

Governor Tim Pawlenty's Minnesota Veteran's Summit

Let's Go...Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Addressing the Needs of Returning Combat Veterans and Their Families

"This summit will be a chance for us to come together as a whole state to address the needs of veterans and their families. Our goal is simple and straightforward: we want to make Minnesota the national leader in providing services to those who have fought bravely for our country." Governor Tim Pawlenty



This one-day summit will provide reintegration information and resources to those who shape state policy and provide services to veterans and their families. Government, private-sector and non-profit organizations, as well as veterans and their families are invited to attend.



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Minneapolis Convention Center

September 21, 2006

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m....Summit

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m....Veteran's Fair

Come and share your expertise at our interactive workshops. Have a direct impact on shaping policy and improving the delivery of services and resources for veterans.

Register on-line at: www.mdva.state.mn.us/vetssummit

Summit Mission Statement

To make Minnesota a national leader in the successful reintegration of soldiers and veterans back into their families and their communities.

This one-day summit will use interactive discussions and workshops to:

1. Open up dialogue among policy makers, service providers and veterans.
2. Acquaint participants with available veterans' services.
3. Identify best practices, roadblocks and gaps in service.
4. Capture feedback and provide information and direction to policy makers.
5. Develop goals that will make Minnesota more veteran friendly.

Agenda

7:30-7:50	Registration and Networking Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:15	Welcome - Comm. Dyrud Posting of the Colors-U.of M. ROTC National Anthem: 34th Division Band Invocation
8:15-8:45	Governor's Keynote Address Governor Pawlenty
8:45-9:00	Break
9:00-9:45	Guest Speaker
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-10:45	Family and Veterans Perspectives
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	Workshops 1-10
12:00-1:00	Brown Bag Q&A Session
1:00-1:45	Workshops 11-20 Break
2:00-2:45	Workshop 1-10 Break
3:00-3:45	Workshop 11-20 Break
4:00-4:25	A Call to Action
4:25-4:30	Retire the Colors

Workshops

1. Homeless and Housing—Meeting the Needs of Returning Veterans
2. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
3. Traumatic Brain Injury
4. Higher Education
5. Tricare—Why Tricare is Important to Military Families
6. Faith-based Recovery Support Services
7. Marriage and Family Therapist Services—Meeting the Needs of the Family and Children.
8. Employment/Employer Support of Guard and Reserves (ESGR)
9. Law Enforcement/Legal and Legislative
10. Resources to Combat Addictive Behaviors—Chemical Abuse and Gambling
11. County Veteran Service Officer/Veterans Administration (VA) Benefits and Healthcare
12. Family Programs—Operation Military Kid
13. Veterans Service Organizations
14. Veteran Centers
15. Combat Operational Stress
16. Outreach and Communication
17. Sexual Trauma
18. Parent Education
19. Reintegration—Warrior to Citizen Soldier

Veterans' Fair

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Over 30 Exhibitors
Activities for Kids
(No child care provided)

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