



2023 Schedule of Events Marriott St. Louis Grand

Sunday, August 13

Room Name

1:00pm – 5:00pm	Volunteer Help Desk _____	Landmark Foyer & Hotel Lobby
1:00pm – 5:00pm	BVA Registration _____	Landmark Outer Foyer

Monday, August 14

Room Name

9:00am – 9:30am	Welcome Orientation (open to all) _____	Kingsbury/Westmoreland
9:00am – 5:00pm	Volunteer Help Desk _____	Landmark Foyer & Hotel Lobby
9:00am – 5:00pm	Bow Wow Lounge (Service Dogs) _____	Washington Room
9:00am – 5:00pm	BVA Registration _____	Landmark Outer Foyer Sponsored by Waymo and PetSmart, St. Louis District
10:00am – 12:00pm	Service Dog Walk _____	Meet in Lobby Sponsored by Waymo and HumanWare
1:00pm – 3:00pm	BVA Auxiliary Business Meeting _____	Gateway B
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Offsite Trip: Rollin on the Riverboat Cruise Sponsored by Vispero Transportation is provided. Please meet in the lobby at 6:00pm (pre-registration required).	
9:30pm – 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite _____	Presidential Suite, Room 1931 (19th Fl.) Hosted by the Heartland Regional Group

Tuesday, August 15

Room Name

8:00am – 9:30am	Exhibitor and BVA Member Breakfast _____ Crystal Ballroom Sponsored by Bosma
9:00am – 5:00pm	Volunteer Help Desk _____ Landmark Foyer & Hotel Lobby
9:00am – 5:00pm	Bow Wow Lounge (Service Dogs) _____ Washington Room Sponsored by Waymo and PetSmart, St Louis District
9:00am – 11:30am	Offsite Trip: Missouri Botanical Garden Sponsored by Oracle Health Transportation is provided. Please meet in the lobby at 8:45am (pre-registration is required).
9:30am – 5:30pm	Exhibit Hall Open _____ Landmark Ballroom Exhibit Hall Bingo: All Day
9:30am – 5:00pm	Million Veterans Program Blood Draw _____ Pershing
10:00am – 11:30am	VA Section 508 Accessibility Focus Group _____ Gateway A
11:30am – 1:00pm	Lunch & Learn _____ Crystal Ballroom Sponsored by WayAround
1:00pm – 3:00pm	BVA Auxiliary Business Meeting _____ Gateway B
1:15pm – 3:30pm	Offsite Trip: Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour Transportation is provided. Please meet in the lobby at 1:15pm (pre-registration is required)
2:30pm – 4:00pm	VA Section 508 Accessibility Focus Group _____ Group A
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Rules & Credentials Meeting _____ Kingsbury/Westmoreland
6:00pm – 7:00pm	President’s Reception Cocktail Hour ___ Crystal Ballroom Foyer
6:30pm – 7:00pm	President’s Reception Receiving Line _____ Crystal Ballroom
7:00pm – 9:00pm	President’s Reception and Dinner _____ Crystal Ballroom
9:00pm – 10:30pm	Hospitality Suite _____ Presidential Suite, Room 1931 (19th Fl.)

Wednesday, August 16

Room Name

7:30am – 8:45am	Ambassador Ceremony _____ Sponsored by OrCam	Crystal Ballroom
8:00am – 5:30pm	Exhibit Hall Open _____ Exhibit Hall Bingo: All Day	Landmark Ballroom
9:00am – 5:00pm	Volunteer Help Desk _____	Landmark Foyer
9:00am – 5:00pm	Bow Wow Lounge (Service Dogs) _____ Sponsored by Waymo and PetSmart, St Louis District	Washington Room
9:00am – 10:00am	Opening Session: BVA, VA _____ Featuring State and Federal Agencies	Majestic D
9:30am – 5:00pm	Million Veterans Program Blood Draw _____	Pershing
10:00am – 11:45am	Opening Business Meeting (BVA) _____	Majestic D
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch & Learn _____ Sponsored by Oracle Health	Crystal Ballroom
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Bylaws, & Resolutions _____	Majestic D
2:30pm – 4:00pm	VA Section 508 Accessibility Focus Group _____	Gateway A
3:00pm – 4:00pm	A Caregiver’s Heart: Overwhelmed and Overjoyed__ Speaker: Barbara Webb, Dole Caregiver Fellow Elizabeth Dole Foundation, Caring for Military Families	Gateway B
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Women Veterans Group Meeting _____	Majestic C
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Dog Handlers Group Meeting _____	Majestic A
6:30pm – 10:00pm	Offsite Trip: Flamingo Bowl Sponsored by Foreseeable Future Foundation and Humanware. Meal will be provided. Please meet in the lobby at 6:30pm. (pre-registration required)	
CLOSED	Hospitality Suite _____	

Thursday, August 17

Room Name

7:30am – 8:45am	BVA Members' Good Morning Breakfast _____ Crystal Ballroom Sponsored by National Association of Blind Merchants
9:00am – 5:00pm	Volunteer Help Desk _____ Landmark Foyer
9:00am – 5:00pm	Bow Wow Lounge (Service Dogs) _____ Washington Room Sponsored by Waymo and PetSmart, St. Louis District
9:00am – 10:00am	BRS Continuum of Care Update _____ Majestic D Blind Rehabilitation Service Speaker: Nicole L. Sandlan, National Program Director, Blind Rehabilitation Service
10:00am – 11:00am	Digital A11Y _____ Majestic D VA Office of Compliance, Risk, and Remediation Vispero, Allyant, Perigeon
11:00am – 11:30am	IntraCortical Visual Prosthesis Project _____ Majestic D Dr. Philip Troyk, Principal Investigator for ICPP Executive Director, Pritzker Institute of Biomedical Science and Engineering
11:30am – 11:45am	Break
11:45am – 12:15pm	VA Prosthetic Update _____ Majestic D Stephen Roberts, VISN 15 Prosthetic Representative
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Father Carroll Luncheon _____ Crystal Ballroom Sponsored by Dot Incorporation Keynote Speaker: Brian O'Connell, BVA National Sergeant-At-Arms
2:00pm – 3:00pm	BVA Auxiliary Business Meeting _____ Gateway B
2:15pm – 2:45pm	VA Ophthalmology and Optometry Update _____ Majestic D Dr. Glenn C. Cockerham, MD, SES EQV Executive Director, VHA Ophthalmology Program Jeanette Carbone Varanelli, OD, FAAO, Dipl ABO, ABCMO Senior Advisor for Optometry, Acting Program Executive Director
2:30pm – 4:00pm	VA Section 508 Accessibility Focus Group _____ Gateway A

Thursday, August 17 (continued)

Room Name

3:00pm – 5:00pm	BVA District Caucus Meetings	
	District 1 _____	Landmark 1
	District 2 _____	Landmark 2
	District 3 _____	Landmark 3
	District 4 _____	Landmark 4
5:30pm	Offsite Trip: On Your Own	
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Hospitality Suite _____ Presidential Suite, Room 1931 (19th Fl.) Hosted by the BVA Board of Directors	

Friday, August 18

Room Name

9:00am – 12:00pm	Closing Business Meeting _____	Majestic E
9:00am – 5:00pm	Volunteer Help Desk _____	Landmark Foyer
9:00am – 5:00pm	Bow Wow Lounge (Service Dogs) _____ Sponsored by Waymo and PetSmart, St. Louis District	Washington Room
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Board Meeting _____	Majestic G
1:00pm – 2:30pm	BVA Auxiliary Business Meeting _____	Gateway B
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Spiritual Outreach Committee _____	Majestic E
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Cocktail Hour Reception _____	Majestic Foyer
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Awards Banquet _____ Sponsored by Vanda Pharmaceuticals	Majestic D
9:00pm – 10:30pm	Hospitality Suite _____ Presidential Suite, Room 1931 (19th Fl.) Hosted by the Heartland Regional Group	