

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

Saturday, Sept 27, 2025

<b>8:00 am - 9:00 am</b>	<b>Women Veteran Check-In</b>	<b>Lobby</b>	<b>Morning/Afternoon Workshop Breakouts</b>
Check-in and Exhibitor visits, coffee, and tea			<i>Each workshop will be presented in the morning and afternoon sessions.</i>
<b>9:05 am - 10:05 am</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	
Opening Ceremonies and Speaker ODVA Director, Dr. Nakeia Council Daniels, U.S. Army Veteran			<b>Workshop 1: CASCADE D</b> Navigating Disability Compensation after Military Sexual Trauma (MST)  Presented by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Portland Regional Office.
<b>10:05 am - 10:30 am</b>	<b>General Session 1</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	
Speaker Brigadier General (Ret.) Erin McMahon, Director, Oregon Department of Emergency Management			
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Break and Exhibitor Visits</b>	<b>Ballroom, Hallways, Lobby</b>	
<b>11:00 am - 11:50 am</b>	<b>Morning Breakout Session 1</b>	<b>Cascade Breakout Rooms</b>	<b>Workshop 2: CASCADE A</b> Women Veterans Health Care Program  Presented by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Women Veterans Program Managers, VISN 20.
Your choice of workshops. Each workshop will be presented in the morning and repeated in the afternoon (see workshop list).			
<b>12:00 - 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Sponsored by Oregon Lottery</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	
Speaker Oregon Lottery Presentation			
<b>1:30 pm - 2:50 pm</b>	<b>General Session 2</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	<b>Workshop 3: CASCADE C</b> Connecting and Healing after Trauma  Dual breakout session presenting the Clothesline Project, Lonnamae Ladke, Women's & Gender Diverse and Mental Health Specialty Team Manager, VA Portland Health Care System. Joined by Elizabeth A. Estabrooks, MSW, and published author, <i>Broken in the Stronger Places</i> .
Video Message President, Military Women's Memorial, Ms. Phyllis Wilson, U.S Army (Ret.)  Speakers Executive Director, Oregon Firearm Safety Coalition, Donna-Marie Drucker Founder and CEO, Women Veterans Alliance, Melissa Washington, U.S. Navy Veteran			
<b>3:00 pm - 3:50 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Breakout Session 2</b>	<b>Cascade Breakout Rooms</b>	
Your choice of workshops (see workshop list).			
<b>3:50 pm - 4:05 pm</b>	<b>Break and Exhibitor Visits</b>	<b>Ballroom, Hallways</b>	
<b>4:10 pm - 4:40 pm</b>	<b>General Session 3</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	<b>Workshop 4: CASCADE J</b> Panel Discussion - Women Veterans Community Partnerships  Presented by Together <u>With</u> Veterans Central Oregon, Reville and Retreat Project, NAMI Multnomah, Women Veterans Alliance, PNW Veteran Sisters, and Dauntless Veteran Foundation.
Closing Speaker Major General (Ret.) Constance J. Jenkins, U.S. Air Force			
<b>4:40 pm - 4:55 pm</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	
Raffle, closing remarks, and retiring of the Colors.			
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Conference Adjourned</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	