



Department of
Veterans Services

2024 Annual Training Conference Update

” Leading the Nation – Tennessee Veteran Advocacy”

Welcome

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Certificate of Attendance

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Examination, November 15th, or November 18th – Invites will be extended soon to select a block of time on either the 15th or the 18th of either morning or afternoon session. (Invites going out soon)

- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm CST
- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm CST

December Lunch and Learn: Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone, December 11th, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST (Invites Nov)

Next Outreach / Events

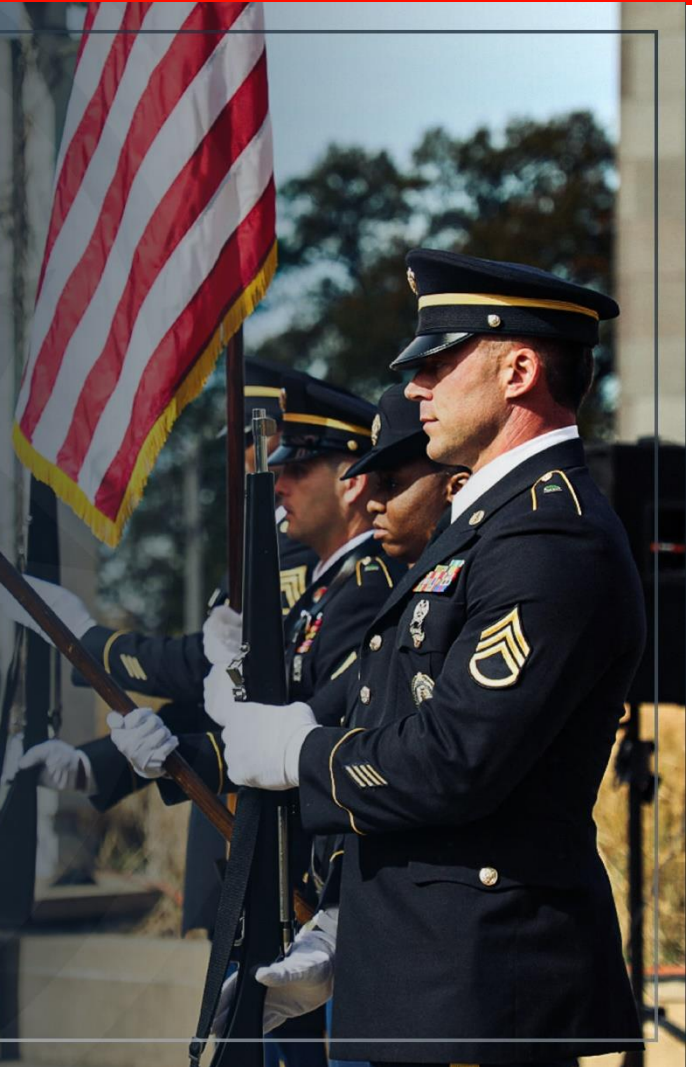
2024 Veterans Day Governor's Ceremony

Please join Governor Bill Lee, Commissioner Tommy Baker, MG Warner A. Ross II, and other distinguished guests for a ceremony honoring Veterans in state government and across Tennessee.

Tennessee Tower Plaza
312 Rosa L Parks Ave
Nashville, TN 37243
Thursday, November 7, 2024
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

* Inclement Weather Location:

National Guard Armory (Hall of Flags)
3041 Sidco Dr, Nashville, TN 37204



Tennessee Veteran Ready Business Recognition Program

<https://www.tn.gov/veteran/vrbp.html>



2024 Annual Training Conference

ANNUAL TRAINING 2024



CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

LEADING THE NATION
TENNESSEE VETERAN ADVOCACY



Agenda

We want to ensure you have a seamless experience at this year's annual training conference. Topics for discussion include:

- **2024 Annual Training Conference**
- What to expect when you arrive: Parking on or off site, On-Site Registration, Room Check-in, Pre-Check in Luggage Storage, ect.
- Annual Training Exhibitors/Resource Tables
- 2024 Annual Training Agenda
- Guest Speakers
- Break Out Sessions
- **2024 Annual Awards Banquet**
- **2024 Advocacy Summit**
- Advocacy Summit Exhibitors/Resource Tables
- 2024 Advocacy Summit Agenda
- Things to do in the area
- Open for Q&A

[2024 TDVS Annual Accreditation Training Conference Webpage](#)

[2024 Annual Advocacy Summit](#)

Welcome

[Photos](#)



Welcome



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Parking on or off site

- For those who have made reservations at the Marriott, please self-park your vehicle by taking a ticket at the entrance kiosk. Inform the attendant during check-in that you are attending the TDVS Annual Training event. The attendant will provide you with a ticket or placard, allowing you to park and come and go until check out Wednesday morning.
- Parking fee is \$21 a day added to your hotel bill

If you are staying to participate in the Annual Advocate Summit Wednesday afternoon and have checked out of your room, you will be able to depart that afternoon from the garage

- For those who have reservations at the Marriott but would like to utilize the Marriot Valet Parking service, the attendant will assist you by providing a ticket. They will also take charge of parking your vehicle in the garage. Upon your departure, please present the ticket at the reservation counter to pay for your parking. After payment, you can provide the stamped ticket to the attendant to retrieve your vehicle.
 - Parking fee is \$24 a day
- For those who do not have reservations at the Marriott the below link will provide you with free parking around the Venue or (next slide)
 - [Find free parking & garage deals near Chattanooga Marriott](#)

Parking On Site Without Reserved Lodging

Parking Made Simple

Convention Center Parking Rates:

0-1 Hour - \$3.00
1-3 Hours - \$6.00
3-5 Hours - \$8.00
5-8 Hours - \$15.00
OVERNIGHT - \$20.00

The Chattanooga Convention Center Parking Garage can be accessed off of Carter Street or Chestnut Street. The clearance is 7'3". No trailers are allowed in the parking garage.



Room Check-in

- The hotel check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out time is Wednesday 11:00 AM.

You can always ask if there are rooms available at anytime before check-in
- If you need to store your luggage or bags until check-in, kindly notify the hotel's front desk that you are attending the TDVS Annual Training Conference. They will guide you to a designated area where you can securely store your belongings until your check-in and after check-out on Wednesday.

Room Rate / Meals & Incidental Expenses

We were committed this year to being more mindful of conference dates and their impact on lodging and per diem rates. Last year, we included a clause in this year's contract to ensure that lodging rates would remain at the per diem rate, even if adjustments were made for FY 2025.

With the recent update from the [U.S. General Services Administration](#) (GSA), there has been no change to the lodging rate for Hamilton County (Chattanooga, TN), which your lodging stay will remain at \$117 per night.

However, there has been an adjustment to the Meals & Incidental Expenses (M&IE) rate, which has increased from \$64 to \$74 per day. This change will primarily affect state employees and potentially county partners if their travel is approved at the per diem rate.

**TDVS Employees will receive further guidance from their leadership on how to close out their travel claim after the event. Written guidance to follow.

<https://www.chattanoogaconventioncenter.org/>

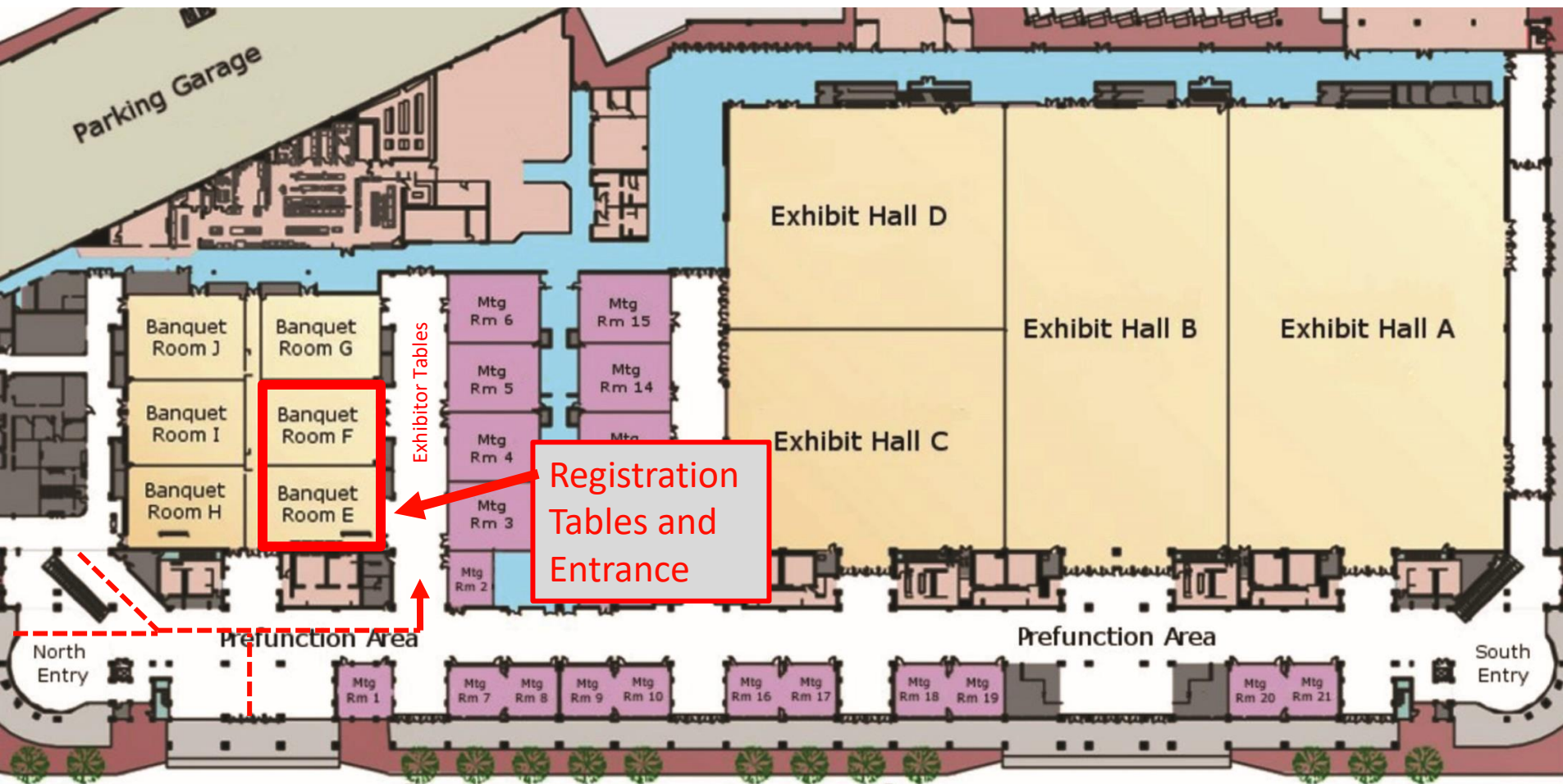


On-Site Registration

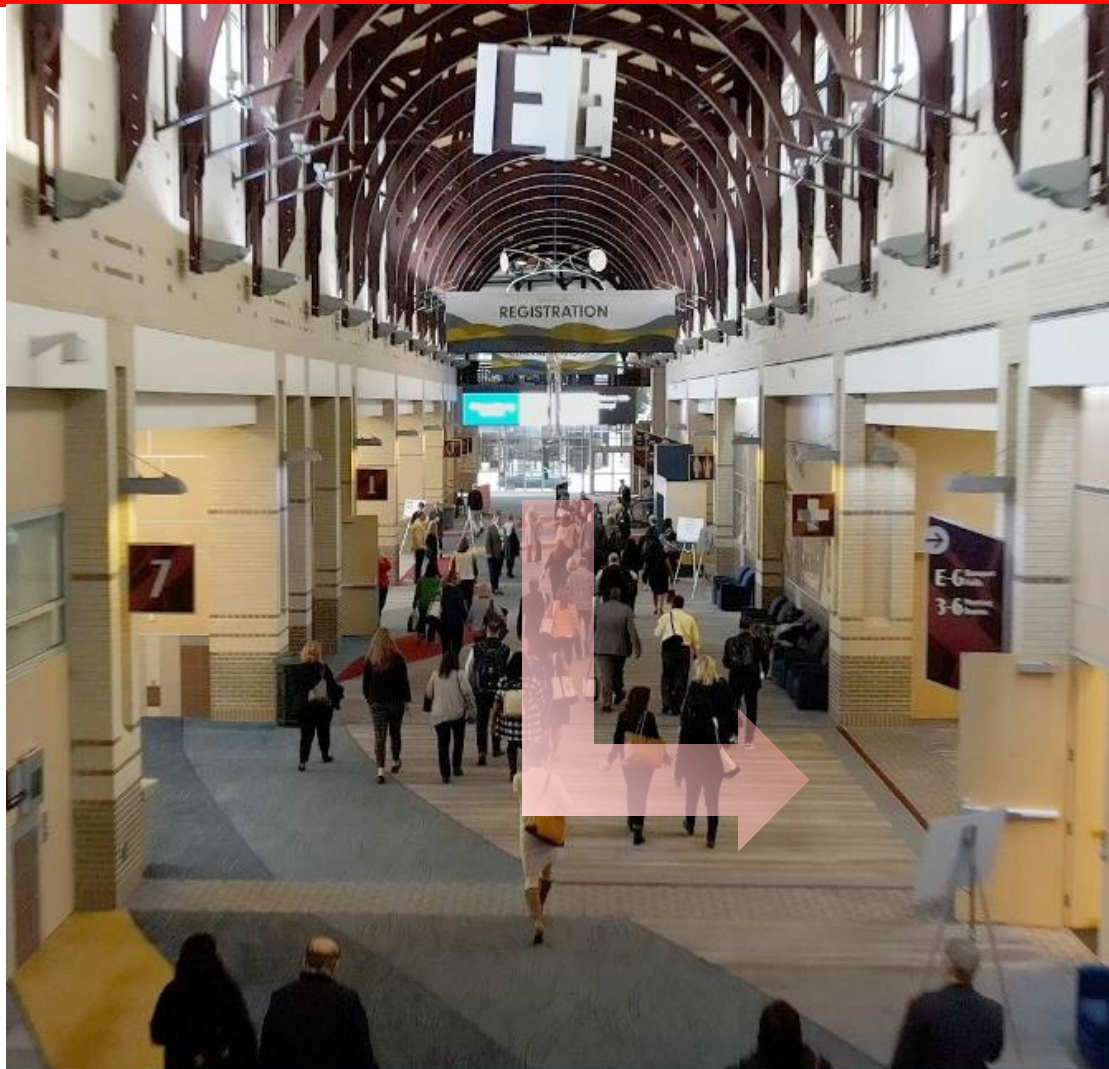
- Event registration will commence at 12:00 PM on Monday, September 30, 2024, at the side ballroom entrance E/F. Regional Directors from each region will be present to assist you at the registration table, where you will sign-in, receive your name tag/agenda and receive a Visit Chattanooga swag bag.
- ****Please note that the training venue will not be accessible until 12:30 PM****
- Should you arrive ahead of schedule, we encourage you to explore the exhibitor area located on the lower level, which is organized by the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services Outreach Team.

On-Site Registration (cont)

<https://www.chattanoogaconventioncenter.org/>



On-Site Registration (cont)



Annual Training Exhibitors/Resource Tables

1. Chattanooga Tourism visitchattanooga.com (Swag Bag)
2. Federal VA- Beneficiary Travel (Mon, Tue)
3. Federal VA- Suicide Prevention (Mon)
4. Medal of Honor Heritage Center (Mon)
5. National Cemetery- NCA Chattanooga (Mon, Tue)
6. TN Adult Protective Services (APS) (Mon, Tue)
7. TCRS: (Mon , Tue)
8. TN Dept. Disability and Aging (TCAD & DIDD)(Mon, Tue)
9. TN Diversity Business Enterprise (Mon, Tue)
10. TN Dept. of Labor/ American Job Centers (Mon, Tue)
11. TN State Veterans Home: (Mon, Tue)
12. TN State Veterans Cemeteries (Mon , Tue)
13. TVHS VA Homelessness Program (Mon, Tue)
14. TN Department of Veterans Services (Mon, Tue)

[2024 TDVS Annual Accreditation Training Conference Website](#)



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2024 Annual Training Agenda Day 1

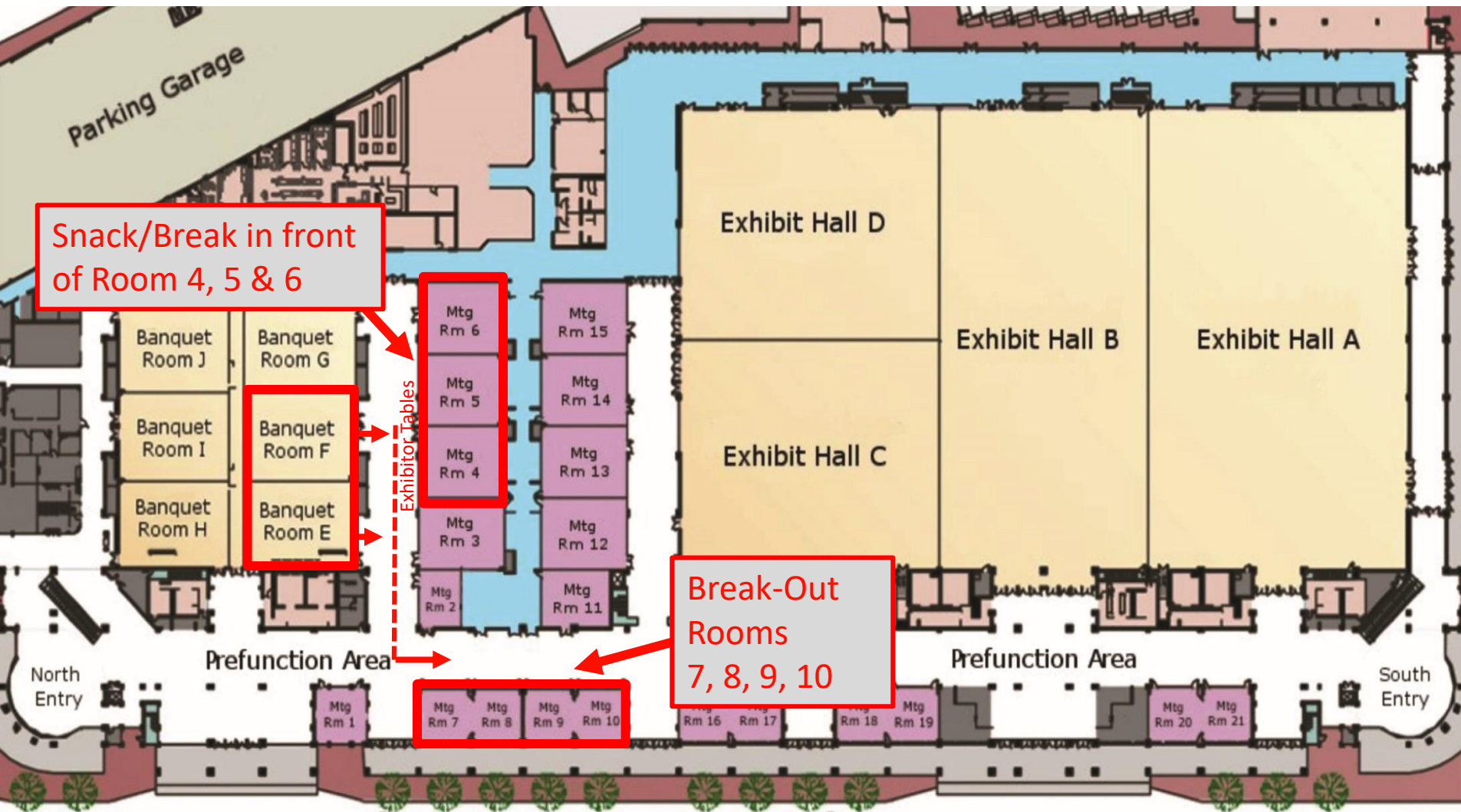
****All Times Are EST****

Monday	Day 1 ~ September 30, 2024	Location	Speaker	Speaker Contact Information
12:00 pm ~ 1:00 pm	Networking and Partner Availability	Pre-Function Space		
12:00 pm ~ 1:00 pm	Registration	Pre-Function Spaces	Regional Directors	
1:00 pm ~ 1:30 pm	Welcome, Introduction, Opening Remarks	Ballroom E/F	Tommy Baker, Commissioner, TDVS Dennis Wimer, Director, IN Department of Veterans Affairs & President, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs	tommy.baker@tn.gov tn.veterans@tn.gov tn.gov/veteran dwimer1@dva.in.gov in.gov/dva nasdva.us
1:30 pm ~ 1:45 pm	Veterans Health Administration Updates from Across Tennessee - → VISN Perspectives	Ballroom E/F	Gregory Goins, Network Director, VA MidSouth Healthcare Network (VISN-9)	visn9communications@va.gov
1:45 pm ~ 2pm	Break (Coffee & Tea & Water) & Transition			

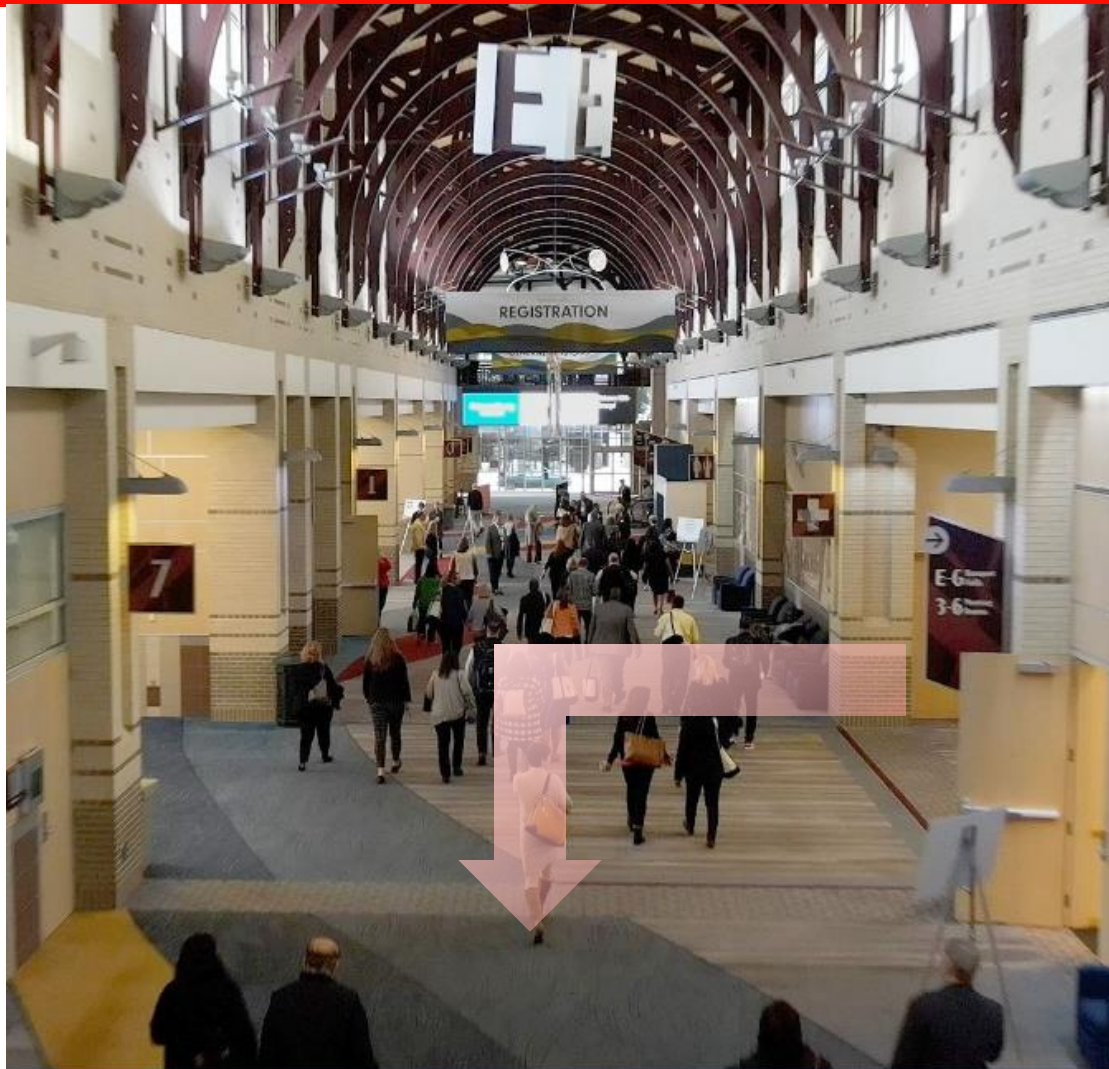
2024 Annual Training Agenda Day 1 (Cont)

2 pm – 2:45 pm	Veterans' Health Administration Updates from Across Tennessee Question & Answer Availability	Catchment Area Break Out		
		<p>Tennessee Valley – Ballroom E/F</p> <p>Memphis – Room 7</p> <p>Mountain Home – Room 8</p>	<p>Daniel Ducker, Executive Director, Tennessee Valley Health Care System</p> <p>Joseph Vaughn, Executive Director, Lt. Col. Luke Weathers, Jr. VA Medical Center</p> <p>Daren Giancola, Assistant Director, James H. Quillen VA Medical Center</p>	<p>daniel.ducker@va.gov</p> <p>joseph.vaughn@va.gov</p> <p>daren.giancola@va.gov</p>
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break (Coffee, Tea, Water & Light Snack) & Transition			

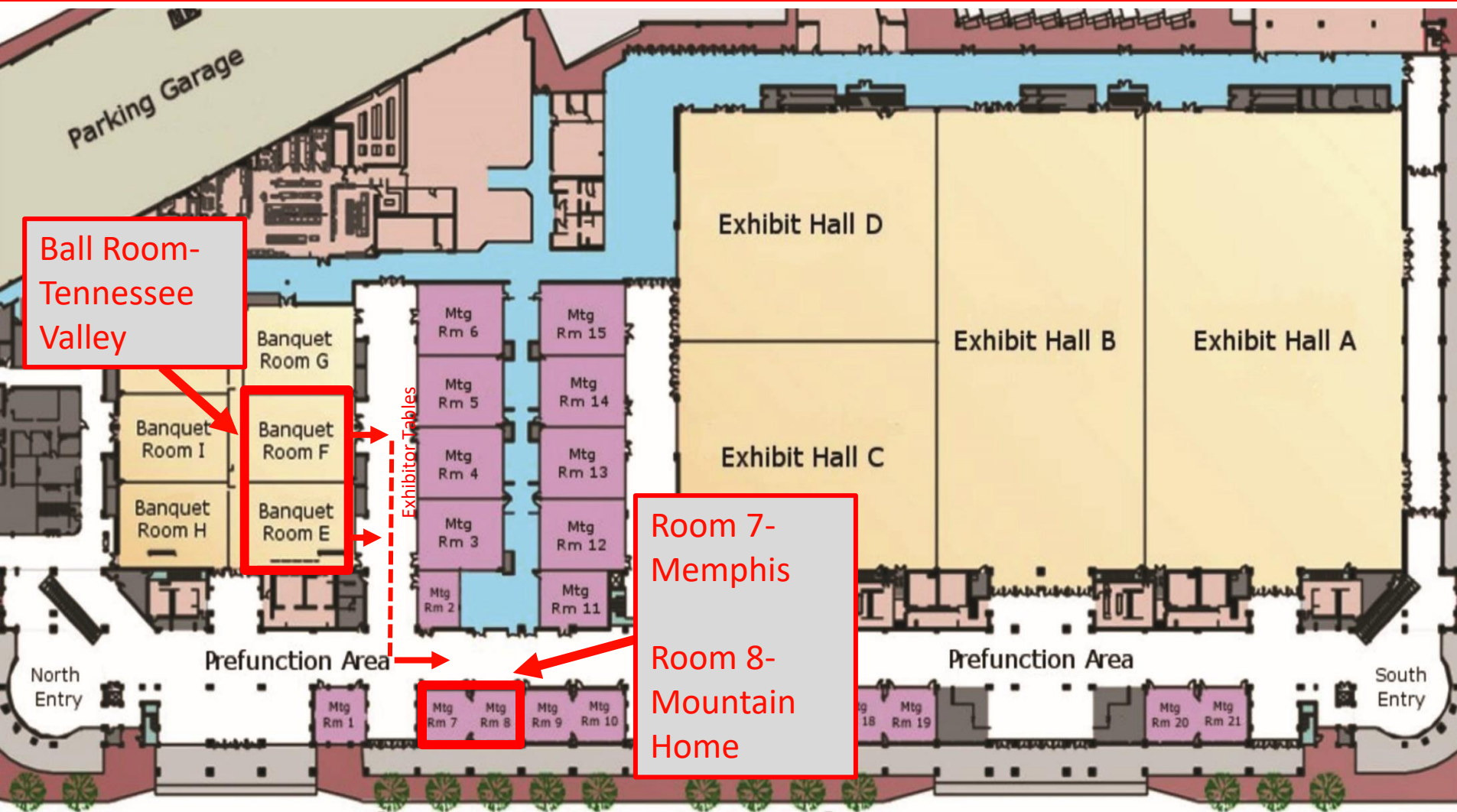
Break-Out Session Locations



Break-Out Sessions (cont)



Break-Out Sessions (VHA Catchment Areas)



2024 Annual Training Agenda Day 1 (cont)

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Nashville VA Regional Office Welcome	Ballroom E/F	Charles Moore, ¶ Executive Director Nashville Regional Office	¶ dir.vbanas@va.gov □
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Introduction to NVLSP and TDVS Partnership	Ballroom E/F	Paul Wright, ¶ Executive Director, NVLSP	¶ paul.wright@nvlsp.org □
3:30 pm – 5 pm	Navigating the VA's Modernized AMA Review System	Ballroom E/F	Louis George, ¶ Special Counsel, NVLSP	¶ louis.george@nvlsp.org □
□	Day 1 Events Complete	□	□	□

Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center





Discounted tickets are now available for the [Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center](#). The Center will be providing a unique opportunity for TDVS annual conference attendees to visit on Monday, September 30, 2024, from 5 – 8 p.m. EST.


Get your discounted [tickets now. This is an optional opportunity and not a required portion of the TDVS training conference.](#)


2 W Aquarium Way Suite 104, Chattanooga, TN 37402


Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center


 Best


 5 min


 13 min

 20 min


 5 min








1 Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, TN 37402





National Medal of Honor Heritage Center




Add destination

Options

 Send directions to your phone


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 via Chestnut St

20 min

0.9 mile


Details

 via Broad St

21 min


0.9 mile

All routes are mostly flat



National Medal of Honor Heritage Center

4.9 ★★★★★ (250)


Museum · 


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National Medal of Honor Heritage Museum Admission Ticket in...

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National Medal of Honor Heritage Center

Official site

\$9.95

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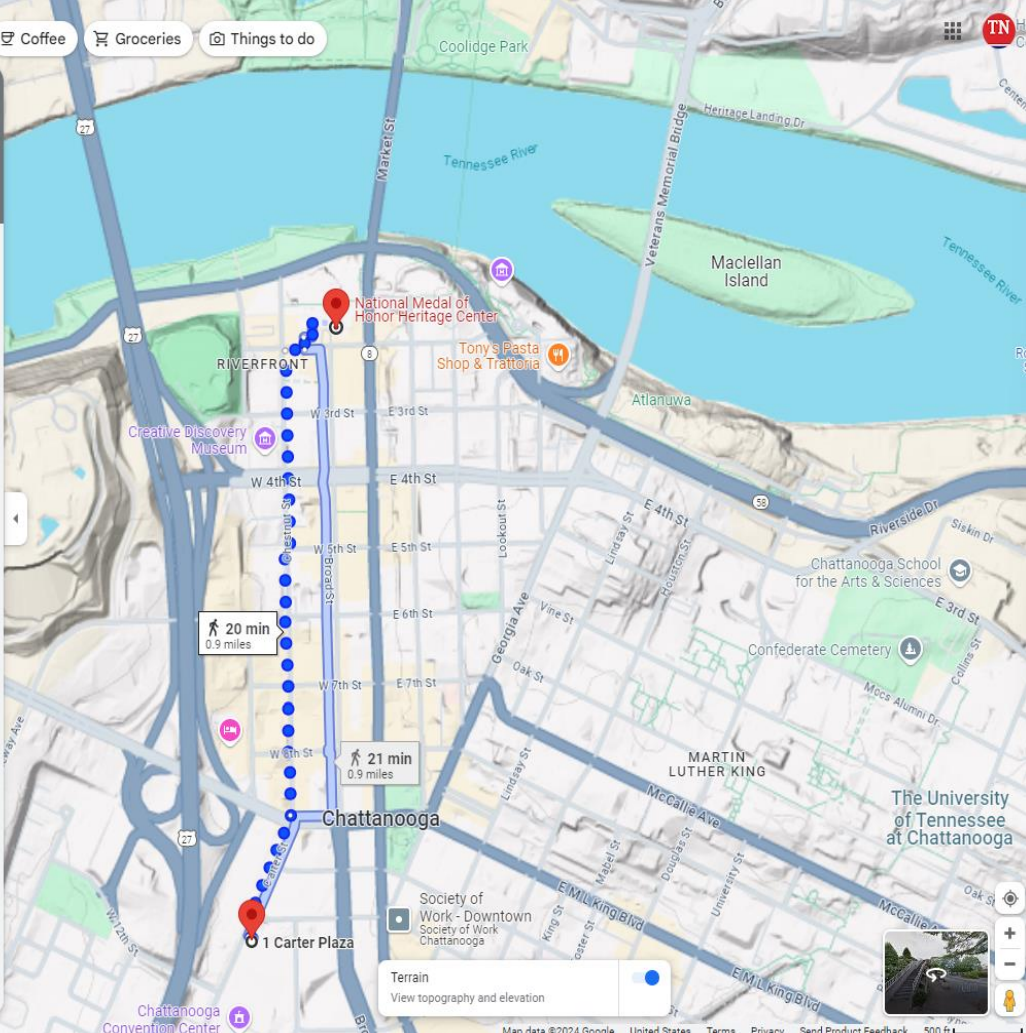
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Restaurants

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Things to do



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Way Suite 104,
Chattanooga, TN
37402

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Dining Chattanooga Marriott Downtown



Table South Kitchen + Bar

Mon-Thu, Sun

7:00 AM-10:30 AM

4:00 PM-9:00 PM

The Bar at Table

South

Mon-Fri

3:00 PM-11:00 PM

Sat-Sun

11:30 AM-11:00 PM

Local Dining Option Nearby

MORE OPTIONS NEARBY

AMERICAN

[Tupelo Honey Café](#) ➤

0.3 Miles

Fresh, scratch-made and Southern -- that's Tupelo Honey Café Chattanooga, where we transform the expected Southern comfort foods into inventive goodness.

☎ +1 423-779-0400

🕒 Open for Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner

👤 Dress Code: Casual

AMERICAN

[Big River Grille and Brewing Works](#) ➤

0.8 Miles

Brewpub with a lengthy menu of American comfort food set in a funky former trolley barn.

☎ +1 423-267-2739

🕒 Open for Lunch & Dinner

👤 Dress Code: Casual

AMERICAN

[Pickle Barrel](#) ➤

0.3 Miles

Casual bar in historic building serving American pub-style menu along with beer and cocktails daily for lunch and dinner.

☎ +1 423-266-1103

🕒 Open for Lunch & Dinner

👤 Dress Code: Casual

SEAFOOD

[Easy Bistro Seafood](#) ➤

0.8 Miles

Chill French bistro with a raw bar & long cocktail list in a renovated bottling plant.

☎ +1 423-266-1121

🕒 Open for Lunch & Dinner

👤 Dress Code: Casual

PIZZA

[Community Pie](#) ➤

0.3 Miles

Non-traditional pizza joint serving Neopolitan, New York and Detroit-style pizza. Features Milk & Honey Coffee Bar with a breakfast menu as well as a nice selection of craft beers

ITALIAN

[Alleia](#) ➤

0.9 Miles

Vintage brick storefront with arty, mod interior dispensing rustic Italian pizzas & homemade pastas.

☎ +1 423-305-6990

[Local Dining Options Nearby](#)

[**Urban Stack Burger Lounge**](#)

[**Terminal Brewhouse**](#)

[**St. John's**](#)

[**Hennen's**](#)

[**Lupi's Pizza Pie**](#)

[**Tony's Pasta Shop &**](#)

[**Trattoria**](#)

[**The Feed Co Table and**](#)

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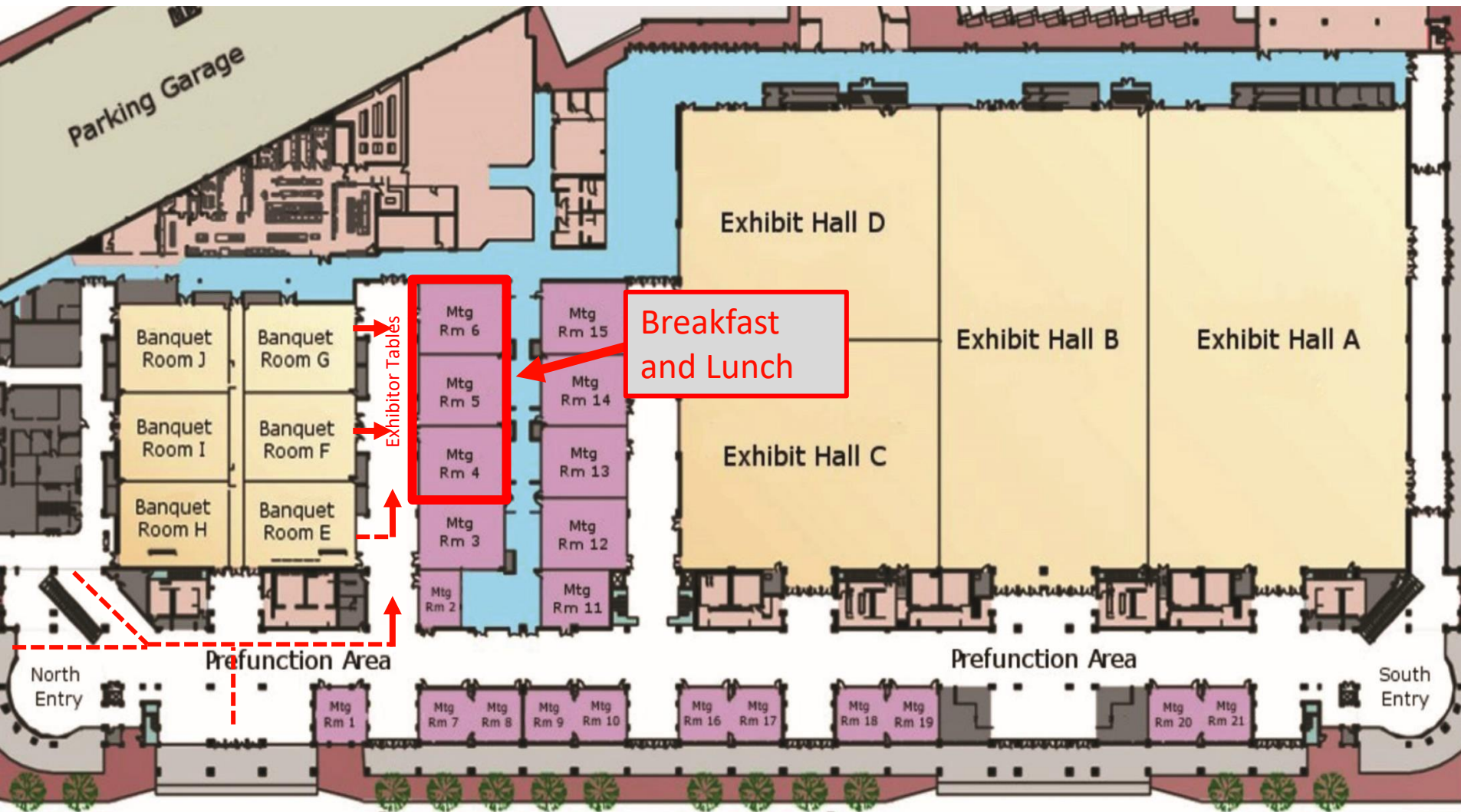
[**Tavern**](#)

[**Five Restaurant**](#)

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Breakfast, Lunch (Day 2 & 3)



Breakfast / Lunch Menu Day 2

Scenic City Classic Breakfast

6:00AM – 8:00AM

- An assortment of Muffins & Pastries
- Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
- Cheesy Scrambled Eggs with Chives
- Applewood Smoked Bacon
- Breakfast Sausage
- Hash Brown Casserole
- Fresh Fruit & Berry Display

Breakfast Includes:

Iced Water, Orange Juice, & Freshly Brewed
Regular and Decaf Coffee Stations

South of the Border Lunch

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

- **Southwest Salad**

Corn & black bean salsa, tortilla strips, cucumber, tomato, cheddar, & Chipotle Ranch

- **Salsa & Queso** with warm corn chips
- **Ancho Marinated Chicken Fajitas**
- **Pork Carnitas**
- **Fajita Toppings**

Flour tortillas, Pico de Gallo, jalapenos, shredded cheese, sour cream, & salsa roja

- **Spanish Rice & Black Bean**
- **Churros** with dulce de leche

Lunch Includes:

Iced Tea & Water Stations

Mid-Afternoon Light Snack Menu Day 1 & 2

Break – Light Snacks

Day 1 Mid-Afternoon: Take me out to the lookouts

- Assorted candy bars, freshly popped popcorn, & mini pretzels with cheese

Day 2 Mid-Afternoon: Sweet Treats and Salty Eats

- Jumbo Pretzel Bites with Beer Cheese
- Cinnamon Sugar Pretzel Bites with Brown Sugar Cream Cheese

Continental Breakfast Menu Day 3

Chattanooga Continental Breakfast

6:00 AM – 8:00 PM

- An assortment of Muffins, Pastries & Cinnamon Rolls
- Yogurt with Granola
- Seasonal Fresh Fruit & Berry Display

Breakfast Includes:

Iced Water, Orange Juice, & Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf
Coffee Stations

2024 Annual Training Agenda (Day 2)

Tuesday	Day 2 – October 1, 2024	Location	Speaker	Speaker Contact Information
6:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast – Scenic City Classics	Room 4/5/6		
8:00 am – 8:15 am	Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks Partner Presentation – Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development	Ballroom E/F	Jeffery Dent, State Director, Veteran Services, Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development	jeffery.dent@tn.gov tn.gov/workforce
8:15 am – 9:45 am	VA Updates: Debt Management Center (DMC) and Medical Disability Examination Office (MDEO)	Ballroom E/F	John (Randy) Detty, Assistant Director Data and Operations, MDEO Jory Sullivan, Supervisory Financial Admin Specialist, DMC	john.detty@va.gov jory.sullivan@va.gov
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break (Coffee, Tea, Water)			

2024 Annual Training Agenda (Day 2 cont)

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Basics of the Fiduciary Process	Ballroom E/F	Elizabeth “Liz” Tarloski, Staff Attorney, NVLSP	elizabeth.tarloski@nvlsp.org
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch – South of the Border	Room 4/5/6		
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	VA Senior Leader Updates	Ballroom E/F	The Honorable Joshua Jacobs Under Secretary for Benefits Designee, Board of Veterans Appeals Zaneta Adams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intergovernmental Affairs	martin.caraway@va.gov zaneta.adams@va.gov
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Introduction to Tennessee’s New Claims Management System	Ballroom E/F		TBD
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break (Coffee, Tea, Water & Light Snack) & Transition to Break Out Rooms	Pre-Function Space		

2024 Annual Training Agenda (Day 2 cont)

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Break-Out Sessions	Break-Out Room(s)		
	Track A: AMA: Small Group Practical Exercise	Room 7	Louis George, Special Counsel, NVLSP	Louis.george@nvlsp.org
	Track B: C&P Exams – Practical Application Session	Room 8	Ashley Thompson, VSO	ashley.d.thompson@tn.gov
			Jackson Field Office, TDVS	
	Track C: Duty to Assist and Locating Records	Room 9	Elizabeth “Liz” Tarloski, Staff Attorney, NVLSP	elizabeth.tarloski@nvlsp.org
		Room 10	Suzanna Ellis, Training Officer, TDVS Rebecca Gallion, Quality & Appeals Specialist, TDVS	suzanna.ellis@tn.gov rebecca.gallion@tn.gov
	Track D: Pension: Practical Application Session			
	Day 2 Events Complete			

2024 Annual Awards Banquet

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Please join Commissioner Tommy Baker and other distinguished guests for an awards banquet to recognize the work of Tennessee Department of Veterans Services employees and county veteran service officers.

Tuesday, October 1, 2024
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EST
Chattanooga Marriott Downtown
2 Carter Plaza
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Attire: Business Casual
Please RSVP by September 15th



Award Banquet Space



Award Banquet Pre-Functional Area



Award Banquet Ball Room



Award Banquet Agenda

Awards Banquet Agenda

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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

Chattanooga Marriott Downtown

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

6:05 p.m. -- Posting of Colors, University of Tennessee -- Chattanooga Army ROTC
National Anthem, Chelsea Anderson, TDVS

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

6:10 -- 6:30 p.m. -- Dinner

Dinner Music Provided by Operation Song and Baker Grissom

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

6:35 -- 6:50 p.m. -- Guest Remarks, Major General William Raines, Retired

7:00 p.m. -- Awards Ceremony Begins

7:00 -- 7:45 p.m. -- TDVS Award Presentations

- → CSO Impact Awards
- → Appeals and Accreditation Advocate Award
- → Cemetery Operations Advocate Award
- → Benefit Operations Advocate Award
- → CSO Advocate Award
- → Advocate of the Year
- → Commissioner's Leadership Award

7:45 -- 7:55 p.m. -- Eagle Award Presented to Major General William Raines, Retired

7:55 -- 8:00 p.m. -- Closing Remarks

"Leading the Nation -- Tennessee Veteran Advocacy"

2024 Annual Training Agenda (Day 3)

Wednesday	Day 3 - October 2, 2024	Location	Speaker	Speaker Contact Information
6:30 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast - Chattanooga Continental Breakfast	Room 4/5/6		
8:00 am - 8:15 am	Welcome, Introduction, Opening Remarks Partner Presentation - TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Ballroom E/F	Marie Williams, Commissioner TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	tn.gov/behavioral-health
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Welcome, Introduction, Opening Remarks	Ballroom E/F	Warner Ross II,	
			The Adjutant General & Commissioner TN Department of Military	
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Break (Coffee, Tea & Water) & Transition to Break Out Rooms			

2024 Annual Training Agenda (Day 3 cont)

8:40 am – 9:45 am	Break-Out Sessions	Break-Out Room(s)		
	Track A: Reviewing a Claims File & VA Systems (VBMS/Casflow) Tips <i>*On-Site VA Systems Access Troubleshooting*</i>	Room 7	Ron Dvorsky Training Director Appeals & Accreditation Division TDVS Liza Quinn Appeals Advocate TDVS	ronald.dvorsky@tn.gov liza.quinn@tn.gov
	Track B: Women Veterans and the VA	Room 8	Elizabeth “Liz” Tarloski Staff Attorney NVLSP	elizabeth.tarloski@nvlsp.org
	Track C: Montgomery County Veteran Services Outreach Portal Advocacy Best Practice	Room 9	Hector Santos Director Montgomery County Veterans Service Organization	hlsantos@mcgtn.net
	Track D: Toxic Exposure Risk Activity (TERA) Claims	Room 10	Louis George Special Counsel NVLSP	Louis.george@nvlsp.org
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break (Coffee, Tea & Water) & Transition			
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Closing Comments Announcement of 2025 Conference Dates and Location Publication of 2025 Training Schedule	Ballroom E/F	Tommy Baker Commissioner TDVS	tn.veterans@tn.gov tn.gov/veteran
	Annual Conference Events Complete			

2024 Annual Advocacy Summit

A promotional poster for the 2024 Annual Advocacy Summit. The top left features the event title 'ANNUAL TRAINING 2024' in large blue letters, with 'CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE' and 'ADVOCACY SUMMIT' below it. A small 'TN Department of Veterans Services' logo is also present. The top right has a green circular graphic with the text 'REGISTER NOW FOR THIS FREE EVENT!' and '*LUNCH PROVIDED*'. The center lists the theme 'Supporting Veterans Through Community' and the speakers: 'Opening Remarks by Tennessee Department of Veterans Services Commissioner Tommy Baker (MG Ret.)' and a 'Panel Discussion - Partner Introductions & New Resources to Support Your Community'. The bottom right lists two sessions: 'Data & Collaboration Session - Tools to Support and Examples of Community Advocacy' and 'Community Conversations - Community Driven & Solution Focused Best Practices'. The bottom left includes a QR code, the text 'REGISTER HERE!' with a large white arrow pointing to the QR code, the registration URL 'https://www.tn.gov/veteran/2024-summit', and the event details: 'October 2, 2024, 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST, Chattanooga Convention Center, 1 Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, TN 37402'.

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ADVOCACY SUMMIT
TN Department of Veterans Services

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Supporting Veterans Through Community -
Opening Remarks by
Tennessee Department of Veterans Services
Commissioner Tommy Baker (MG Ret.)

Panel Discussion -
Partner Introductions & New Resources
to Support Your Community

Data & Collaboration Session - Tools to Support and
Examples of Community Advocacy

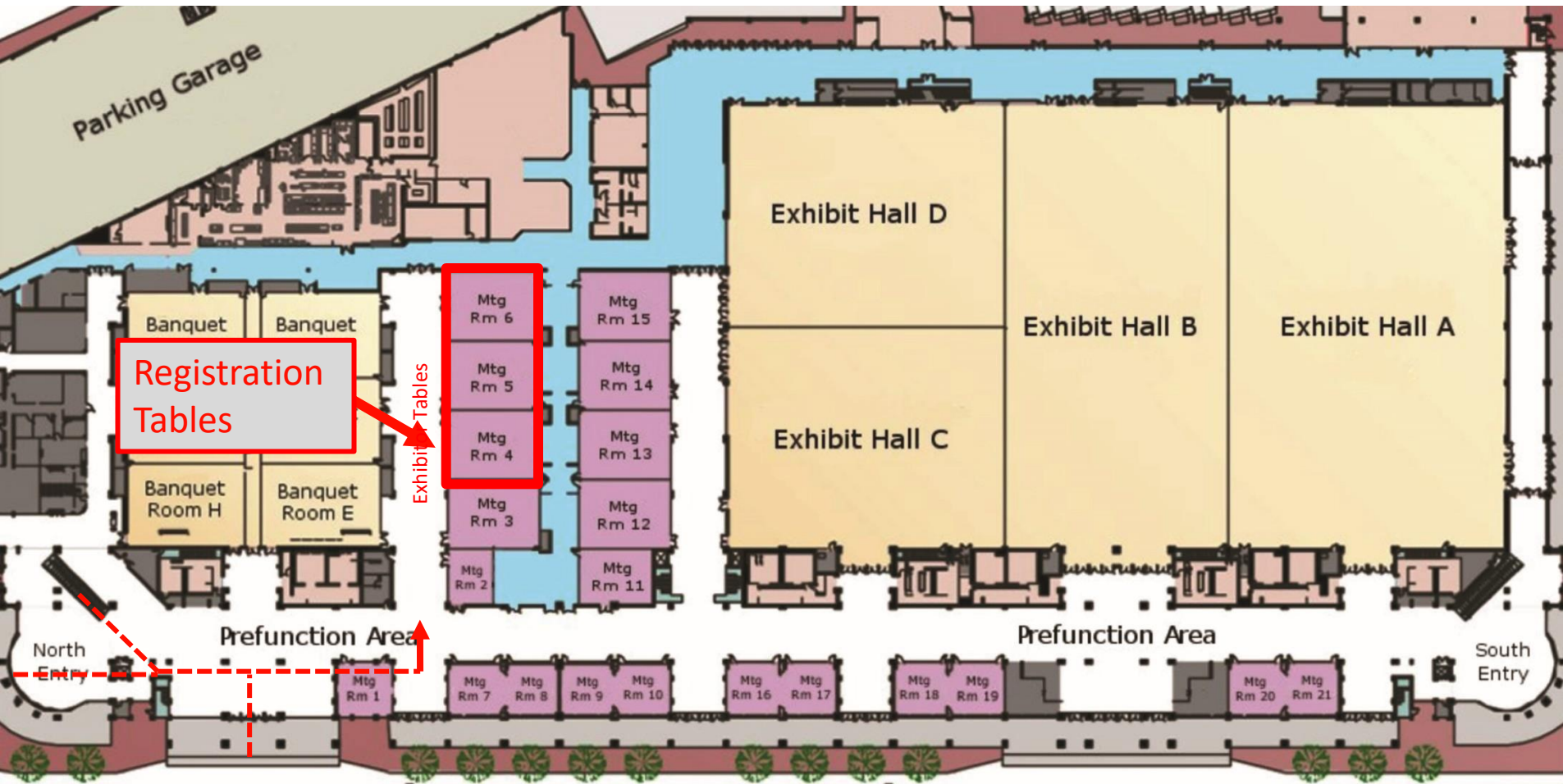
Community Conversations -
Community Driven & Solution Focused Best
Practices

Register at
<https://www.tn.gov/veteran/2024-summit>

REGISTER HERE!

October 2, 2024
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST
Chattanooga Convention Center
1 Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Advocacy Summit Event On-Site Registration/Check-In



Summit Partner Resource Tables

1. Federal VA- Beneficiary Travel
2. Federal VA Vet Center (Chattanooga)
3. Compensated Work Therapy program (CWT)
4. Military to VA (M2VA)
5. Business Office Enrollment
6. Transportation/Benetraavel
7. My healthy Vet/Community Care
8. TN State Veterans Home
9. Reduce Employee Burnout and Optimize Organizational Thriving (REBOOT)
10. Team RWB
11. Warrior Freedom Dogs
12. Volunteer Behavioral Health Center
13. Smile On 65+

Advocacy Summit Lunch Menu

Picnic in the Park

- **Pasta Salad**

Penne pasta, arugula, basil, mint, chickpeas, cucumbers, heirloom tomatoes, feta, & Lemon Dijon Vinaigrette

- **Chicken Salad on a Croissant** with dried cranberries, apples, & pecans
- **Roasted Turkey on Focaccia** with spinach, herb, aioli, & Portobello Mushroom,
- **Grilled Veggie Wrap** with Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Portobello Mushroom, Garbanzo Beans, Red Peppers & Onions
- **House-Made BBQ Chips** with Chipotle Ranch Dip
- **Assorted Chocolate Chip Cookies & Triple Chocolate Brownies**

Lunch Includes:

Iced Tea & Water Stations

2024 Advocacy Summit Agenda (cont)

Wednesday	October 2, 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, Opening Remarks	Room 4/5/6	Tommy Baker, Commissioner, TN Department of Veterans Services	tn.veterans@tn.gov tn.gov/veteran
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Lunch Service, Networking & Partner Availability	Room 4/5/6		
12:15 pm – 12:30 pm	Keynote Speaker: Setting the Stage	Room 4/5/6	Dr. Monty Burks, Deputy Director, Governor's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives	m.burks@tn.gov governorsinitiative.org

2024 Advocacy Summit Agenda

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Panel Discussion – Partner Introductions & New Resources to Support Your Communities <i>VHA Dental Insurance Program</i> <i>My Ride TN Southeast</i>	Room 4/5/6	TBD – VA SME TBD , Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability	
	<i>Rural Transportation Grant</i> <i>SMILE-ON-65+</i>		Amanda Fisher, County Veteran Service Officer, McNairy County Nicki Raines, Lead Community Dental Health Coordinator, SMILE-ON-65+	 mcnairyvso@mcnairycountytn.com nicki@smileon65plus.com
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Break (Coffee, Tea, Water)	Pre-Function Space		

2024 Advocacy Summit Agenda

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	<p>Data and Collaboration Session: Tools to Support & Examples of Community Advocacy</p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>Veterans Economic Impact</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>Advocating for Veteran Services</i></p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>Affordable Housing Solutions</i></p>	Room 4/5/6	<p>Sherry Pickering, ¶ Veteran Outreach Coordinator, ¶ TN Department of Veterans Services ¶</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Amber Mills, ¶ Commissioner, ¶ District 1 ¶ Shelby County Commission ¶</p> <p>↓</p> <p>TBD, ¶</p>	<p>¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>sherry.pickering@tn.gov ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>amberr.mills@shelbycountytg.gov ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>¶</p>
			Knoxville's Community Development Corporation	TBD
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break (Coffee, Tea, Water)	Pre-Function Space		¶
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm		Room 4/5/6	Facilitated by Southeast TN Veterans Coalition Leadership	TBD
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Community Conversations Closing Remarks	Room 4/5/6	Tommy Baker, Commissioner, TN Department of Veterans Services	<p>tn.veterans@tn.gov ¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>https://www.tn.gov/veteran.html ¶</p>

Things to do in the area

- [Welcome to Chattanooga Marriot Downtown-What to Expect](#)
- [2024 Chattanooga Travel Inspiration Magazine \(Spring/Summer\)](#)
- [Welcome to Chattanooga Tri-Fold Flyer](#)
- [Downtown Shuttle | CARTA | The Downtown Electric Shuttle is the easiest way to get around Downtown Chattanooga. It's a FREE ride!!](#)
- [REGISTER NOW!! Medal of Honor Heritage Center \(Museum\)](#)

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