

NCHV ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Stephen Peck, Director of Community Development for U.S. Veterans Initiative, picks up his name badge and visits with NCHV Director of Technical Assistance and Finance Melanie Lilliston.



Conference attendees, including NCHV Board Member Robert Cocroft (at right) at the Opening Session.



President and CEO of Soldier On John F. Downing and George Hinckley, Vice President of Treatment Services, wait for the Opening Session to begin.



NCHV Chairman of the Board George Basher addresses conference attendees during the Opening Session as NCHV President and CEO Cheryl Beversdorf looks on.



Department of Labor Secretary Hilda Solis addresses attendees during the Opening Session.



Opening Session: (from left) Michigan Veterans Foundation Associate Executive Director Tyrone Chatman; John McWilliams, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management, DOL-VETS; and Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Homeless Veterans Programs Pete Dougherty listen to Secretary Solis's speech.



Leon Winston, Swords to Plowshares, poses a question to Secretary Solis during the Opening Session.



Opening Session: (middle front) NCHV Board member Denis Leary listens to Secretary Solis on the first morning of the conference.



Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki addresses conference attendees during the Opening Session.



Conference attendees listen as Secretary Shinseki makes his keynote address.



Conference speakers: (from left) Steve Binder, Office of the San Diego Public Defender and founder of the Homeless Court Program; Paul Smits, Associate Chief Consultant, Homeless and Residential Treatment Program in VA Central Office; and NCHV Chairman of the Board George Basher.



Conference attendees look over the conference program.



NCHV President and CEO Cheryl Beversdorf calls the Membership Meeting to order.



Conference participants look through the attendee list.



Secretary Shinseki shakes hands with Michael McLendon, NCHV Board of Directors, as he exits the main meeting hall.



Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, speaks during the Public Policy Forum.



Roger Casey, Program Manager, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, discusses reporting requirements and regulations of VA grants.



Legal Issues Session: Steve Binder, Office of the San Diego Public Defender and founder of the Homeless Court Program, discusses homeless court and shows attendees a copy of The San Diego Service Provider Toolkit (seated: Tulin Ozdeger, Civil Rights Program Director, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty).



Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Homeless Veterans Programs Pete Dougherty speaks during the Public Policy Forum.



Ken Fenner, Competitive Grants Leader for DOL-VETS, presents during the Federal Grants session.



A conference attendee takes notes during the Legal Issues Session.



Valerie Brooke, Project Director for the HVRP National Technical Assistance Center at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), presents during the Employment Resources Session (seated: Roger Shelley, Organizational Consultant, Rural Institute at the University of Montana).



NCHV Director of Technical Assistance and Finance Melanie Lilliston discusses the federal grant process.



George Dale, U.S. Small Business Administration, and Bill Elmore, NCHV co-founder and Small Business Administration Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development, discuss self-employment opportunities for formerly homeless veterans.



Otis Nash, VISN 4 Coordinator, Health Care for Re-entry Veterans, Lebanon, PA, discusses the VA Re-entry Initiative and services for formerly incarcerated veterans.



CEO of the United States Veterans Initiative Dwight Radcliff and Mick Fusco, of Goodwill Industries, pose for a picture during the Annual NCHV Awards Reception.



Vince Kane, Director of HUD-VASH and the Low Income at Risk Initiative, presents during the VA Prevention Initiatives Session.



Tim Cantwell, Cantwell-Anderson, Inc., and NCHV Board member Joseph Caringella (right) chat before the Awards Banquet.



Survivor Corps U.S. Program Manager Scott Quilty and U.S. Program Project Coordinator Zack Bazzi before Quilty makes his keynote address during the Awards Banquet.



NCHV President and CEO Cheryl Beversdorf with Survivor Corps U.S. Program Manager Scott Quilty and NCHV co-founders Bill Elmore, Michael Blecker, and Robert Van Keuren.



NCHV Vice President of Operations and Programs John Driscoll shares a laugh with Gordon Burke, Director of Operations, Grants and Transition Programs for DOL-VETS.



Mary Pat Sullivan, Executive Director of Comin' Home, chats with a conference attendee.



NCHV Chairman of the Board George Basher talks with conference attendees before the Awards Banquet commences.



Gordon Burke, Director of Operations, Grants and Transition Programs for DOL-VETS, gives his keynote address during the Awards Banquet.



NCHV Board members John King and Joseph Caringella listen to speeches during the Awards Banquet.



NCHV co-founder Robert Van Keuren gets a chuckle out of Chairman of the Board George Basher, President and CEO Cheryl Beversdorf, and NCHV co-founder Ralph Cooper.



Survivor Corps U.S. Program Manager Scott Quilty gives a keynote address during the Awards Banquet.



NCHV co-founder and founder of Veterans Benefits Clearing House Ralph Cooper addresses Awards Banquet.



Ron Drach, NCHV Board member, is announced as a recipient of the Thomas Wynn Sr. Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement.



Massachusetts Veterans, Inc. President and CEO Vincent Perrone, Executive Director Denis Leary, and staff receive the Outstanding Member Award and pose with Gordon Burke, Director of Operations, Grants and Transition Programs in USDOL-VETS and NCHV Chairman of the Board George Basher.



NCHV co-founder Michael Blecker speaks passionately at the Awards Banquet.



Rito Valdez, U.S. Veterans Initiative, Houston, sports his Rolling Thunder vest.



Survivor Corps U.S. Program Project Coordinator Zack Bazzi (center) speaks on a panel with Sean Benedict, Clinical Director for Vietnam Veterans of California, and NCHV Vice President of Operations and Programs John Driscoll during the NCHV Strategic Planning Session.



NCHV Board member Robert Norris chats with conference attendees.



Conference attendees network during a break in sessions.



Ken Fenner, Competitive Grants Leader for DOL-VETS, discusses capacity building during the DOL Session.



John Kuhn, VA National CHALENG Coordinator, addresses the findings of CHALENG reports and the unique needs of homeless veterans.



Michael Palumbo, Support Contractor for USDOL-VETS, discusses aspects of conducting a group SWOT analysis.



Michael Palumbo, Support Contractor for DOL-VETS, presents during the DOL: Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Session.



NCHV Vice President of Operations and Programs John Driscoll speaks with Leslie Lightfoot, CEO of Veteran Homestead.



NCHV Co-Founders Michael Blecker and Ralph Cooper at the Annual Conference.



NCHV co-founders Bill Elmore and Robert Van Keuren engaged in a session led by Elmore.