

2019 Mid-Winter Conference
February 24 – 27, 2019

Embassy Suites, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314 | 1-703-684-5900

Focus of Conference: Business and Committee Meetings, Networking, Sponsor and Vendor Engagement, Senior VA Presenters, Visiting Congressional Offices, Pillars of Excellence, MOA, and Congressional Testimony

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Registration and Information
Pre-function Area **Martha Garcia (OR)**, NASDVA Assistant Treasurer
Lisa Narciso (WA), Washington DVA
- 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Executive Committee Meeting
Carlyle Room **Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA)**, NASDVA President
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** New Directors Orientation
Carlyle Room Conference Agenda, NASDVA By-Laws and Website
John Hilgert (NE), NASDVA Sr. Vice President
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Committee/Subcommittee Meetings
Salon B/C **Committee Chairs**
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** President's Reception with Open Bar
Mason Room **Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA)**, NASDVA President 2018-2019
Sponsor: **HMR Veterans Services Inc.**, **Bill Biggs** President

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

- 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Registration and Information
Pre-function Area **Martha Garcia (OR)**, NASDVA Assistant Treasurer
Lisa Narciso (WA), Washington State DVA
- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.** NASDVA Opening Ceremony
Salon B/C
- Welcome
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA), NASDVA President
- Presentation of Colors
DC National Guard Honor Guard (Pending)
- Pledge of Allegiance
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA), Senior Vice President
- Invocation
Joey Strickland (LA), NASDVA Past President

Roll Call
Gary Harter (UT), NASDVA Secretary

Introduction of Sponsors and Vendors
Les Beavers, NASDVA Executive Director

9:00– 9:30 a.m.
Salon B/C Business Meeting (NASDVA Members and invited Subject Matter Experts)
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA), NASDVA President

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Committee Breakout Sessions:
Break TBD by Committee Chair

Salon B/C Veterans Benefits Subcommittee
Mike Roby (GA), Chair

Salon B/C Memorial Affairs, Outreach and Homelessness Subcommittee
Francisco Urena (MA), Chair

Executive Rm 204 Veterans Health Care Subcommittee
Kat Miller (NV), Chair

Maymount State Veterans Homes Subcommittee
Grace Link (MO), Chair

Carlyle Room Veterans Transition and Employment
Gary Harter (UT), Chair

Executive Rm 304 Women Veterans
Wanda Wright (AZ), Chair

Executive Rm 404 Minority Veterans
Joey Strickland (LA), Chair

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Salon B/C Committee Reports, Congressional Testimony Edits
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA), NASDVA President

11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Mason Room Luncheon NASDVA Veterans “Advocate of the Year” Award
Awardee: Name to be Announced at the Luncheon
Speakers: NASDVA President and Awardee
Sponsors: MOPH Service Foundation, Bill Wroolie, Chairman of the Board
and **Prudential, Chuck Sevola Jr.**, VP Veterans Initiatives, Prudential Financial Inc.

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.
Salon B/C Veterans Experience Office (VEO) Update
Lynda Davis, PhD, Chief Veterans Experience Officer

1:45 – 2:30 p.m.
Salon B/C Memorial Affairs Update
Randy Reeves, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, USDVA

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.
Salon A Break
State Directors network with Sponsors and Vendors

- 2:45 – 3:20 p.m.**
Salon B/C Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization
John Windom, Executive Director, OEHRM
- 3:20 – 3:55 p.m.**
Salon B/C Community Care Update
Dr. Kameron Matthews, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community Care
- 3:55 – 4:30 p.m.**
Salon B/C SBA Office of Veterans Business Development
Larry Stubblefield, Associate Administrator, OVBD
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
Maymount Oral Testimony Preparation
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA),

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

- 8:00 – 8:10 a.m.**
Salon B/C Conference Update and Announcements
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA), NASDVA President
- 8:10 – 8:30 a.m.**
Salon B/C Office of Transition and Economic Development
Cheryl Rawls, Executive Director, OTED
- 8:30 – 9:05 a.m.**
Salon B/C Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act
Cheryl L. Mason, Chair, Board of Veterans' Appeals (pending)
- 9:05 – 9:40 a.m.**
Salon B/C VA Office of Enterprise Integration
Melissa Glynn PhD, Assistant Secretary for Enterprise Integration (pending)
- 9:40 – 9:55 a.m.**
Salon A Break
State Directors network with Sponsors and Vendors
- 9:55 – 10:30 a.m.**
Salon B/C VHA Vet Center Program
Michael Fisher, Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer
- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.**
Salon B/C Veterans Benefit Administration Update
Paul R. Lawrence PhD, Under Secretary for Benefits
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m.**
Salon B/C Department of Agriculture Veterans Programs
Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary
- 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Lunch on your own and Congressional Office visits

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

- 8:00 – 8:02 a.m.**
Salon B/C Conference Update and Announcements
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA), NASDVA President
- 8:03 – 8:25 a.m.**
Salon B/C USA Vietnam War Commemoration Update
MG James T. Jackson USA Ret., Director, Vietnam War Commemoration

- 8:25– 9:00 a.m.**
Salon B/C
VA Suicide Prevention Program
Keita Franklin, PhD, VA National Director of Suicide Prevention (pending)
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**
Salon B/C
Veterans Health Administration Update
Richard A. Stone MD, Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration
- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m.**
Salon A
Break
State Directors network with Sponsors and Vendors
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**
Salon B/C
USDVA Secretary Update, Pillars of Excellence Awards
Signing MOA, and Group Photo
Honorable Robert L. Wilkie, USDVA Secretary
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m.**
Salon B/C
Conference Closing Remarks/AAR
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos (WA), NASDVA President
- Post Conference Meetings:*
- 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.**
Strategic Planning
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, NASDVA President
NASDVA Executive Committee

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

- 8:00 – 3:00 p.m.**
Strategic Planning Continued
Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, NASDVA President
NASDVA Executive Committee