

NASDVA Annual Convention August 12 - 15, 2018
The Colonnade Hotel
120 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02116 | 1-617-424-7000

Focus of conference: Sponsor and Vendor Engagement, Opioid Epidemic, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Healing invisible Wounds of War (TBI and Concussions), VA Updates, and Installation of NASDVA Officers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12th (Casual Attire)

- 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.** Registration and Information
Marble Foyer **Martha Garcia (OR), Volunteer Support (MA)**
- 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Executive Committee Meeting
Braemore/Kenmore **Verdie Bowen (AK), NASDVA President**
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** New Directors Orientation
Braemore/Kenmore **Alfie Ramos (WA), NASDVA Sr. Vice President**
- 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Gather for 4:30 p.m. transport to Presidents Reception
Lobby **Francisco Urena (MA), Secretary, MA Department of Veterans Affairs**
Bob Notch, Chairman, Convention Planning Committee
- 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.** President's Reception (**Business Casual Attire**)
USS Constitution **Verdie Bowen (AK), NASDVA President 2017-2018**
Sponsor: HMR, Inc. and USS Constitution Museum
- 5:45 – 7:45 p.m.** Commandant's House and Museum Tours
Commandant's Lawn Group Photo and Ship Tour
USS Constitution
- 7:49 p.m.** Evening Colors with Cannon
USS Constitution

MONDAY, AUGUST 13th (Business Attire)

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Registration and Information
Marble Foyer **Martha Garcia (OR), Volunteer Support (MA)**
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast
Boston Ballroom **Sponsor: Orcutt Winslow Architects**
Speaker: Mike Kolejka, Associate Partner
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.** NASDVA Opening Ceremony
Huntington II & III NASDVA Welcome
Verdie Bowen (AK), NASDVA President
- Massachusetts Welcome
Francisco Urena (MA), Secretary, MA Department of Veterans Affairs

Presentation of Colors

USS Constitution Color Guard

Alfie Alvarado (WA), NASDVA Sr. Vice President

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

Julie Proe, Director, Special Events for the SSG Matthew A. Pucino Memorial Foundation

John Hilgert (NE), NASDVA Jr. Vice President

Post the Colors and Invocation

TBD, (VSO Chaplain)

Les Beavers, NASDVA Executive Director

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Huntington II & III

Business Meeting, Roll Call and District Caucuses (**Separate Agenda**)

Verdie Bowen (AK), NASDVA President

Gary Harter (UT), NASDVA Secretary

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Foyer I-III

Break - State Directors Network with Sponsors and Vendors

Sponsor: VetraSpec a product of Dataspec, Inc.

Ann Graham and Tina Roff

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Huntington II & III

Business Meeting Cont'd

District Caucuses Reports, Resolutions and Election of Officers

Verdie Bowen (AK), NASDVA President

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Boston Ballroom

Luncheon

Sponsor: Morgan Stanley

Speaker: Jeff McMillan, Managing Director

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Huntington II & III

Opioid Epidemic

Ben Cluff, Veterans Service Coordinator, MA Department of Public Health

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Huntington II & III

Addiction Services

TBD, North Suffolk Mental Health

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Huntington II & III

Housing Unit for Military Veterans (HUMV) Program

Peter Koutoujian, Middlesex County Sheriff

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Foyer I-III

Break - State Directors network with Sponsors and Vendors

Sponsor: JN Phillips Auto Glass

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Huntington II & III

Home for Veterans

Andrew McCawley, New England Center and Home for Veterans

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Huntington II & III

Fair Housing for Veterans

Richard Bettencourt, President, National Associate of Mortgage Brokers

3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Huntington II & III

TBD

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Huntington II & III

Conference Recap and Announcements

Verdie Bowen (AK), NASDVA President

- 5:15 – 5:30 p.m.**
Lobby

Gather for 5:30 Bus Departure
Francisco Urena (MA), MA Department of Veterans Affairs
Bob Notch, Chairman, Convention Planning Committee
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**
Seaport World Trade Center Pier

Social / Networking Dinner Cruise (Casual Attire)
Sponsor: National Association of Mortgage Brokers and Bay State Cruise Co.
Speaker: Richard Bettencourt, NAMB President

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14th (Business Attire)

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**
Marble Foyer

Information and Business Office
Martha Garcia (OR), Volunteer Support (MA)
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**
Boston Ballroom

Breakfast
Sponsor: PCG Human Services
Speaker: TBD
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

VA Boston Healthcare System
Dr. Vincent Ng, Director, VA Boston Healthcare
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

VA Regional Office
Brad Mayes, Director, VA Benefits Boston, Manchester & White River
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

inTransition
TBD, DoD Psychological Health Center of Excellence
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

Suicide Prevention Services
TBD, Samaritans
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.**
Foyer I-III

Break - State Directors network with Sponsors and Vendors
Sponsor: The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts
- 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

VA Suicide Prevention
Dr. Keita Franklin, National Director VA Veteran Suicide Prevention
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

Maine Suicide Awareness and Prevention
Adria Horn, Director, Maine Bureau of Veterans Services
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
Boston Ballroom

Luncheon
Sponsor: Prudential
Speaker: TBD
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.**
Huntington II & III

Treating Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders
TBD
- 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.**
Huntington II & III

VA Concussion Research
Dr. Thor Stein, Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.**
Huntington II & III

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
TBD

- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.**
Foyer I-III

Break - State Directors network with Sponsors and Vendors
Sponsor: The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts
- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.**
Huntington II & III

DOJ Service-members and Veterans Initiative
TBD, U.S. Attorney's Office
- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.**
Huntington II & III

Home Base
Jack Hammond, Executive Director
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m.**
Lobby

Gather for 4:30 departure to Fenway Park (Casual Attire)
Francisco Urena (MA), Secretary, MA Department of Veterans Affairs
Bob Notch, Chairman, Convention Planning Committee
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**
Fenway Park

Tour of Fenway Park
Sponsor: TBD
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
Fenway Park

Reception
Sponsor: TBD (Boston Red Sox Foundation)
- 8:30 – 10:30 p.m.**
Fenway Park

Movie (optional) or travel back to The Colonnade Hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH (Business Attire)

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**
Marble Foyer

Information and Business Office
Martha Garcia (OR), **Volunteer Support (MA)**
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**
Boston Ballroom

Breakfast
Sponsor: Unite US
Speaker: Taylor Justice, Co-Founder and President
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

National Wounded Vet Run
Andrew Biggio, Boston Wounded Vet Run
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

Engagement Approach by Team Red White and Blue
JJ Pinter, Executive Director, Team RWB
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

The Vet Center Program
Michael Fisher, Chief Officer, The Readjustment Counseling Service
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.**
Foyer I-III

Break - State Directors network with Sponsors and Vendors
Sponsor: TBD
- 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

Family Caregivers
TBD, Elizabeth Dole Foundation
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.**
Huntington II & III

Memorial Affairs and VCGP 40th Anniversary
Randy Reeves, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs

- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Luncheon
Boston Ballroom
Sponsor: Panoramic Software
Speaker: Jeff Von Waldburg, President and CEO
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.** MA Casualty Response
Huntington II & III
Sarah Sweeney, Military Friends
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** **TBD**
Huntington II & III
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.** Break - State Directors network with Sponsors and Vendors
Foyer I-III
Sponsor: TBD
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.** VA Secretary's Update
Huntington II & III
Robert Wilkie, Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m.** Closing Remarks and Announcements
Huntington II & III
Verdie Bowen (AK), NASDVA President
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Welcome Reception and Group Photo **(Business Attire)**
Colonnade Ballroom
Sponsor: Brighton Marine
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Installation Banquet
Colonnade Ballroom
Verdie Bowen (AK), NASDVA President
Sponsor: Brighton Marine
Speaker: Michael Dwyer, President and CEO

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16ST (Casual Attire)

- 8:30 – 12:00 p.m.** Executive Committee Meeting
Braemore/Kenmore
NASDVA President 2018-2019