

Awards Banquet Agenda

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

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

Knoxville Marriott Downtown

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

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

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

6:10 - 6:30 p.m. – Dinner

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

6:35 - 6:50 p.m. – Guest Remarks, Major General Terry M. Haston, 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
Veteran Ready Business Recognition Impact Awards
Commissioner's Leadership Award

7:50 – 7:55 p.m. – Eagle Award Presentations

Major General Terry M. Haston, Retired
Robert Buswell
Marilyn Childress

7:55 – 8:00 p.m. – Closing Remarks

“Service Beyond Duty”