

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE 2012 SCHEDULE

LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING

National Credentialing Summit

February 21-23

Tuesday, 21 – Reception & Opening/Keynote (5pm – 7pm)

Wednesday & Thursday, 22-23 – 8am – 5:30pm

- The military invests millions in training service members, sending them all over the world to learn skills and gain a wide arsenal of experiences. Unfortunately, these skills don't often translate into a civilian career - especially in the trade and certification professions. The American Legion will investigate this issue and find ways to improve veterans and transitioning service members' job prospects in the trade professions.

Location: U.S. Chamber of Commerce
1615 H St. NW
Washington, DC 20062

THE AMERICAN LEGION'S JOB FAIR

Thursday, February 23

11 am – 3 pm **Career & Benefits Fair**

Location: Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20009
Jefferson East and Lincoln Rooms, Concourse Level

Registration: <http://www.legion.org/careers/careerfair/registration>

HOMELESS VETERANS

Friday, February 24

10 am – 12pm: **Homeless Veterans' Roundtable**

- The Roundtable discussion will center on VA's Five-Year Plan to eliminate veteran homelessness, along with their new prevention initiatives. In addition, DOL & HUD will discuss their programs/services to homeless veterans as well as community service providers.

Location: Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20009

Lincoln West, Concourse Level

VETERANS EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Sunday, February 26

1 pm - 5 pm **Veterans Education Symposium**

This Symposium will focus on the unique needs of returning veterans upon arrival or return to college campuses and how colleges/universities can provide the necessary attention and resources for their successful transition. In addition, there will be discussion about the role of Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) and how they can assist in this transition as well.

Location: Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20009
Georgetown, Concourse Level

ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, February 27

9 am – 4:30 pm **Economic Commission Meeting (Employment Roundtable)**

- The Roundtable discussion will center on the Veterans Hiring Initiative within the federal government, transition issues, licensing and certification, training, veterans' preference and private sector opportunities for veterans and their families.

Location: Washington Hilton
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Washington, DC 20009
Jefferson West, Concourse Level

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

February 28-29 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

9 am - 4 pm **Two-day Small Business Development Workshop**

- Entrepreneurs with military backgrounds will benefit greatly from the two-day small business development workshop. Experienced mentors will counsel attendees on the practical aspects of setting up a veteran-owned business from the vitally important development of a business plan to the landing of government contracts.

Registration: <http://www.legion.org/careers/conference>