



2023 TDVS Inaugural Advocacy Summit Preventing Veteran Suicide "Serving Those Who Served"

Marriott Knoxville Downtown, 525 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN 37902

October 4, 2023

Wednesday	October 4, 2023	Location	Speaker	Speaker Contact Information
10:30 am – 11:30 pm	Registration, Networking, & Partner Availability	Pre-Function Space		
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Welcome, Introduction, & Venue/Event Orientation	Fulton	Rebecca Willis-Nichols, Suicide Prevention Program Manager, Midsouth Healthcare Network, US Department of Veterans Affairs	rebecca.willis-nichols@va.gov
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Opening Remarks	Fulton	Tommy Baker, Commissioner, TN Department of Veterans Services	tn.veterans@tn.gov https://www.tn.gov/veteran.html
12:15 pm – 12:30 pm	Lunch Service, Networking & Partner Availability	Fulton		
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Panel Discussion - Preventing Suicide Among Servicemembers, Veterans, and Their Families in Tennessee: A Boots on the Ground Perspective	Fulton	Andy Lawrence, Assistant Director, Office of Crisis	andy.lawrence@tn.gov

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			<p>and Suicide Prevention, TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</p> <p>Venée Hummel, Assistant Director, Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone</p> <p>Cindy Winterberger, We Honor Veterans Coordinator, Covenant Health</p> <p>Bill Harpel, Military Liaison, Clarksville, TN</p>	<p>venee.hummel@centerstone.org</p> <p>cwinterb@covhlth.com</p> <p>bill.harpel@cityofclarksville.com</p>
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1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Break (Coffee & Water) & Transition			
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	Break Out Sessions	Break Out Room(s)		
	Track A: VA S.A.V.E. Training	Wiley	Ashley Behrens, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, William C. Tallent Knoxville VA Clinic	Ashley.behrens1@va.gov
	Track B: Lethal Means Safety Workshop	Milani	Autumn Lowry, Program Manager & Supervisor, Suicide Prevention, James H. Quillen VA Medical Center	autumn.lowry@va.gov
	Track C: Postvention – Lived Experience and Resources	Hope	Emily Hager, Regional Director, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network	ehager@tspn.org
	Track D: Coalition Building	Armstrong	Heather Rhymes, Executive Director,	hmrhymesmchc@gmail.com

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			<p>Monroe County Health Council</p> <p>Sherry Pickering, Outreach Coordinator, TN Department of Veterans Services</p> <p>Amy Jones, Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator, William C. Tallent Knoxville VA Clinic</p>	<p>sherry.pickering@tn.gov</p> <p>Amy.jones7@va.gov</p>
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break (Coffee, Water, and Light Snacks) & Transition			
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	<p>Partner Introductions</p> <p>The WestCare Foundation</p> <p>McNabb Center</p> <p>TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security</p>		<p>Royston Clark</p>	<p>Leticia McQueen, The WestCare Foundation (SSG Fox Grant Recipient)</p> <p>Lou Danner,</p> <p>leticia.mcqueen@westcare.com</p> <p>louis.danner@mcnabb.org</p>

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			<p>Military Services Masters Level Therapist, McNabb Center</p> <p>Vern Grilliot, Handgun Director, TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security</p>	<p>vern.k.grilliot@tn.gov</p>
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Closing Comments	Royston Clark	<p>Tommy Baker, Commissioner, TN Department of Veterans Services</p>	<p>tn.veterans@tn.gov</p> <p>https://www.tn.gov/veteran.html</p>
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