



2026 Serving Those Who Served Conference Program

Wenatchee Convention Center
121 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Wednesday, August 19

Time	Presentation or Session Title	Location
7:00am	Registration/Networking	Lobby
8:00am	Welcome, Presentation of Colors, and National Anthem Icebreaker and Plenary Remarks	Grand Apple Ballroom
	Breakout Session A	
10:15am	A1 VA Claims Processing and Outreach Updates	Fountain 2
	A2 Better Serving Those Who Have Served: Supporting Transition and Re-adjustment to Civilian Life, pt. 1*	Fountain 1
	A3 Veteran Employment Trends	Fountain 3
	A4 Arts Programming: A Pathway to Well-Being in the Military Community and SAP Grantee Panel	Blossom/Harvest
11:30am	Lunch provided in the Grand Apple Ballroom	
	Breakout Session B	
1:00pm	B1 Veteran Housing Programs	Fountain 2
	B2 Better Serving Those Who Have Served: Supporting Transition and Re-adjustment to Civilian Life, pt. 2*	Fountain 1
	B3 Tribal Veteran Engagement	Fountain 3
	B4 The Art of Care: An artREMEDIY Experience	Blossom/Harvest
	Breakout Session C	
2:45pm	C1 Creating Inclusive and Confident Support for LGBTQ+ Veterans	Fountain 2
	C2 Care Considerations for Women Veterans*	Fountain 1
	C3 Strategies for Success and Financial Capabilities	Fountain 3
	C4 Stories from Behind the Uniform Workshop	Blossom/Harvest
4:15pm	Conference adjourns for Day One	
5:00pm	Networking event at Pybus Public Market	

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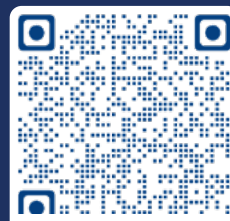
Thursday, August 20

Time	Presentation or Session Title	Location
7:00am	Registration/Networking	Lobby
8:00am	Keynote speaker: SEAC (Ret.) John Wayne Troxell	Grand Apple Ballroom
	Breakout Session D	
9:45am	D1 Veterans Legal Assistance	Fountain 2
	D2 Practical Strategies to Help with Daily Traumatic Brain Injury/Post Traumatic Stress Challenges*	Fountain 1
	D3 Paid Leave and Washington Saves for Veteran Families	Fountain 3
	D4 Beyond the Mission: Emotional Wellness for Veterans*	Blossom/Harvest
11:15am	Lunch on your own in the community	
	Breakout Session E	
12:30pm	E1 Removing Barriers to Success: How to Identify Civil Legal Problems and Find the Right Resources for Veterans	Fountain 2
	E2 Firearms, Culture, and Safety: Leaning into Uncomfortable Conversations*	Fountain 1
	E3 Serving Veterans with Reentry Barriers to Employment	Fountain 3
	E4 Stories from the Warrior Society	Blossom/Harvest
	Breakout Session F	
1:45pm	F1 VA Benefits Overview	Fountain 2
	F2 Conservation Psychology and Post Traumatic Growth*	Fountain 1
	F3 Driving Employment Outcomes in Rural Areas: Experienced, Informed Navigation for Stronger Employment Outcomes among Women Veterans	Fountain 3
	F4 Creative Writing and Service	Blossom/Harvest
3:00pm	End of conference	

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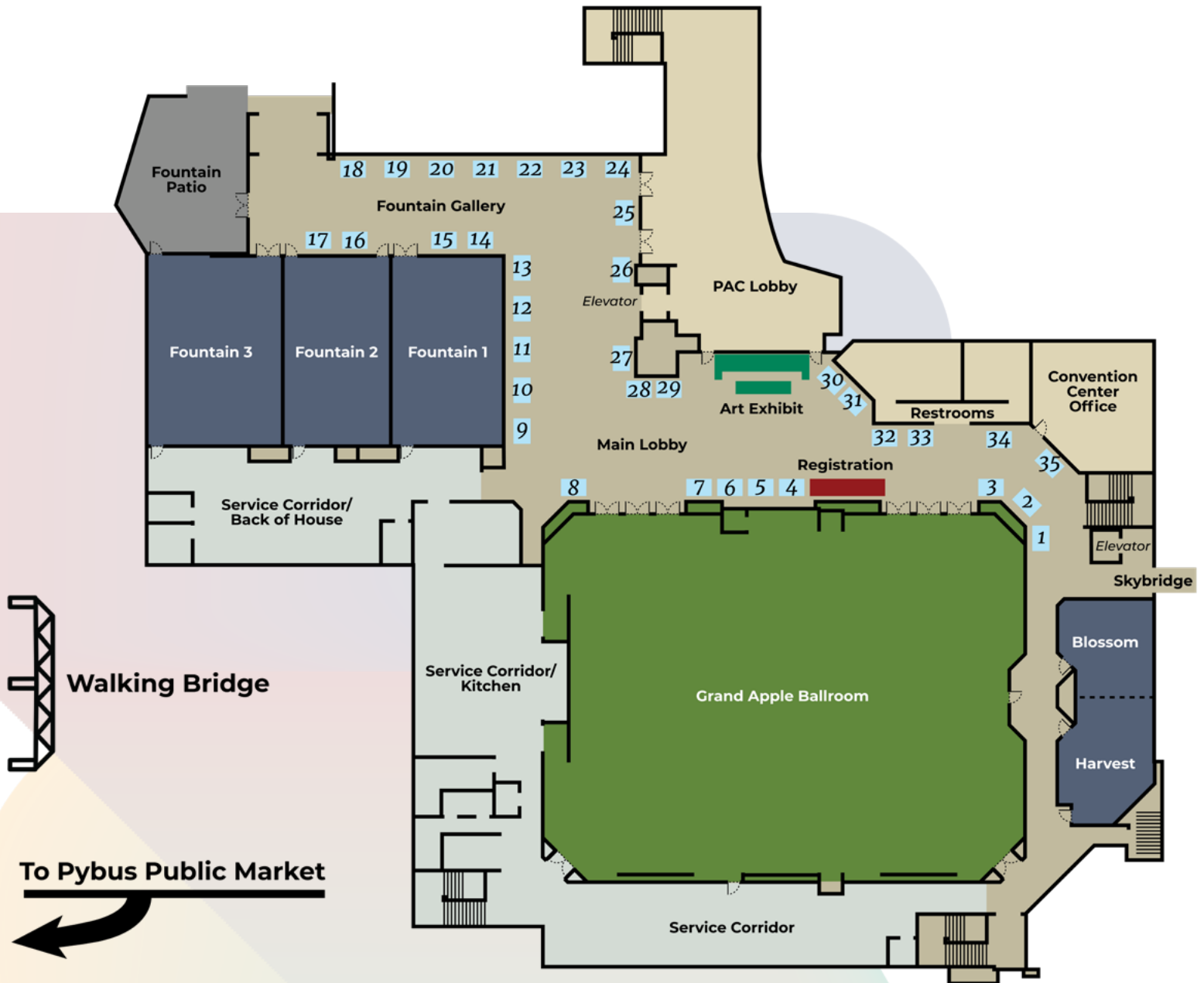
For more information on speakers, breakout sessions, associated presentations, a digital venue map, and more, scan this code or visit

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Resource Tables

1	Project Recover	19	Hounds 4 Heroes
2	Alzheimer's Association	20	Alathea Center for Equine-Assisted Therapies
3	Brain Education Strategies and Technology	21	United State Marine Corps Reserve - Marine for Life Program
4	Gold Star Families of Washington	22	The Military Reunion Network/ Reunion Assistance Fund
5	USAA	23	Support the Enlisted Project (STEP)
6	NineLine + VA Suicide Prevention	24	Bates Technical College
7	TBD	25	Northwest Justice Project
8	Office of the Secretary of State - Corporations and Charities Div.	26	Disabled American Veterans
9	VA Puget Sound Women Veterans Program	27	Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs
10	Medical Foster Home - VA Puget Sound Health Care System	28	Washington Service Corps
11	US Dept. of Veterans Affairs VBA	29	Washington State Employment Security Department
12	DOL - Community Engagement and Outreach	30	Next Mission Alliance
13	DSHS Division of Child Support	31	Angel Flight West
14	Washington SAVES Retirement Savings Program	32	Heroes Homestead
15	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	33	American Legion Post 10
16	Hope Source	34	Chelan County Veteran Service Officer - The Bunker
17	Hire Heroes USA	35	Family Resource Home Care
18	Hooves & Heroes		



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Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

The WDVA helps connect Veterans and their family members to the benefits and services earned through military service. WDVA offers long-term care in four State Veterans Homes for Veterans, spouses, widows of eligible Veterans, and Gold Star Parents. The agency's Veterans Services and Counseling and Wellness Divisions provide claims assistance and counseling services. The State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake honors Veterans, spouses, and eligible offspring in a final resting place. To learn more about how we connect Veterans and their families with earned benefits, visit dva.wa.gov.

Washington State Arts Commission

ArtsWA is the Washington State Arts Commission, a state government agency established in 1961. ArtsWA works to be a catalyst for the arts, advancing the role of the arts in the lives of individuals and communities throughout the state. Programs include Art in Public Places, Arts in Education, Grants to Organizations, Wellness, Arts, and the Military, and other special projects. For more information visit arts.wa.gov.

Washington State Employment Security Department

Employment Security manages two programs aimed at helping workers during transitions in their lives: Unemployment Insurance and Paid Family & Medical Leave. To learn more, [visit Employment Security's unemployment benefits page](#) and [the Paid Leave website](#).

The agency also is a major partner in Washington's workforce development system, WorkSource. [WorkSource provides priority service to Veterans transitioning to civilian life](#). Learn more about how Employment Security helps match those looking for work with employers seeking qualified workers at WorkSourceWA.com.



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Nineline Veteran Services

NineLine Veteran Services delivers evidence-based, client-centered care rooted in the social determinants of health. Founded and led by military veterans with lived experience in transitional support, mental health, and whole-person care, our all-military team bridges critical resources for service members, veterans, and their families across the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Through partnerships with local government, grassroots organizations, and public and private sector allies, NineLine serves as a rapid-response network standing ready for those who served. | <https://9linevets.org/>



Gold Star Families of Washington

Gold Star Families of Washington recognizes and honors the immeasurable sacrifices made by the families of fallen service members, known as Gold Star Families, who have lost a loved one while on Active Duty or in the battle at home, whether due to combat, training accidents, or other service-related causes. | <https://www.goldstarfamilieswashington.org>

USAA

USAA was founded on military values. We consider it a privilege to serve those who defend our country. Our unwavering commitment to serve with excellence means we work to support our members' changing needs today, tomorrow and for generations to come. We help military families protect what and who they love, and create a bright future through insurance, banking, advice and retirement solutions. | <https://www.usaa.com/>



Washington State Microenterprise Association

The WSMA builds capacity in Entrepreneur Support Organizations (ESOs), to ensure that Washington's smallest businesses have access to the business tools, resources and financing they need to innovate, grow and flourish. WSMA provides ESOs with grants, training, technical assistance, and coordinated referrals through our Evergreen BizLink navigator to connect them with aspiring and established microenterprises. BizLink is a hub for business technical assistance,

tools and financing 24/7 as well as a free resource navigator, connecting you to nonprofit partners all across Washington State! |

<https://www.wamicrobiz.org>

Come out and build a little community!



Beat the heat, indoors and after hours!

Meet representatives from the host agencies, your favorite presenters, and other attendees at the official networking event on **Wednesday afternoon**, hosted inside the Pybus Public Market.

3 N Worthen St., Wenatchee, WA 98801

Walking there? Head east across the walking bridge next to the Convention Center, then turn right. Pybus Public Market is ~2 blocks south.

Food, refreshments, and friends old and new, brought together thanks to our sponsors:



American Legion
Post 10



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Sweetwood BBQ



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