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2018 PNW REGIONAL STUDENT VETERAN CONFERENCE



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Student Veterans and Student Veteran Advocates,

On behalf of the students, staff, and faculty of University of Washington Tacoma and Student Veterans at UW Tacoma, we would like to welcome you to the 2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference. We hope that you enjoy the next few days learning from our panelists, interacting with community resources, faculty, staff and educators. Most importantly we hope you build camaraderie with other student veterans and advocates from our region. This is your conference, built by your community for you to pass on to your campus.

A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors, partners, and planning committee members. This event is a tri-state effort and that would not have been possible without them.

Warm Regards,

Rosalynn Johnson
Associate Director, VMRC
University of Washington Tacoma

Chris Burd
President, Student Veterans Organization
University of Washington Tacoma

Eric Ballentine
Veteran Corps Navigator
University of Washington Tacoma





Featured Keynote Speakers



Opening Keynote Speaker

Matt Kress

Veterans and Military Affairs (VAMA)

Starbucks

As the lead for the Veterans and Military Affairs (VAMA) program at Starbucks Coffee Company, Matt Kress focuses on strategic relationships and national partnerships. Prior to his position at Starbucks, he served in the Marine Corps for 22 years as an enlisted Marine and commissioned officer in both active duty and reserve assignments. After leaving active duty, he spent 10 years as a Firefighter/EMT in Southern California while specializing in crisis and disaster management in the Marine Corps Reserves. Matt has an MBA from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA and a Masters in Strategic Planning for Critical Infrastructures from the University of Washington.



Banquet Keynote Speaker

Jared Lyon

President and CEO

Student Veterans of America

As President and CEO of Student Veterans of America (SVA), Jared Lyon leads the national organization's efforts to support student veterans to, through, and beyond higher education.

Since his appointment in January 2016, Lyon has overseen SVA's growth to now include a network of more than 1,500 chapters on campuses in all 50 states and four countries representing more than 700,000 student veterans. During his tenure, he co-authored the National Veteran Education Success Tracker (NVEST) Project research, the first comprehensive study of student veterans using the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and in 2017 led SVA's commitment to pass the "Forever GI Bill," the largest expansion of college aid for military veterans in a decade.

Lyon holds a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, where he is an adjunct professor at the Whitman School of Management. In addition to serving on the SVA national board of directors, Lyon is the Vice Chair for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran's Advisory Committee on Education, a commissioner for the American Council on Education's Commission for Education Attainment and Innovation, and sits on the FSU Veteran Advisory Board. He is currently a 2018 Presidential Leadership Scholar.

He and his wife Chayla live in Washington, D.C. with their two dogs, Penelope and Madilynn.





MSG (R) Leroy Petry
Medal of Honor Recipient

MSG (R) Leroy Petry was born on July 29, 1979 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1999; something he wanted to do since he was seven years old.

After completion of Infantry One Station Unit Training, the Airborne Course, and the Ranger Indoctrination Program at Ft. Benning, Georgia, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. He served as a Rifleman, Grenadier, Squad Automatic Rifleman, Fire Team Leader, Rifle Squad Leader, Assistant Operations Sergeant, Weapons Squad Leader, and Liaison Officer for United States Special Operations Command Care Coalition-Northwest Region, providing oversight to wounded warriors, ill and injured service members and their families. He is an inductee of the Distinguished Members of the 75th Ranger Regiment and the Ranger Hall of Fame in June of 2017. MSG (R) Petry and his wife Ashley have four children, Brittany, Austin, Reagan and Landon. He is currently enrolled in college with goals to earn a degree in business management and own his own business. In addition, he is on several boards: GE Veteran's Network (advisory), Boulder Crest Retreat, Medal of Honor Museum (advisory), Patriot Project, and works as a warrior liaison for Feherty's Troops First Foundation all geared to improving the lives of veterans and our military.





Event Schedule

April 19th, 2018

1400 – 1600

Location: UW Tacoma Giving Garden
Mission Continues and Travis Manion Foundation Community Service Project
<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/sias/sam/giving-garden>

1800 – 2000

Location: 7 Seas Brewery and Taproom Tacoma
2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veterans Conference Welcome Mixer

April 20th, 2018

0730

Location: William Philip Hall
Registration Open

0800

Location: William Philip Hall
Breakfast Refreshment Service

0845 - 1000

Location: William Philip Hall
General Session
Opening Ceremony

Pacific Lutheran University ROTC Honor Guard

Opening Remarks by UW Tacoma Chancellor Mark Pagano, 2018 SVA Chapter Advisor of the Year Rosalynn Johnson, and Student Veterans at UW Tacoma President Chris Burd.

Keynote Speaker: Matt Kress, Starbucks Veterans and Military Affairs – Choosing a Career You Are Passionate About





1000-1020

Location: William Philip Hall
Refreshment Break and Movement to University YMCA

1020 – 1110

Breakout Session 1

UWY Room 303: Be the Best You - Avoiding Burnout by Leveraging Your Assets -
Mike Schindler

UWY Room 304: Opportunities in the Tech Sector and Beyond - Tips for Success in STEM and Entrepreneurship - Katherine Pratt, University of Washington Seattle and Minority Veterans of America; Jake Tozier, Bunker Labs - Seattle; Liz Dahlstrom, Pivotal Labs

1115 – 1205

Breakout Session 2

UWY Room 303: The Unwelcome Teacher: Post Traumatic Growth - Daniel Overton MC, LHMC, MHP, CBIS, Traumatic Brain Injury Program Specialist IV WA Department of Veterans Affairs

UWY Room 304: Veterans of Color on College Campuses - Timur Kuzu, Pierce College, Panel Moderator. Panel members: Eric Ballentine, UW Tacoma; Katherine Pratt, UW Seattle; Ricardo Cintron, Pierce College; Pedro Reyes, Seattle U; Andrea Reyes, Seattle U.

TLB 307B: School's Out, What's Next? How to Transition to the Private Sector - Moderator: Robert White, Veteran Advisor/Consultant; Monica McNeal, Western Region Program Director, Four Block; Terrence Hodge, Military Veteran Services & Operation, Operation Good Jobs; William Fehrenbach, Site Director, USO Pathfinder Program





1205 – 1315

Lunch at University YMCA

1315 - 1405

Breakout Session 3

UWY Room 303: From Organizational Trauma to Organizational Resilience

- Shana Hormann, Antioch University Seattle; Kristin Cox, US Coast Guard

UWY Room 304: Better Serving and Advocating for LGBTQ+ Student Veterans –

Lindsay Church, UW Seattle and Adrianna Moore, Pierce College, panel moderators.

TLB 307B: Helping Veterans Apply to Higher Education (Undergrad and Graduate School Programs) - Tim Hsia, CEO and CoFounder of Service to School

1400

Location: University YMCA Athletic Courts

Networking & Resource Campus Opens

1410-1540

Location: Tioga Library Building, Room 307B

Student Veteran Chapter Leadership Meeting with SVA President and CEO Jared Lyon and SVA Chapter Support Director Mark McKenna

1410 - 1500

Breakout Session 4

UWY 303: Vets and Music Therapy - Karla Hawley, ME.D., MT-BC, Neurologic Music Therapy, Fellow, Founder, Snohomish County Music Project, Government Relations, Western Region of American Music Therapy Association, TEDX Speaker; Megumi Azekawa, MM, MT-BC, Neurologic Music Therapy, Fellow, Founder and Director, Puget Sound Music Therapy, LLC, Chair, Washington State Music Therapy Task Force

UWY 304: Fun(d)raising to support Student Veterans on Campus - David Millet, Eastern Washington University





1500 – 1515

Refreshment Break

1520 – 1610

Breakout Session 5

UWY 303: Redefining Your Future – Shellie Willis, CEO Redefining Your Future

UWY 304: CLEP me out of here: life hacks for college credit - Bruce Shahbaz,
College Board

1700

Networking & Resource Campus Closes

1830

Location: Museum of Glass

2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference Banquet

Welcome Speaker: Victoria Woodards, Mayor of Tacoma

Keynote Speaker: Jared Lyon, Student Veterans of America President and CEO

April 21st, 2018

0830

Location: University YMCA Rooms 303 & 304

Breakfast

0930-1130

Creative Arts Electives

**UWY 303: Defending Your Voice: Teaching Soldiers and Vets How To Tell
Their Story** - Professor Shawn Wong, UW Department of English, Red Badge Project
– theredbadgeproject.org



UWY 304: Creative Art – Puzzle Project - Valli Rebsamen, WA State Arts Commission

TLB 307B : Music therapy: Military, Trauma and Community Re-Integration - Karly Hawley, M.Ed., MT-BC , Neurologic Music Therapy Fellow and Megumi Azekawa, Western Region of American Music Therapy Association and Washington State Music Therapy Task Force

1145

Location: University YMCA Rooms 303 & 304

Closing Remarks

Keynote Speaker: Medal of Honor Recipient MSG (R) Leroy Petry

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