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U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
SUMMIT
**ARMY WOMEN:
READY & RESILIENT**

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Caucus Room 345



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9:00 a.m. MORNING PANEL: RESILIENT ON THE BATTLEFIELD

Panel Overview

MG Dee McWilliams, USA (Ret), AWF Chair

Panel Moderator

MG Jan Edmunds, USA (Ret) AWF Board Member

Panel Participants

BG Linda Singh, USA, Assistant Adjutant General, Maryland National Guard

COL Ellen Haring, USAR, Senior Fellow, Women in International Security

11:00 a.m. LUNCHEON ARMY WOMEN 2020: READY & RESILIENT

Master of Ceremonies

Leon Harris, ABC7/WJLA-TV

Remarks

Fred Wacker, Director and Chief Operating Officer,
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Featured Speaker

MG (Dr.) Nadja Y. West, USA, Joint Staff Surgeon, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Featured Speaker

SMA Raymond F. Chandler III, USA

Presentation of Scholarships

MG McWilliams, USA (Ret)

12:30 p.m. AFTERNOON PANEL: RESILIENT ON THE HOMEFRONT

Panel Overview

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MG Donna Barbisch, USA (Ret), AWF Board Member

Panel Participants

Teresa Gerton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor-Veterans
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Pamela Johnson, Operation: Good Jobs 2.0 Program Specialist,
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Elisa Basnight, Esq., Director, Center for Women Veterans, Department of
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2:00 p.m. CONCLUDING REMARKS

MG McWilliams, USA (Ret)



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MS. PAMELA JOHNSON

PAMELA JOHNSON is the Operation: GoodJobs 2.0 Program Specialist for Goodwill Industries Industrial. She served 10 years in the Army National Guard, achieving the rank of staff sergeant. Ms. Johnson is an All-American, three-time Pac-10 Champion, and NCAA National Champion in track field. She holds a MBA from the University of Southern California.

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MAJOR GENERAL DEE ANN McWILLIAMS, USA (Ret) is President of the Army Women's Foundation. She retired from the U.S. Army in 2003. MG McWilliams holds degrees from Lon Morris College and Stephen F. Austin University. Additionally, she graduated from Texas Woman's University and the National War College.

SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY KENNETH O. PRESTON (RET)

KENNETH O. PRESTON served as the 13th Sergeant Major of the Army. He retired from the Army after nearly 36 years of service. Immediately prior to his appointment as Sergeant Major of the Army, he was the Command Sergeant Major of Combined Joint Task Force 7 serving in Baghdad, Iraq. Currently, he is the director of NCO & Solider Programs for the Association of the United States Army. SMA Preston holds a master of business administration degree from Trident University.

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MR. FRED WACKER

MR. FRED WACKER currently serves as Director and Chief Operating Officer at The Home Depot Foundation. With decades of experience working in the affordable housing sector, Mr. Wacker was instrumental in developing The Home Depot Foundation's five-year \$80 million commitment to ensuring every veteran has a safe place to call home. He has a Masters in Education from Ohio University and is a certified Urban Lender.

MAJOR GENERAL (DR.) NADJA Y. WEST, USA

MAJOR GENERAL (DR.) NADJA Y. WEST, USA is the Joint Staff Surgeon, Joint Chiefs Staff at the Pentagon, Washington, DC. She serves as the chief medical advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, providing advice to the Chairman, the Joint Staff, and the Combatant Commanders. She coordinates all issues related to Health Services to include operational medicine, force health protection, and readiness among the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Services. MG West is a graduate from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. She attended the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D. C., where she earned a Doctorate of Medicine Degree.



ABOUT THE U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

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