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021							
0800 - 0830	Log in to Virtual Conference Center Networking Visit Sponsors Go to the agenda for the link to your chosen breakout session						
0830 - 0930	GENERAL SESSION Opening Ceremony Be Connected Leadership Partners Ecosystem of Support						
0930 - 0940	BREAK - Transition to Breakout Session						
	TRACK	SMVF	SMVF	HELPERS	PARTNERS	TOPICS	COVID-19
0940 - 1025	Briefing I (Choose One)	Veteran Access to Transportation: Barriers & Solutions	Women Veterans	Mindfulness	Trauma Informed Care in Faith Communities	VA Q & A	The Impact of COVID-19 on the Military & Veteran Community
1025 - 1035	BREAK - Transition to Breakout Session						
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1035 - 1120	Briefing II (Choose One)	Parenting in a Pandemic	Reaching Rural Veterans	Secure Your Weapon: Firearm Safety	The Role of Faith Communities	Intimate Partner Violence & Family Violence	Self-Care and Well-Being
1120 - 1130	BREAK - Transition to General Session						
1130 - 1200	GENERAL SESSION - Forum Where We've Been & Where We're Going						

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DAY 2 - THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021							
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0830 - 0930	GENERAL SESSION Career Navigation Employer Spotlight Arizona Corporate Council on Veteran Careers						
0930 - 0940	BREAK - Transition to Breakout Session						
	TRACK	SMVF	SMVF	HELPERS	PARTNERS	TOPICS	COVID-19
0940 - 1025	Briefing I (Choose One)	Military Sexual Trauma	Opioid Use Disorders	VA Caregiver Support Program Updates	Employer Engagement to Support Veteran Success	Arizona's CDC High Risk Project	The Effects of COVID-19 on the Brain
1025 - 1035	BREAK - Transition to Breakout Session						
	TRACK	SMVF	SMVF	HELPERS	PARTNERS	TOPICS	COVID-19
1035 - 1120	Briefing II (Choose One)	VA Home Loans: Changes & Updates	Career Navigation	Warning Signs of Suicide & Steps to Take	Pathway to Be Connected Partnership	Bridging the Digital Divide	Vaccine Delivery to Veterans, Caregivers & Family Members
1120 - 1130	BREAK - Transition to General Session						
1130 - 1200	GENERAL SESSION - Forum Closing & Ways to Engage						

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SESSION SELECTION GUIDE

- Each day of the Symposium, participants are invited to join the virtual conference center.
- There are two general sessions each day.
- There are two breakout sessions each day. You are welcome to attend your selected session in any of the five tracks each day.
- Please see the event agenda for an overview of the entire schedule, and go to the [virtual conference center](#) for links to the general sessions and breakout sessions.
- Visit acmfeventcenter.org/presenters for brief bios on all our presenters.
- Sessions will be recorded and will be available to view on our website after the symposium.

The following pages have short descriptions of each briefing to help you plan your Symposium experience.

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Service Members, Veterans
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Veteran Access to Transportation - Barriers & Solutions

Chessa Emmons
Arizona Coalition
for Military Families

Track: SMVF

This session will focus on the transportation insecurity in the military and veteran community across the state of Arizona. In addition to having identified high-risk and increased-risk populations in a variety of communities, we will discuss barriers to transportation and solutions to those barriers, including improving service delivery, increasing access to resources and reducing stigma.

I am a _____ and a Woman Veteran

Sabrena Schmella
U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs

Col. Wanda Wright
Arizona
Department of
Veterans' Services

Track: SMVF

Attendees will get a better understanding of the journeys of women Veterans and fully recognize the value that they bring to their communities. This session will feature stories of transitioning from the military, workforce integration, accessing VA benefits and the importance of self-identification.

Magic of Mindfulness

Jamie Valderamma
Arizona State
University

Track: Helpers

Stress is increasingly gaining attention in the U.S. as well as around the world for its detrimental health effects. Simultaneously, mindfulness is gaining worldwide attention with the emergence of promising data showing how the simple act of being aware can deregulate the body's stress response leading to a happier and healthier life. This talk highlights the stress response physically and psychologically as well as applicable mindful practices to deregulate stressful triggers in our personal and professional lives.

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Trauma Informed Care in Faith Communities	
Rev. Sanghoon Yoo, MDiv, MSW The Faithful City Track: Partners	With a brief review of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) science, trauma informed care and community building movement, the session will discuss how to engage in faith communities, providing relevant and persuasive resources to support veterans and their families. The practical exercises and examples will also be offered by the Arizona Trauma Informed Faith Community (AZTIFC) and its collaboration with ACMF.

VA Q&A	
Eddie Fuenmayor U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Maggie Shewack Phoenix VA Health Care System Track: Topics	The VA offers a range of benefits and healthcare options for veterans statewide. This session will delve into the range of what is available and how to plug into benefits and care.

The Impact of COVID-19 on Military & Veteran Community	
Kristin Musch, RN-BC, CCM Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Shane Groen Arizona Housing Coalition Lauren Tomlinson St. Mary's Food Bank Track: COVID-19	COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on all communities statewide, including service members, veterans and their families. This session will explore that impact with perspectives from housing & homelessness and food insecurity organizations, including ways that organizations collaborated and adapted to continue to meet vital community needs amidst the pandemic.

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Parenting in a Pandemic	
Nicki Bartram, MBA, MC, LPC Arizona Coalition for Military Families Track: SMVF	Fear, uncertainty, and being quarantined at home to slow the spread of COVID-19 has made it tough for families to keep a sense of calm and order. This session will focus on discussion of practical and actionable tips to help steer you and your family through these ambiguous and challenging times.

Reaching Rural Veterans	
Aimee Backus Arizona Coalition for Military Families Track: SMVF	Service members, veterans and their families are an essential part of rural communities throughout Arizona. This session will explore the work being done in communities around the state to engage and serve this population. The session will also include an overview of the Rural Arizona Connects program and the VA's Together With Veterans program.

Secure Your Weapon: Strategies for Reducing Gun-Related Suicides Among Veterans	
Jon Perez, Ph.D. The NARBHA Institute Kelli Williams Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Track: Helpers	For someone who serves in the military, weapon safety is second nature. The Secure Your Weapon initiative enlists the help of all service members and veterans to promote proper weapon safety and storage in their homes and communities. Sharing that knowledge with the wider community can help save lives. This session will review current data in Arizona about gun-related deaths by suicide, with an emphasis on rural veterans, review new best practice approaches to working with veterans and identify community resources and partners for the campaign.

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The Role of Faith Communities in Serving Veterans

**Mike Wold, MS,
MBA**

Institute for Healing
of Memories North
America

Track: Partners

This session will focus on the important role that faith communities can play in supporting service members, veterans and their families and why they are so uniquely positioned to serve veterans. The session will feature an interview with Pastor Kate Adelman and her husband, Vietnam veteran, Parker Adelman of the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ. We will discuss the work that this faith community is doing to serve the Navajo community and the veterans and their families in their area.

Inviting Dialogue on Healthy Relationships and Intimate Partner Violence in the Age of COVID

Dr. Katherine Doyle
Phoenix VA Health
Care System

**Christopher
Guerrero, LCSW**
Southern AZ VA
Health Care System

**Beth Goldstein,
LCSW**
Northern AZ VA
Health Care System

Track: Topics

This seminar will offer an interactive opportunity to discuss the promotion of healthy families and creative solutions for addressing intimate partner violence in the context of COVID.

Self-Care and Well-Being

Marcy Newman
Phoenix VA Health
Care System

Track: COVID-19

This presentation will raise awareness of the Whole Health program that was started to empower and equip Veterans (and their families) so that they can take better care of themselves. The information will teach about self-care areas, complementary integrative health, mindful awareness and Mission, Aspiration and Purpose. Dr. Marcy will be sharing her expertise of acupuncture, yoga and iRest Yoga Nidra.

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Military Sexual Trauma - Services Across Systems & Sectors

Dr. Audrey Sessions-Spezzacatena, Psy.D

Phoenix VA Health Care System

Julie Borovik, LMFT

Northern AZ VA Health Care System

Kimberly Kordik, MACCJ

Veteran Benefits Administration

Track: SMVF

This session will focus on Military Sexual Trauma, including the services, support and benefits available through the VA. Topics will include the definition of MST, diagnoses and reactions, treatment and resources as well as eligibility and benefits.

Opioid Drug Trends in a COVID World

Stephanie Siete

Community Bridges, Inc.

Track: SMVF

Attendees will learn about the latest opioid drug trends including Rx painkillers, heroin and fentanyl. Drug use and overdose deaths are on the rise and opioids are responsible for taking the most lives as they cause respiratory arrest. COVID-19 attacks unhealthy lungs and impacts our ability to breathe as well. We will discuss the connection.

Secure Your Weapon: Strategies for Reducing Gun-Related Suicides Among Veterans

Carol Combs, LCSW

VA Medical Center

Amanda Mason, LCSW

Phoenix VA Health Care System

Track: Helpers

This session will provide an overview of the VA Caregiver Support Program to include the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) and Program of General Caregiver Support Services (PGCSS). Session will include criteria and enrollment process for both programs and will highlight benefits available to all caregivers enrolled in the PGCSS and PCAFC.

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Employer Engagement to Support Veteran Success	
Randy Salazar Arizona Coalition for Military Families Felicia Morales Arizona Coalition for Military Families Track: Partners	Service members, veterans, spouses and their family members are a valuable part of Arizona's workforce. More than 200 public and private sector employers have earned the voluntary Arizona Veteran Supportive Employer designation. Learn how the Be Connected team engages, equips and supports employers so they too can support veteran success in the civilian workplace.

From Responsive to Proactive: Arizona's CDC High Risk Project	
Nicola Winkel, MPA Arizona Coalition for Military Families Rachel Larson, PhD, CSCS,*D, TSAC-F Arizona State University Mary Saxon, MS Arizona State University Track: Topics	Over the past decade, the risk of suicide among Arizona veterans has been over 2x the rate of civilians. This disparity led to the creation of the Be Connected program in 2017, with a goal of upstream prevention for all Arizona service members, veterans & their families. As part of the evolution of Be Connected, in 2020 the team embarked on a project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to use existing data sources to better understand who in our community is at greatest risk. Using this data will allow for becoming more proactive in engaging and connecting those who need it most. This session will explore this new data tool and how Be Connected will continue to respond and reach out to prevent deaths by suicide.

Self-Care and Well-Being	
Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center Track: COVID-19	Acute and chronic neurologic symptoms such as headaches, confusion, loss of smell and taste, weakness, fatigue, depression, anxiety, and "brain fog" are known complications of COVID-19. These manifestations indicate significant nervous system involvement and require early and long-term neurologic assessment in order to provide comprehensive treatment of COVID-19 patients.

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VA Home Loans (Changes & Program Updates)

Jayson Bernal

U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs

Mary Ann Mills

U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs

Track: SMVF

VA helps service members, Veterans, and eligible surviving spouses to become homeowners by providing a home loan guaranty benefit and other housing-related programs and assisting them to buy, build, repair, retain, or adapt a home for their own personal occupancy. This session will provide information about program updates and changes.

Career Navigation

Randy Salazar

Arizona Coalition
for Military Families

Felicia Morales

Arizona Coalition
for Military Families

Track: SMVF

The Be Connected: Career Navigation program provides a comprehensive support system to all service members, veterans, spouses and family members who are seeking to advance, launch, redirect or restart their careers. The Career Navigation team provides end-to-end customized support to help each person reach their career goals. Join this session to learn more about how the team assists career seekers and connects them to Arizona Veteran Supportive Employers and opportunities.

Warning Signs of Suicide & Steps to Take

**Nicki Bartram, MBA,
MC, LPC**

Arizona Coalition
for Military Families

Track: Helpers

There is a stigma attached to suicide, therefore many people unnecessarily suffer alone and silently. The majority of those who have died by suicide have had a treatable mental health condition. The more we can talk about this "taboo" subject and learn to recognize the warning signs, the more we can be aware when someone is struggling and reach out to help. Join this session for a look at this sensitive but important topic.

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Pathway to Be Connected Partnership

Dee Person Arizona Coalition for Military Families

Aimee Backus

Arizona Coalition for Military Families

Track: Partners

The Be Connected Ecosystem includes hundreds of partner organizations statewide. What do they all have in common? They've made service and support of our military, veteran and family population a priority and partnered with the Arizona Coalition for Military Families. Learn more about Be Connected and the benefits and process of becoming a partner organization.

Bridging the Digital Divide with the Use of VA Video Connect and Peripherals

Valentin Rivish

VA Office of Connected Care

Leslyann Roose

Department of Veterans Affairs

Jeremy Chapman

Ironbow Technologies

Track: Topics

ATLAS (Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations) will be discussed - showcasing how VA has teamed up with Veteran Service Organizations, Philips North America and Walmart, to establish comfortable, private locations for Veterans to connect with their VA care team using video telehealth, particularly in communities where Veterans live far from a VA facility or have poor connectivity at home.

Vaccine Delivery to Veterans, Caregivers & Family Members

Kristin Musch, RN-BC, CCM

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona

Jim Johnson, MD, MEd

Northern Arizona VA Health Care System

Kristina De Los Santos, PharmD, BCPS

Southern AZ VA Health Care System

Leslie Lockridge Phoenix VA Health Care System

Paul Shannon

Arizona Department of Administration

Track: COVID-19

The COVID-19 vaccine is being distributed to communities statewide. This session will include representatives of all three VA Health Care Systems and the state of Arizona. The panel will provide updates on how the vaccine roll out is going around the state and a dialogue about success and challenges.



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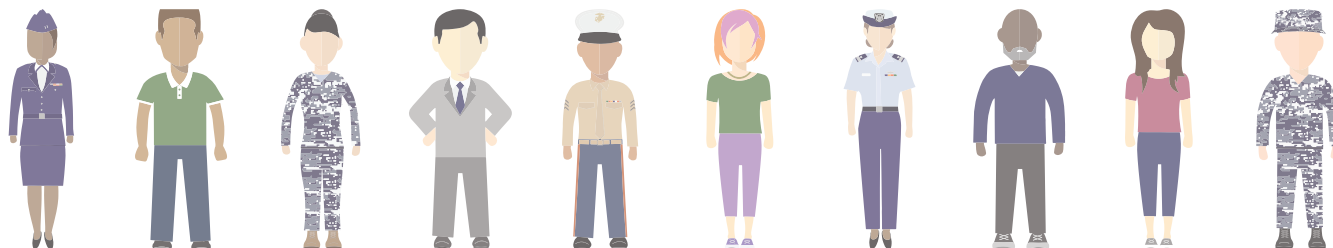
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