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WARRIOR Two-Day Development Schedule

September 25–26, 2026 · Tampa, Florida

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DAY ONE

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Friday, September 25, 2026 · 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

EMCEE: Maryann Navarro, CMSgt (Ret) & Tampa Resident
DIRECTOR: Dr. Keith Castille, Recurrent Military
AFTERNOON MODERATOR: Amanda R. Stepp, MSgt, USAF (Ret.) **SUMMIT MENTOR:** Dr. Doniel Wolfe
LOCATION: Grand Ballroom through 12:14 PM · Florida Ballroom from 12:20 PM · Tampa Marriott
DRESS: Business Casual

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER(S)
8:30 AM	**Opening & Sponsor Remarks**	**Maryann Navarro — Emcee** **Joe Marino — Veterans Florida**
8:38 AM	**Welcome Remarks** Remarks from the State of Florida.	**Lt. Gov. Jay Collins** State of Florida
8:43 AM	**Base Welcome** Welcome and introduction of the MacDill Base leadership team. MacDill in Action.	**Col. Kevin H. Eley** **CMSgt Christopher S. Ottenwess** 6th Air Refueling Wing
8:50 AM ENGAGING	**Wounded Warrior Journey** 15 Years Later: Frankfurt Airport Shooting Rising From the Darkness	**Trevor Brewer**
9:10 AM	**Intro: Secretary of Veterans Affairs**	**Maryann Navarro**
9:12 AM ENGAGING	**VA Secretary Town Hall** The Secretary's priorities for the force and the families behind it: access to care, earned benefits, and a transition that begins long before the uniform comes off.	**Secretary Doug Collins** Moderated by Martin Foster
9:52 AM	**Intro: CareSource Panel**	**TBD**
9:55 AM ENGAGING	**Supporting the Healthcare Needs of the Military-Connected Community** CareSource and partner organizations work to close healthcare gaps across the military-connected community. This panel covers coverage options, behavioral health support, and the community resources available to service members, spouses, and families today.	**Moderator: Holly Joers** Panelists: Yamil Miranda-Usua, Rigoberto Nunez, Brittany Castonguay
10:25 AM	**Intro: SEAC**	**Joe Marino**
10:27 AM ENGAGING	**Fireside Chat — SEAC** A direct conversation on the senior enlisted leader's priorities: readiness, warfighting focus, and taking care of people. What the joint force expects of its enlisted leaders, and what those leaders should expect in return.	**David Isom** Moderated by: Joe Marino
10:57 AM	**BREAK** 18-minute break. Refill, reset, and network. Sessions resume promptly at 11:15 AM.	

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11:15 AM	**Intro: Nick Irving**	**Maryann Navarro**
11:17 AM ENGAGING	**Fireside Chat — Nick Irving** What he carried, what it cost, and why he tells the story now. From sniper to author and advocate, an honest conversation about resilience, purpose, and the value of speaking plainly about the hard parts.	**Nick Irving** Moderated by: Kyle Gunn
11:42 AM	**Intro: eMerge Panel**	**Maryann Navarro**
11:44 AM ENGAGING	**eMerge Panel** Technology is rewriting how we fight. This panel looks at the tools and capabilities reshaping the warfighting environment, what they mean for the force at every level, and how leaders prepare their people for a fight that keeps changing.	**Multiple Speakers**
12:14 PM	**Closing Remarks / Session Wrap**	**Maryann Navarro**
After Closing	**Ballroom Change** Summit moves from the Marriott Grand Ballroom to the Marriott Florida Ballroom for the rest of the summit. Follow guest services.	**Follow Guest Services**
12:15 PM	**Lunch Break** Lunch break, 12:15 to 1:20 PM. See options in the event app. Optional Lunch & Learn begins at 12:20 PM.	**Note options in app**
12:20 PM INTERACTIVE	**Lunch & Learn: AI & Nano Tech — The Year of the Agents** A hands-on working session. Grab lunch, bring a device, and build alongside the instructors as they show how AI and nano tech are reshaping the workforce and how to put these tools to work as a leader, manager, or supervisor.	**The AI Cowboys**
1:10 PM	**BREAK** 10-minute transition. Sessions resume at 1:20 PM.	
1:20 PM SPOTLIGHT	**Summit Mentor Remarks** Strengthening resilience, building connection, and supporting military families through every stage of military life.	**Dr. Doniel Wolfe**
1:30 PM INTERACTIVE	**The Other Side of the Armor** Investing in the whole leader — a message from the future.	**Maryann Navarro, CMSgt (Ret)**
1:50 PM INTERACTIVE	**The Human Weapon System Experience** Transformative resiliency experience focused on communication, building trust, and growing from within as leaders, warriors, and human beings.	**Teresa Roberts** **Kirk Alexander**
2:35 PM	**BREAK** 10-minute break. Sessions resume at 2:45 PM.	
2:45 PM ENGAGING	**Coaching the Leaders We Need** The landscape of leader development is changing. Real tools and techniques to grow the leaders we need.	**Bill Barrington**
3:30 PM	**BREAK** 10-minute break before the closing keynote.	
3:40 PM ENGAGING	**CLOSING KEYNOTE: The Power of Pivot** From combat to purpose: leading through adversity, transition, and transformation.	**Dr. JayR McIntyre**

DAY TWO

WARRIORforward

Saturday, September 26, 2026 · 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

MODERATOR: Annie Peguero **MENTOR:** Dr. Doniel Wolfe
LOCATION: Florida Ballroom · Tampa Marriott

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER(S)
8:30 AM	**Opening Remarks** Welcome to Day 2.	Dr. Doniel Wolfe
8:40 AM ENGAGING	**Collaborate & Connect** Planned networking. Work the room with intent: meet the people you came to meet, trade contacts, and set up the conversations that carry past the weekend.	Annie Peguero
9:00 AM ENGAGING	**Family Matters** Mission ready: building a life with intention in and out of uniform.	Durelle Bailey Moderator: Stephen Graddick IV
9:50 AM	**BREAK** 10-minute break. Sessions resume at 10:00 AM.	
10:00 AM INTERACTIVE	**Readiness, Resiliency, Rise** From Tragedy to Strategy. Building the life we deserve.	Brandi Bridgett Gold Star Spouse
10:50 AM SPOTLIGHT	**Spotlight: Envisioning Military to Corporate** Translating military experience into corporate impact.	Quincy Harper Sr. Accenture Federal Services
11:05 AM	**COMFORT BREAK & EXPO HALL** 30 minutes. Stretch, refuel, and walk the expo hall. Sessions resume at 11:35 AM.	
11:35 AM	**USO Now, USO Giving Back** A conversation on service, giving back, and what the USO offers currently serving members and families.	Manny Piñeiro
12:05 PM INTERACTIVE	**The Peace Index: Finding Stability During Transition.** Transition changes more than a career; it can reshape nearly every part of life. The Peace Index gives service members and families a practical framework to navigate change, identify pressure points, and move into their next chapter with greater peace and hope.	Military Family Institute Yolanda Easton
12:50 PM	**BREAK** 10-minute break. Sessions resume at 1:00 PM.	
1:00 PM ENGAGING	**The Good, The Bad, The Ugly: Fireside Chat** Transitioning Real Talk. Community, Connection, and Care.	Panel Members: Dr. Doniel Wolfe Dr. Kennita Williams Heather Campbell, MS, RDN Deonte Cole Melinda Araiza Moderator: Yolanda Easton
1:55 PM ENGAGING	**Closing Remarks: Why it ALL Matters** Strong families build stronger communities and lasting mission success.	Dr. Doniel Wolfe Summit Mentor