



AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER
**20TH ANNUAL VETERANS CONFERENCE &
 'AMERICAN VALOR' HONORS GALA**
 OCTOBER 26-28, 2017 – WASHINGTON D.C.

EARLY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

THE AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER'S

AMERICAN VALOR

A SALUTE TO OUR HEROES

**AMERICAN VALOR:
 A SALUTE TO OUR HEROES**



The first televised awards show honoring our military heroes & the weekend's signature event. A black-tie celebrity-filled gala and Emmy-winning TV special.



ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

**HONORING
 OUR VETERANS**



An exclusive reception hosted at the residence of the Ambassador of the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

**THE WOUNDED WARRIOR
 EXPERIENCE**

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Featuring the inspiring stories of service members who have overcome the odds and a discussion on topics facing wounded warriors today. Filmed for a special Veterans Day television broadcast.

THE AVC'S 20TH ANNUAL VETERANS CONFERENCE

Featuring American heroes from World War II to the present day. Early-confirmed speakers include:

THE HON. CHUCK HAGEL

24th Secretary of Defense, former U.S. Senator & infantry squad leader in Vietnam.

THE MEDAL OF HONOR

Recipients of our nation's highest military award, including CWO4 'Woody' Williams (WWII - tentative), Col. Wesley Fox (Vietnam) & CPT Florent Groberg (Afghanistan). Additional participants TBA.

LT. COL. RICHARD E. COLE

Co-pilot to Jimmy Doolittle on the legendary Doolittle Raid, & last survivor of the 80 veterans of the raid.

MIDWAY:

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
 Featuring surviving veterans of the epic battle that turned the tide of World War II, 75 years ago.

**LT. COL. ALEXANDER
 JEFFERSON**

Combat pilot with the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, shot down and held prisoner for the war's final year at Stalag Luft III.

**CDR 'DIZ'
 LAIRD**

Famed 'ace' pilot, and the only-known ace to have achieved victories over both German and Japanese pilots in WWII.

**BRIG. GEN. R.
 STEVE RITCHIE**

The only Air Force "ace" pilot of the Vietnam war & America's last "ace" pilot.

COL. EDWARD SHAMES

The last-living officer from the famed Band of Brothers in WWII.

ROBERT IZUMI

While living in a wartime internment camp, volunteered for the U.S. Army becoming the only Japanese American to serve in the 101st Airborne Division in WWII.

PLUS

SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERS, ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL FROM OUR SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES, AND MUCH MORE TO COME

CLINT HILL

U.S. Army veteran and Secret Service agent serving five presidents; on November 22, 1963, he was the agent who leapt onto President Kennedy's vehicle to shield President & Mrs. Kennedy after the President was shot.

Full schedule available September 1. Call **703-302-1012 ext. 227** or email wsmith@avcmail.org to request a registration form.