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Joshua Doran, CEO, Veteran Companion Animals Services

Doran joined the Army National Guard in 2008, serving for nearly 14 years. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 with the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.



Dr. Barbara Henry, AVP Non-Traditional and Military Student Services, Bowling Green State University

Henry oversees student-centered programs and services that support military-affiliated students' academic success and well-being.



Diamond Smith

Smith is a Military Community Advocate at Wright State University studying organizational leadership. She served in the U.S. Army.



Janet Steinbacher, Academic Program Services Consultant, Military and Veterans Services office, The Ohio State University

Steinbacher leads the Major Lawrence Miller MCA Program and supports student veteran wellness through various roles.



Dr. Don Stenta, Distinguished Adjunct Professor, John Glenn College of Public Affairs

Stenta has a long and distinguished career at The Ohio State University, holding various leadership positions before transitioning to academia.



Dr. Cynthia Turner, Assoc. Dean of Access, Engagement, and Outreach, Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University

Turner is on the Fisher's leadership team and is also a sought-after speaker on emotional intelligence and inclusive leadership.



Jason Vazquez, Director Product & Business Development, Nationwide Financial

Vazquez is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served as an infantry squad leader in Iraq.



Jason Warner, Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

Warner, a retired U.S. Navy Captain with over 25 years in logistics and supply chain management, now serves as Director of Operations at Wesco in Columbus, Ohio.



Major General Timothy Zadalis, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) NVLF Leadership Dean

Zadalis is a highly decorated officer who retired in 2017 after nearly 34 years of service and now serves as the NVLF Leadership Dean.



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2025 FELLOWS FORUM

JUNE 23 » EASTON COMMUNITY ROOM » COLUMBUS, OHIO

JUNE 24 » NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM » COLUMBUS, OHIO

JUNE 25 » LEADERSHIP FORUM » NEW ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB » NEW ALBANY, OHIO



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JUNE 23 » EASTON COMMUNITY ROOM | 3981 GRAMERCY STREET

3:30 p.m. Meet at Residence Inn Lobby; Walk to Easton Community Room

4 - 5:30 p.m. **CHARACTER STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT REVIEW**
Dr. **Don Stenta**, Distinguished Adjunct Professor, John Glenn College of Public Affairs

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **BREAK**

6:30 - 8 p.m. **PINS MECHANICAL SOCIAL**



JUNE 24 » NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

8 a.m. Meet in the Residence Inn lobby for a shuttle

9 - 9:30 a.m. **WELCOME | CAMPUS UPDATES**
Major General **Timothy Zadalis**, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)
NVLF Leadership Dean

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. **CHARACTER, COMPETENCE, AND CONNECTION**
Jason Warner, Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
How do you lead with integrity and inspire others? Discover what effective leadership takes and how to rise to the challenge.

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 - 11:15 a.m. **LEADERSHIP IN ACTION**
Leading Change on Campus
Dr. **Barbara Henry**, AVP Non-Traditional and Military Student Services, Bowling Green State University
Dr. **Cynthia Turner**, Assoc. Dean of Access, Engagement, and Outreach, The Ohio State University
Campuses welcome new ideas but often resist change; learn proven strategies from experienced campus leaders.

FELLOWS IN ACTION

Leading Change on Campus & Beyond

Diamond Smith, Wright State University, Current Fellow/MCA

11:15 - Noon

Joshua Doran, CEO Veteran Companion Animals Services, Former MCA

Current and former Advocates reflect on what they've learned from their time on campus and, for those now in the workforce, how their role as an MCA has shaped their career paths.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. **LUNCH | NVMM VISIT | VIDEO STORIES**

1:30 - 1:45 p.m. **CAMPUS UPDATES II**

PLANNING

1:45 - 2:15 p.m.
Includes Break

What are your top priorities as an Advocate? What changes would you like to see on campus? Take time to reflect, make a plan, and share your ideas with your peers.

PRACTICAL ISSUES FACED BY MCAs

2:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Janet Steinbacher, Academic Program Services Consultant, Ohio State University's Military and Veterans Services office

3:45 - 4 p.m.

BREAK

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

4 - 4:45 p.m.

Jason Vazquez, Director Product & Business Development, Nationwide Financial

4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

MIA CASE | WRAP UP

Major General **Tim Zadalis**

5:15 p.m.

Shuttle to hotel.
Evening on your own (Gift Card provided)

