



# AGENDA

Location: Phoenix Convention Center, West Building - 100 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

### THE BRIDGE FORUM U.S. VETERAN EDITION 2018

An exclusive panel of Law Enforcement & Community Luminaries participating in a forum Living Together + Working Together = Respect.

Covering topics important to our veteran community:

Recruitment and Hiring, Opportunities In-service / Careers, Dealing with Veterans in Crisis, Support Systems & More!

The forum will be moderated by Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich & Director Wanda A. Wright, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, U.S. Air Force Col. (Ret)

**8:00 am - 11:00 am**

100 Level

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

### BUSINESS DIVERSITY SUMMIT BREAKFAST

The event spotlights the growing contributions of minority-owned businesses in Arizona. Major components include the annual inductions into the Arizona Million Dollar Circle of Excellence recognizing companies that do at least \$1 million of business with minority-owned suppliers; and the presentation of the annual Phoenix Minority Business Enterprise Awards.

Nielsen will also present their Global Veteran Consumer Insight Report.

**7:30 am - 10:30 am**

Room 300 A/B

### VETERAN BUSINESS FAIR

Empowering America's veterans through entrepreneurship and education, the Veteran Business Fair is for veteran-owned small businesses and organizations that support veteran-owned businesses. Bringing together industry leaders and experts in a hands-on environment.

**10:30 am - 11:45 am**

**1:40 pm – 3:00 pm**

Room 300 C/D

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## **HEROPRENEUR AWARDS LUNCHEON**

Hosted by CNN Military Analyst James A. "Spider" Marks, Major General, U.S. Army (Ret.) and Arizona Corporate Council on Veterans Careers, Co-Chairman Hal Pitman, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.), this event will celebrate and honor individuals and organizations that support the veteran community as well as honoring the 100th Anniversary of Veterans Day.

## **FIRESIDE CHAT**

Featuring Daymond John "The People's Shark®" on ABC's Shark Tank; CEO, The Shark Group and Multiple New York Times best-selling author & Aaron Bare Managing Director, Kittyhawk.io, Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Singularity University and Co-Founder, HeroZona Foundation

**12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**

Room 300 A/B

## **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

Veteran start-ups and veteran business owners can take advantage of free admission and educational workshops covering online/social media marketing, credit and financing, strategies for increasing revenue and team productivity, mentoring, and much more.

**1:40 pm - 4:20 pm**

Rooms 101, 105 & 106

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

### **VETERAN CAREER BREAKFAST**

Hosted by the Arizona Corporate Council on Veteran Careers

**8:00 am - 8:50 am**

Room 300 A/B

### **MORNING WORKSHOPS**

Featuring two tracks of workshops during this session. One for veteran-owned businesses and one for veterans seeking employment.

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Rooms 101, 105 & 106

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## **VETERAN CONCIERGE CAREER FAIR**

This veteran career fair is for veterans who are not only seeking a job but a rewarding career where your employer understands the value that a veteran brings to their team and provides opportunities for growth and advancement. Meet with case workers who will help you be setup for success.

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Room 300 C/D

## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HIRE VETS MEDALLION LUNCHEON**

With Keynote Speaker: Justin Constantine, Veteran Advocate, Purple Heart Recipient, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

The event honors those that hire our veterans.

The purpose of the HIRE Vets Medallion Award is to recognize employers who hire and retain veterans, including their efforts to establish employee development programs and veteran specific benefits to improve retention.

Special Guest: Timothy Green, Director of Strategic Outreach, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Air Force Col. (Ret.)

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