



Business and Professional Women's Foundation
Joining Forces for Women Veterans
Thursday, October 21st, 2010
National Museum of Women in the Arts
1250 New York Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Mezzanine Level

Morning Sessions – Auditorium, 5th Floor

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

- *Deborah L. Frett*, CEO, Business and Professional Women's Foundation
- *Jack Amberg*, Senior Director, Veterans Programs, McCormick Foundation
- *Ann Sullivan*, President of Madison Services Group, Inc.

9:15 – 9:30 **Video** – Faces of Women Veterans (Department of Veterans Affairs Learning University)

9:30 – 10:15 **Keynote Speakers**

- *Valerie B. Jarrett*, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement; Chair of the White House Council on Women and Girls
- Introduction by *Darienne Page*, Assistant Director, Office of Public Engagement and Lead for Veterans, Wounded Warrior and Military Family Outreach
- *Tammy Duckworth*, Assistant Secretary for Public & Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

10:15 – 10:30 BREAK - Mezzanine Level

10:30 – 11:25 **Reintegration**

- *Linda Spoonster Schwartz*, DrPH, MSN, RN, Commissioner of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs; President, National Association of State Directors of Veteran Affairs
- *Lynda Davis*, Ph.D., Founder and CEO, See.Care.Do Institute; former Deputy Undersecretary of Defense - Military Community and Families
- *Veronica Harrison* (Veteran)
- *Adrienne Simmons* (Veteran)
- *Kayla Williams* (Veteran)

11:30 – 12:30 **Homelessness**

- ABC News Video
- *Sara Manzano-Díaz*, Director, Women's Bureau, U.S. Dept of Labor
- *Marsha Four*, Executive Director, Philadelphia Veterans Multi Service and Education Center
- *Jessica Campbell* (Veteran)
- *Joyce Leneave* (Veteran)
- *Denise Washington* (Veteran)

12:30 – 12:45 **Marie Johns**, Deputy Director, Small Business Administration; Former President and CEO of Verizon, Washington, D.C.

12:45 – 12:55: **Special Remarks** by *Michele S. Jones*, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense; White House Liaison, U.S. Department of Defense

12:55 – 2:00 LUNCH – Kasser Room, Mezzanine Level

Afternoon Sessions – Auditorium, 5th Floor

2:00 - 3:00 **Employment and Careers**

- *Ray Jefferson*, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment & Training Service (VETS), U.S. Department of Labor
- *Susan Schieren*, Manager, Military Programs, General Electric (Veteran)
- *Dawn Halfaker*, CEO, Halfaker & Associates (Veteran)
- *Erica Banks*, Director of Talent Programs, USAA (Veteran)

3:00 – 3:10: **Special Remarks** by *Ana R. Harvey*, Assistant Administrator, Office of Women's Business Ownership, U.S. Small Business Administration

3:10 – 4:15 **Solutions and Opportunities Discussion**

4:15 – 4:45 **Outcomes and Action Plan**

5:00 – 6:30 **Cocktail Reception and Networking** – Mezzanine Level