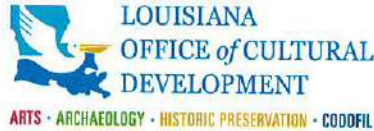




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## Agenda

### LOUISIANA MILITARY & VETERANS ARTS & HUMANITIES SUMMIT

- 10:00 am **Welcome** by Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance
- 10:05 am **Opening Remarks** by Lt. Governor Nungesser
- 10:15 am **Remarks:** Brigadier General Mike Cushman, Air National Guard: Introduction of facilitator, Brigadier General Nolen Bivens, USA RET. Overview of the day.
- 10:30 am **Veteran-Artist Performance/Testimonial I**  
Songs of Survivors - Veteran's Songwriting Workshop featuring David St. Romain, Doug Gay and Sarah Burke – Baton Rouge Music Studios
- 10:45 am Panel and Discussion: **State of Louisiana's Military and Veteran Communities—Conditions, Needs and Challenges** facilitated by General Bivens  
Speakers:
- Brigadier General Mike Cushman
  - Alex Juan – Communications Director, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs
- 11:30 am **Veteran-Artist Performance/Testimonial II**  
Ray Facundo and Jeff Key, Warrior Writers
- 11:45 am Panel and Discussion: **National and State Perspectives: State of the Arts and Humanities across the Military Continuum:** Overview of latest national developments in application of the arts, humanities and creative arts therapies in the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense Health, State and Local Arts and Humanities Agencies, and Veteran Service Organizations.  
Moderated by General Nolen Bivens  
Speakers:
- Marete Wester, Senior Director of Arts Policy, National Initiative for Arts & Health Across the Military and Creative Forces: Military Healing Arts Network, Americans for the Arts

- Danny Belanger, Director of Accessibility - Louisiana Division of the Arts
- Miranda Restovic, President/Executive Director - Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

- 12:30 pm      **Lunch and Networking**
- 1:00 pm      **Existing Veteran-Artist program overview**  
Sara Lowenburg, Manager of Education, Louisiana State Museum,  
Intrepid Sea and Air Museum
- 1:15 pm      Panel and Discussion: **Sample Arts/Humanities Healing Programs** – How  
programs work, are managed and their results. Ideally multi-disciplines  
represented, e.g. dance, music, visual arts, writing, theatre  
Moderated by General Bivens  
Speakers:
- Gala True New Orleans Veterans Administration (Arts/Humanities Healing Practitioner)
  - Sara Lowenberg – Manager of Education, Louisiana State Museums
  - Jeremy Brewer, Bastion
  - Ray Facundo, Veterans Administration Hospital, New Orleans
- 2:00 pm      **Break-out Session** - Smaller groups with representatives from different  
disciplines – 15-20 minutes in small group with report outs  
General Bivens sets up small groups to discuss possible programs that could be  
identified and implemented in the relative short term. Group Question: What  
could each discipline bring to the table and what would the outcomes be?
- 3:00 pm      **Break**
- 3:15 pm      **Report outs from Break-Out Session**
- 3:30 pm      General Bivens with assistance from General Cushman provides **closing  
comments** and next steps. Group discussion opportunity to involve key leaders  
to comment/commit to future actions. Initial announcement for the forming  
**Louisiana Military and Veterans Arts and Humanities Task Force.**
- 4:00 pm      **Adjourn**

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