

Awards Banquet Agenda

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. EST

Marriott Knoxville Downtown

6:00 p.m. – Welcome and Introductions, Michael Scholes, Deputy Commissioner

6:05 p.m. – Posting of Colors, University of Tennessee – Knoxville Army ROTC Dragoon Company
& National Anthem, Chelsea Anderson, TDVS

6:10 p.m. – Invocation, Jimmy Sanders, TDVS

6:10 - 6:30 p.m. – Dinner – Music Provided by Navy Veteran Brooks Herring and Charles Riley

6:30 - 6:35 p.m. – Guest Introduction, Tommy Baker, Commissioner

6:35 - 6:50 p.m. – Guest Remarks, The Honorable Phil Roe

7:00 p.m. – Awards Ceremony Begins

7:05 p.m. – Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Introduction, Tommy Baker, Commissioner

7:05 – 7:20 p.m. – Remarks by Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Matthew T. Quinn &
National Cemetery Administration Operational Excellence Award Presentation

7:20 – 7:45 p.m. – TDVS Award Presentations

- Appeals and Accreditation Advocate Award
- Cemetery Operations Advocate Award
- Benefit Operations Advocate Award
 - CSO Advocate Award
 - TDVS Advocate of the Year
- Commissioner’s Leadership Award

7:45 – 7:55 p.m. – Eagle Award Presented to The Honorable Phil Roe

7:55 – 8:00 p.m. – Closing Remarks