

THE AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER'S 12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 12-14 -WASHINGTON, DC

LOCATIONS OF EVENTS:

See schedule for times

Thursday, November 12 Reception & Screening and November 13 & 14 Speaker Sessions:

U.S. Navy Memorial
Naval Heritage Center
701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 123
Washington, DC 20004

Friday, November 13 Reception for our Wounded Warriors:

Army & Navy Club
901 17th St NW
Washington, DC 20006
Note: Coat and Tie required

Saturday, November 14

12th Annual Awards Banquet:

Renaissance Washington DC Hotel
999 9th St NW
Washington, DC 20001
Note: Black Tie Optional

*Bus transportation will be available from the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel to all off-site events.
The buses will pick up/drop off at _____.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00 PM - EXCLUSIVE RECEPTION & SNEAK-PREVIEW SCREENING OF *WWII IN HD*,
THE UPCOMING MINI-SERIES PRODUCED FOR HISTORY BY LOU REDA PRODUCTIONS
- U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL'S ARLEIGH BURKE THEATER (*Reception at 6:00, Screening at 7:00*)

Featuring -

Col. Jimmie Kanaya - Veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat team

Shelby Westbrook - Decorated pilot of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen

Jack Yusen - U.S. Navy vet and survivor of the sinking of the USS Samuel Roberts in the Battle of Leyte Gulf

Note: Bus transportation available from Renaissance Hotel to Navy Memorial - departs 5:30 PM - Returns following event.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SPEAKER SESSIONS AT THE U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL - SESSIONS BEGIN AT 8:30 AM

Buses from Renaissance Washington Hotel depart at 7:45 AM

8:30 AM - "SEABEES & CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS: CAN-DO!"

Featuring a panel of Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps officers who have recently served in Iraq and Afghanistan in various assignments, coinciding with the Navy Memorial's special exhibit, "The Year of the Seabees & Civil Engineer Corps."

Featuring:

CDR Paul Odenthal, CEC, USN

CDR John J. Adametz, CEC, USN

LT Ryan W. Thrun, CEC, USN

LTJG Christopher Fairfield, CEC, USN

Senior Chief Builder Cloves E. Tennis, USN

Moderated by:

CAPT Kathryn Donovan, CEC, USN

9:30 AM - A CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL DAVID H. PETRAEUS

Commander, U.S. Central Command and former Commanding General of MNF-Iraq
Featuring Q&A with the audience, moderated by **Michael O'Hanlon**, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution.



Note: Courtesy bus transportation back to Renaissance from Navy Memorial available - Departs 10:45 AM.

10:45 AM - WWII: HEROES OF THE AIR

Featuring:

Col. Clarence "Bud" Anderson - Triple-Ace pilot in the European Theater of World War II, and one of the top American aces of the war

Maj. Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk - Navigator of the Enola Gay, the B-29 Superfortress that deployed the first atomic bomb over Hiroshima.



11:35 - THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA

Featuring:

Col. Frank C. Caldwell - Commanding Officer of F Co., 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines, which suffered the highest KIA rate of any unit in Marine Corps history. Awarded the Navy Cross.

Ralph K. Griffiths - Veteran of E Company, 28th Marines - the company that took Mt. Suribachi and raised the flags.

Donald Mates & James White - Veterans of the 3rd Marine Division, sent on a patrol to locate Japanese spigot mortar positions before coming under heavy attack from the Japanese.

12:40 - LUNCH

1:25 - BLACK HAWK DOWN: THE BATTLE OF MOGADISHU

Featuring:

Sergeant Matthew Eversmann - U.S. Army Ranger and leader of Chalk 4, portrayed in the film *Black Hawk Down*.

Keni Thomas - Former U.S. Army Ranger and decorated veteran of Mogadishu; served as a consultant for the film *Black Hawk Down* and is currently a motivational speaker and Billboard-charting country singer.

Note: Courtesy bus transportation from Renaissance to Navy Memorial available - Departs 1:30 PM.

2:20 - TODAY'S LEADERS

Featuring young veterans and active duty service members who have risen to positions of leadership in their short careers

Including:

Nathaniel Fick - Veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan and author of the best-selling book *One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer*, currently CEO of the Center for a New American Security.

Captain Walter Bryan Jackson - 2005 West Point graduate and recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3:15 - OPENING DOORS: THE ARMY NURSE CORPS & THE SERVICE OF WOMEN

Featuring:

Evangeline Coeyman - U.S. Army nurse during World War II, following Gen. Patton's Army across Europe.

Lt. Colonel Sharon Stanley-Alden - Active duty U.S. Army nurse who served during the Vietnam War.

Captain Linda Wert - U.S. Army nurse, having served during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

4:15 PM - WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL

Note: Bus returning to Renaissance departs at 4:45 PM.

EVENING EVENT: 7:00

RECEPTION AT THE ARMY & NAVY CLUB IN HONOR OF OUR
WOUNDED WARRIORS FROM WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

With Special Guests, Recipients of the Medal of Honor - *Coat and tie reequired at the Club*

Note: Bus transportation available from Renaissance Hotel to Army & Navy Club - departs 6:30 PM - Returns following event.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SPEAKER SESSIONS AT THE U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL - SESSIONS BEGIN AT 9:00 AM

Buses from Renaissance to U.S. Navy Memorial depart at 8:15 AM

9:00 - THE BAND OF BROTHERS

Featuring Men of the 506th Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne Division during WWII

Including:

Ed Shames - Amos “Buck” Taylor - Richard Falvey

Herbert Suerth - Paul Rogers



10:00 -THE USS MASON

Lorenzo DuFau - Signalman on the *USS Mason*, the Navy's first
ship to have a predominantly African-American crew.

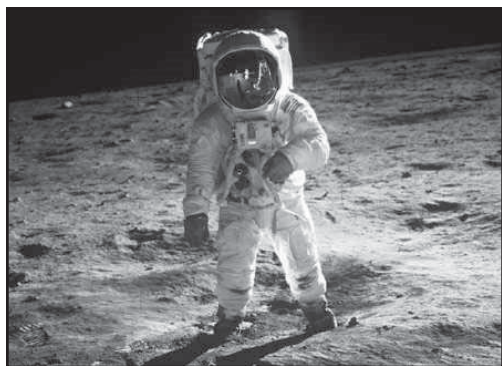
Moderated by **Mary Pat Kelly**, author of *Proudly We Served: The Men of the USS Mason*.

10:35 - WORLD WAR II - THE PACIFIC

Featuring:

The Honorable Edgar Whitcomb - Former Indiana Governor and Army Air Corps pilot in WWII who
was taken prisoner by the Japanese; author of the book *Escape from Corregidor*.

Bob Feller - Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher and veteran of the *USS Alabama* in WWII.



11:25 - Q&A WITH COLONEL BUZZ ALDRIN

U.S. Air Force fighter pilot in the Korean War, Test Pilot, and
legendary NASA Astronaut.

Followed by signing of Col. Aldrin's new book,
Magnificent Desolation: The Long Journey Home from the Moon
(during lunch break)

11:55 - LUNCH

1:00 - THE MEDAL OF HONOR

Featuring recipients of the U.S. military's highest award for valor in combat.

Including:

Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. - U.S. Navy pilot who received the Medal of Honor for his attempt to save the
life of a fellow pilot shot down near the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.

Colonel Roger H.C. Donlon - The first man to be awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War, and
the first member of the Special Forces to receive the award.

Moderated by **Nick Kehoe**, President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2:00 - THE PURPLE HEART

Featuring distinguished recipients of the oldest continuously given award in the U.S. military, given to service members killed or wounded in combat.

Including:

Mike Ali - John Bircher - Barclay Boyd
Al Ortiz - Dennis Wallot

Note: Courtesy bus transportation from Navy Memorial to Renaissance available - Departs 2:15 PM. Bis will return to Navy Memorial at 2:45 PM.

2:55 - TODAY'S HEROES

Featuring several of the U.S. military's most highly decorated veterans and service members from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Including:

Staff Sergeant David Bellavia - U.S. Army & recipient of the Silver Star for heroism in the Second Battle of Fallujah.

Sergeant First Class Ed Malone - U.S. Army & recipient of the Bronze Star with Valor for actions in Tal'Afar, Iraq.

Sergeant Marco Martinez - United States Marine Corps & recipient of the Navy Cross for heroism in the Battle of Tarmiya.

Staff Sergeant Jeremiah Workman - United States Marine Corps & recipient of the Navy Cross for actions during Second Fallujah.



7:00 PM - THE 12TH ANNUAL AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER AWARDS BANQUET RENAISSANCE BALLROOM, RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON DC HOTEL

Check-in & pre-banquet reception begins at 6:00 PM - Please arrive no later than 6:45 PM.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION HONORING TODAY'S HEROES FROM
OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

5:30 PM - RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING FOYER

RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING - INDEPENDENCE AVENUE AND SOUTH CAPITOL STREET, WASHINGTON DC

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