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REGISTER: Wisconsin Conference on Veterans Issues Two Weeks Away

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs in partnership with the VA Medical Center in Tomah will host the Wisconsin Conference on Veterans Issues on September 26-27 at the La Crosse Convention Center. ***The deadline to register for the conference is Monday, September 18, 2017.***

Day one of the conference consists of the Women Veterans Summit, the presentation of the Woman Veteran of the Year Award, a QPR training (see sidebar), and a VA Town Hall hosted by Tomah VA Medical Center Director Victoria Brahm. Breakouts for the Women Veterans Summit include: woman focused issues, holistic and alternative therapies.

DON'T MISS THE GOVERNOR'S SMALL BIZ SUMMIT



Please join Governor Scott Walker, Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, and leaders in state government for the 7th annual Small Business Summit in Rothschild, WI.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Wisconsin's leadership team involved in job creation. This summit will bring cabinet secretaries and state agencies together with small business owners, entrepreneurs, and innovators to exchange ideas and information.

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE

Day two of the conference is a Mental Health and Veterans Issues Summit. Keynote speakers will discuss topics such as homelessness, veteran suicide, PTSD, military sexual trauma, and the stigma of pain. Breakout sessions will look at both traditional and holistic forms of healthcare and much more! [>>>Learn More...](#)



[Look What's Going On at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum This Month](#)

Discover something new at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Through our award-winning exhibits and programs, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum honors and affirms the role of Wisconsin veterans in shaping our nation's history. Check out what's happening:

Saturday, September 16th: Meet and greet majestic birds at [Eagle and Friends](#), a free family program that features our national symbol, the bald eagle, with a discussion about the importance of the bald eagle and its relationship to veterans of the United States Armed Forces and Wisconsin.

Saturday, September 23rd: Join us for [Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day Live!](#) Admission is always free at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, so present your MuseumDayLive ticket for 20% off your entire Gift Store purchase! p.s. Did you know the Wisconsin Veterans Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate, one of only three in the state?

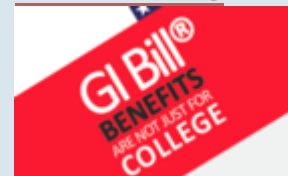
Saturday, September 30th (and Oct.1): Join us for [Talking Spirits Cemetery Tours XIX tours](#). On the 90-minute walking tour, local actors share Civil War stories through portrayals of Wisconsin Civil War soldiers and citizens buried at Forest Hill Cemetery.

[PREVENTION MONTH](#)



The WDVA is working to prevent suicide in our state. We have a [number of resources available to you](#) and we also provide training to groups and organizations on QPR - Question, Persuade, Refer - an effective technique anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Let us train you!

[USING YOUR GI BILL BENEFITS](#)



Did you know that it is possible to use [GI Bill benefits for apprenticeship training and on-the-job training \(OJT\)](#)? There are more than 350 OJT and apprenticeship sites approved for GI Bill benefits in Wisconsin.

Learn more about the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, its exhibits, events, and more on our newly designed website at www.WisVetsMuseum.com.

Help Us to Train the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs!



The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announced today that [grant applications are currently being accepted](#) from registered 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) non-profit organizations that provide entrepreneurship training, or technical, business or other assistance to veteran entrepreneurs to improve employment outcomes. Completed applications are due by Friday, September 29, 2017.

“We are committed to supporting veteran entrepreneurs who are creating jobs and improving the employment situation in our state,” Secretary Daniel J. Zimmerman said. “We look forward to working together with non-profit organizations to help veterans succeed in their endeavors.” [>>>Read more...](#)

About the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs works on behalf of Wisconsin's veterans community — veterans, their families and their survivors — in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our state and nation. For more information, visit www.WisVets.com.

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