

# MICHIGAN VETERANS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT '26



## Agenda

Located at the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel

### Monday, May 11

Hotel Atrium

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Networking Reception**

### Tuesday, May 12

Grand Centennial Ballroom

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**Registration & Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.

**Arrival**

8:10 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

**Opening Comments**

MVAA Director Terry J. Sabo & Deputy Director Todd Butler

8:20 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

**Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

MG Scott Hiipakka

8:40 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

**National Guard Association of Michigan (NGAM)**

T.J. Pierce & Deb Salters

(Sponsor)

8:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Association of the United States Army (AUSA)**

Chuck Cogger

(Sponsor)

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

Keaton Lezman

9:15 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

**Michigan Department of Treasury / State Tax Commission**

Heather Bouck

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**VFW National Home**

Mike Wilson

(Sponsor)

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Break**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs**

Tina Ingraham & Kelly Bean

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Michigan Secretary of State**

Joshua Elliott



**Michigan Veterans  
Affairs Agency**

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Michigan Department of Health &amp; Human Services / Walking with Warriors</b> Brian Webb
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Impact Awards Presentation</b> MVAAs Director Terry J. Sabo
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>The New Standard for VA Home Loans</b> (Sponsor) Kurtis Schneider
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Michigan Association of County Veteran Counselors</b> Mike Roof
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<b>Veteran Service Orgs</b> Gary Easterling & Sidney Love
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Michigan Department of Labor &amp; Economic Opportunity</b> Gerald Merrell & Leo Arellano
4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<b>VFW National Home – Regenerative Agriculture Veterans Employment (RAVE) Program</b> Laura Lonsbery & Jerred Johnson
4:45 p.m.	<b>Closing Comments</b> MVAAs Deputy Director Todd Butler

## Wednesday, May 13

 Grand Centennial Ballroom

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Arrival &amp; Opening Comments</b>
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Michigan Veterans Trust Fund</b> Lindell Holm
9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	<b>Pine Rest</b> (Sponsor) Amy Pierce-Danders
9:10 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	<b>Habitat for Humanity</b> Michael DeLarosa
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Break &amp; Networking</b>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>West Michigan Benefits</b> Brian Fogg
11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	<b>West Michigan Veterans Assistance Program</b> Thornell Billingslea
11:25 a.m.	<b>Closing Comments</b>