



2026 STATEWIDE SYMPOSIUM IN SUPPORT OF SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026							
0800 - 0900	Registration - Breakfast - Exhibitors						
0900 - 1030	GENERAL SESSION - COTTONWOOD BALLROOM Opening Ceremony Leadership Partners						
1030 - 1100	BREAK - Refreshments, Exhibitors & Networking						
	TRACK	AZ's MILITARY & VETERANS	BASIC NEEDS, BENEFITS & BEYOND	FAITH & SPIRITUALITY	TRIBAL FOCUS	EMPLOYMENT	COMMUNITY-BASED EFFORTS
	BREAKOUT ROOM	Golden Poppy	Desert Star	Ocotillo I	Chia	Brittlebush	Larkspur
1100 - 1215	BRIEFING I Choose one	The Importance of Veterans Treatment Court	Key State and Federal Benefits and Program Updates	Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care in Action	Cultural Competency in Serving American Indians	AZ Roadmap to Veteran Employment: Strategies to Attract and Retain Military Talent	Advocating for Veterans: Public Policy and Legislative Engagement
1215 - 1315	LUNCH - Networking						
	BREAKOUT ROOM	Golden Poppy	Desert Star	Ocotillo I	Chia	Brittlebush	Larkspur
1315 - 1430	BRIEFING II Choose one	Supporting Military-Connected Youth: Building Readiness, Connection, and Opportunities	The Be Connected Journey	The Intersection of Mental Health and Faith	The Warrior Tradition: Native Americans in the U.S. Military	Supporting Student Veterans	Empowering the Mil/Vet Community to Join & Advocate at a Community Level
1430 - 1445	BREAK - Snacks						
	BREAKOUT ROOM	Cottonwood South	Desert Star	Ocotillo I	Chia	Brittlebush	Larkspur
1445 - 1600	BRIEFING III Choose one	Military Immersion Training	Housing Support for Veterans in Flux	The Magic of Mindfulness	Ceremonial Practices for Health and Wellness	Growing Arizona's Military Talent Pipeline	Strength in Building and Sustaining Community Networks
1600 - 1700	NETWORKING RECEPTION - DINING ROOM Join us to connect and celebrate collaboration with refreshments, music, and gift basket giveaways.						



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DAY 2 - THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026							
0800 - 0900	Registration - Breakfast - Exhibitors						
0900 - 1030	GENERAL SESSION - COTTONWOOD BALLROOM						
1030 - 1100	BREAK - Refreshments, Exhibitors & Networking						
	TRACK	CHALLENGES & BARRIERS	HEALTH & WELLNESS	FAMILY & SOCIAL SUPPORTS	CLINICAL PRACTICE & SKILLS	ADVANCING SUICIDE PREVENTION	LET'S TALK: REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES
	BREAKOUT ROOM	Golden Poppy	Desert Star	Chia	Ocotillo I	Brittlebush	Larkspur
1100 - 1215	BRIEFING IV <i>Choose one</i>	Addiction and the Impact on the SMVF Community	Building an Integrative Veteran-Ready Network	Veteran & Family Resilience Through Peer and Mentorship Programs	Tribal Clinical Competencies	Arizona & Military Family Research Institute: Data Champion Project	Serving Beyond the City: Practical Approaches to Rural Support
1215 - 1315	LUNCH - Networking						
	BREAKOUT ROOM	Golden Poppy	Desert Star	Chia	Ocotillo I	Brittlebush	Larkspur
1315 - 1430	BRIEFING V <i>Choose one</i>	Building Financial Security in Military & Veteran Families	Healing Through Play: Recreational and Adaptive Therapy	Beyond Veterans: Identifying Gaps in Family Support Services	Resiliency Under Pressure: You Are Never Dead	Risk Factors & Prevention Measures for Transitioning Service Members	Homes for Heroes: Developing a 10-Year Strategic Plan for Veteran Homelessness
1430-1445	BREAK - Snacks						
	BREAKOUT ROOM	Golden Poppy	Desert Star	Chia	Ocotillo I	Brittlebush	Cottonwood - South
1445 - 1600	BRIEFING VI <i>Choose one</i>	How to Support Aging Veterans and Their Families	Whole Health for Veterans: Building a Personalized Path to Well-Being	Strengthening Support for Military and Veteran Spouses	Women Veterans and Suicide	From Data to Action	Housing & Homelessness: Addressing Challenges and Highlighting Programs
1600 - 1630	AFTER ACTION REPORT (AAR) - COTTONWOOD BALLROOM						