



*2025 Tennessee Conference on
Volunteerism & Service-Learning*

AmeriCorps Director's Retreat

Monday, February 17 | Cool Springs Marriot, Franklin, TN
Room: Williamson

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Conference Welcome: Terry Sliver, Volunteer Tennessee Commission Chair

Plenary: The Power of Belonging: How Volunteer Identity and the Psychology of Belongingness Shape Recruitment

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Dean, Executive Director, [Tennessee Nonprofit Network](#)

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Choose from Workshop #1 Options

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Choose from Workshop #2 Options

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch & Plenary: Multigenerational Panel Discussion around Volunteer Recruitment, Retention and Recognition

Moderator: Rebecca Nofi, Greater Nashville Regional Council

1:00 p.m.

AmeriCorps Closed Meeting Session Welcome, All Staff and Program Directors

1:05 p.m.

The Volunteer Journey: A Conversation on Strategies to Attract, Engage, and Retain Volunteers:

Presenter: AK Diefenbach, Community & Business Development Strategist, Galaxy Digital
Through guided discussions and open dialogue, participants will exchange insights and explore practical strategies to strengthen volunteer engagement. Participants will gain actionable insights to strengthen and sustain volunteer engagement.

2:05 p.m.

Spotlight: America Learns, Gary Kosman

We are thrilled to announce our transition to America Learns! To mark this exciting milestone, we are delighted to welcome Gary Kosman, who will join us for a special spotlight session. This session will be an official introduction to the America Learns community and provide key highlights to get us started on this new journey together.

2:20 p.m.

Current Events & AmeriCorps

2:45 p.m.

Ask and Engage: AmeriCorps Open Forum

Join us for an open forum designed exclusively for all Volunteer Tennessee staff to connect, engage, and get answers to your questions. This interactive session provides a space for open dialogue with our team, where you can share feedback, seek clarification on processes, and discuss topics relevant to your work. Whether you have specific concerns or simply want to listen and learn, this forum is your opportunity to collaborate and ensure alignment as we work together toward our shared goals.

3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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