**BVA 77th National Convention**

**Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill**

**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, August 21 Room Name**

9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_BVA Auxiliary Silent Auction Setup \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional A

1:00PM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_Volunteer Help Desk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Lobby  
  
1:00PM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_Registration\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Congressional CD

Foyer

**Monday, August 22 Room Name**

9:00AM-9:30AM\_\_\_\_Welcome Orientation (open to all) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional B

9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_BVA Auxiliary Silent Auction Setup\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional A

9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_Volunteer Help Desk\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lobby  
  
9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_Registration\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional CD

Foyer

1:00PM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_Offsite Trip: Arlington National Cemetery  
 **Transportation is provided. Please meet in the lobby**  
  **at 12:45PM (pre-registration required).**

**Sponsored by Clusiv**

8:00PM-10:00PM\_\_\_Hospitality Suite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ To Be Announced  
 **Hosted** **by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Group and**  
 **Sponsored by Valor Brewpub and Duplin Winery**

**Tuesday, August 23 Room Name**

7:00AM-8:30AM\_\_\_\_Ambassador Good Morning Coffee/Breakfast   
  **Sponsored by OrCam** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Thornton Room

8:30AM-9:00AM\_\_\_\_Welcome Orientation (open to all) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Congressional B

9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_BVA Auxiliary Silent Auction Setup \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional A

9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Volunteer Help Desk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lobby  
  
9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Registration\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Congressional CD

Foyer

9:30AM-6:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Exhibit Hall Open \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency A

9:00AM-11:30AM\_\_\_\_Offsite Trip: Mall and Monuments (Districts 1 and 3)   
 **Transportation is provided. Please meet in the lobby**  
  **at 9:00AM (pre-registration required).**

**Sponsored by LS&S**

9:30AM-11:30AM\_\_\_\_Exhibit Hall Bingo (Districts 2 and 4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency A  
 **Sponsored by Eschenbach Optik of America**

9:30AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Million Veterans Program Blood Draw \_\_\_\_\_\_Congressional C

11:30AM-1:00PM\_\_\_\_Lunch and Learn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regency BCD  
 **Sponsored by Dot Incorporation**

1:00PM-3:30PM\_\_\_\_\_Offsite Trip: Mall and Monuments (Districts 2 and 4)   
 **Transportation is provided. Please meet in the lobby**  
  **at 1:00PM (pre-registration required).**

1:00PM-3:30PM\_\_\_\_\_Exhibit Hall Bingo (Districts 1 and 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency A  
 **Sponsored by Eschenbach Optik of America**

4:00PM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Meeting: Rules & Credentials Committee \_\_\_\_Yellowstone

and Everglades

6:00PM-7:00PM\_\_\_\_\_President’s Reception Cocktail Hour \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Hall of Battles

(Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill)

6:30PM-7:00PM\_\_\_\_\_President’s Reception Receiving Line \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regency BCD

7:00PM-9:00PM\_\_\_\_\_President’s Reception and Dinner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency BCD  
 **Sponsored by OrCam**

9:00PM-11:00PM \_\_\_\_Hospitality Suite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_To Be Announced  
 **Hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Group**  
  
**Wednesday, August 24 Room Name**

8:00AM-9:30AM\_\_\_\_\_Exhibitors’ Good Morning Coffee/Breakfast \_\_Thornton Room  
 **for exhibitors with VA Vendor Relations  
 Sponsored by Bosma Enterprises   
 Speaker: Alan J. Swygert, Executive Director,   
 Veterans Health Administration Vendor Relations**

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

8:00AM-9:30AM\_\_\_\_\_Opening Session: BVA, BVA Auxiliary, VA \_\_\_\_\_ Regency BCD  
 Featuring State and Federal Agencies

9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Volunteer Help Desk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lobby

9:00AM-12:00PM\_\_\_\_Registration\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Congressional CD

Foyer

9:30AM-6:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Exhibit Hall Open\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regency A

9:30AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Million Veterans Program Blood Draw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Congressional C

9:30AM-11:45AM\_\_\_\_Opening Business Meeting-BVA (D)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency BCD  
  
10:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_BVA Auxiliary Meeting and Silent Auction \_\_\_\_ Congressional A

12:00PM-1:30PM\_\_\_\_Lunch & Learn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Thornton Room  
 **Sponsored by Oracle Cerner**

2:00PM-4:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Bylaws & Resolutions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency BCD

4:00PM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Dog Handlers Group Meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Capitol A

5:00PM-6:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Women Veterans Group Meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Capitol B

5:30PM-6:30PM\_\_\_\_\_Happy Hour Reception in Exhibit Hall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency A

7:00PM-9:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Offsite:Dine Around  
 **Transportation is provided**. **Restaurant sign-up**

**at registration. Please meet in lobby at 6:45PM.**

9:00PM-11:00PM\_\_\_\_Hospitality Suite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_To Be Announced  
 **Hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Group**

**Thursday, August 25 Room Name**

7:00AM-8:30AM\_\_\_\_\_BVA Members’ Good Morning Coffee-Breakfast \_ Thornton Room  
 **Sponsored by National Industries for the Blind**

9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Volunteer Help Desk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lobby

9:00AM-4:00PM\_\_\_\_\_BVAA Meeting and Silent Auction\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional A

9:00AM-10:00AM\_\_\_\_General BVA Session\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regency BCD  
 **Blind Rehabilitation Service,**

**Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service**

**Speaker: Nicole L. Sandlan,**

**National Program Director,**  
 **Blind Rehabilitation Service**

**Speaker: Alison Cormier,**

**Field Operations Manager**

**Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service**

**National Program Office**

10:00AM-10:30AM\_\_\_­BRS & Prosthetic & Sensory Aids Service\_\_\_\_\_ Regency BCD  
 **Question and Answer Session**

**Nicole Sandlan and Alison Cormier**

10:30AM-11:00AM\_\_\_Vision Center of Excellence Presentation \_\_\_\_ Regency BCD  
 **Speaker: Colonel Scott McClellan, Division Chief**

11:15AM-11:45AM\_\_­\_VA Recreational Therapy Presentation \_\_\_\_­\_\_Regency BCD

Virtual Reality Therapy

**Speaker: James Kaplan, Recreation Therapist,**

**M.Ed, CTRS, ATP**

12:00PM-1:45PM\_\_\_\_ Father Carroll Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency A  
 **Sponsored by Waymo**  
 **Keynote Speaker: Lonnie Bedwell**

**2015 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year**

2:00PM-2:30PM\_\_\_\_\_ BVA Legislative and Veteran Services Briefing \_ Regency BCD **Speaker: James Vale, National Service Director,**

**Benefits & Policy, BVA**

2:45AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_BVA District Caucus Meetings   
 District 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency BCD   
 District 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Bunker Hill  
 District 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Concord  
 District 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Lexington

3:00PM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_\_BVA Auxiliary Auction Item Pickup \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Congressional A

5:30PM-9:00PM\_\_\_\_\_Offsite Trip: Bowling at Pinstripes  
 **Sponsored by Vanda Pharmaceuticals** **Transportation is Provided**. **Please meet in the**

**lobby at 5:15PM (pre-registration required).**

9:00PM-11:00PM\_\_\_\_Hospitality Suite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_To Be Announced  
 **Hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Group**

**Friday, August 26 Room Name**

8:00AM-12:00PM\_\_\_Closing Business Meeting\_(D)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency BCD

9:00AM-11:00AM\_\_\_BVA Auxiliary Closing Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional A

9:00AM-5:00PM\_\_\_\_Volunteer Help Desk\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lobby

1:00PM-3:30PM\_\_\_\_BVA Auxiliary Auction Item Pickup \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional A

5:00PM-6:00PM\_\_\_\_Cocktail Hour Reception \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency A Foyer

6:00PM-9:00PM\_\_\_\_Awards Banquet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regency A

**Sponsored by Vispero**

9:00PM-11:00PM\_\_\_Hospitality Suite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_To Be Announced  
 **Hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Group**

**Saturday, August 27 Room Name**

9:00AM-3:00PM Offsite Trip: Kayaking with Team River Runner  
 **Transportation is provided**. **Please meet in the**  
  **lobby at 8:30AM (pre-registration required).**