

## Agenda

Thursday, July 20, 2017

8:00 Registration | Resources Fair

8:30 Welcome: Colonel Gibson and  
Congressional Delegates

9:00 Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono: Director  
of Defense Health Agency

10:00 Vietnam Veterans Panel

10:45 Networking Break | Resource Fair

11:00 Dr. John Wesley Fisher: Author-  
"The War after the War"

11:45 MMCN Annual Service Awards

12:00 Lunch | Resource Fair |  
Leadership Council Meeting

1:00 Breakout Session I

2:15 Networking Break

2:45 Breakout Session II

4:00 Wrap-Up | Certificates | Evaluations

*Reception immediately following at the  
Holocaust and Human Rights Center located  
on the University of Maine at Augusta  
campus, Jewitt Hall Gallery.*

## Other Information

- Registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup>, deadline is July 18, 2017, or when full capacity has been reached.
- Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be received in writing before the event.
- Confirmation emails and directions will be sent one week prior to the event.
- [Veterans Scholarships Available](#)

## Location

Augusta Civic Center  
76 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330

## Thank you to our Sponsors:



## The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Maine Military & Community Network



**Bringing Veterans -  
Military Families &  
Support Services  
Together**

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Augusta Civic  
Center,  
Augusta, ME**



# Registration

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7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the  
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Do you wish to receive an email when we  
announce new events? Yes No

Space is limited. *Cancellations* must be received  
in writing before the event. No-shows will be  
charged the full fee. *Special accommodation*  
*requests* must be received two weeks before the  
event.

- \$25 Military Personnel/ Veterans
- \$40 General Attendance
- \$50 Vendors Table

(Includes attendance, breakfast, lunch, CE credits)

Payment Method: Payable to **AdCare Maine**  
Check Enclosed Agency PO enclosed

For online registration, pay by credit card; mail  
check or agency purchase order. Registration  
deadline is July 18, 2017, or when full capacity is  
reached.

**Submit to:**

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Military/  
Veterans  
\$25

General  
Admission  
\$40

Vendors  
\$50

Register online by Tues., July 18

<http://www.cvent.com/d/25qphj>

# Breakout Presenters:

## Session 1: (Select one)

### Session A: Substance Abuse in the Military and What We Are Doing About it

Presented By: Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono

### Session B: Veterans and Family Legal Issues

Presented by: Steve Smith CPT RET JAG,  
Rob Liscord, and Betty-Ann Sheets

### Session C: MST (Military Sexual Trauma)

Presented By: Ruth Moore & Allyson Fish, LCSW  
This breakout session will focus of the unique issues faced  
by MST survivors during and after their military service.

## Sessions 2: (Select one)

### Session D: "The Power of Connections" Women Veterans Making a Difference

Moderator: Auta Main  
Panel Members: Kelsey Farley, Melissa Chason, Wendy  
Moody, Barbara Claudel, Joy Asuncion

### Session E: Moral Injury

Presented By: Col (Rev) Paul Minor, DMin.  
Events that violate our moral code can generate internal  
chaos and alter our perception of ourselves and our world  
view. Exploring the moral, spiritual and religious dimensions  
of military service-related spiritual wounds will be our focus.

### Session F: Family Panel: Coping with Deployment

Moderator: Andrew Matlin  
A panel of family members will discuss how they cope with  
going on deployment and how they deal with coming home.

Reception & Vietnam Graffiti Art Display  
 The display is a compilation of drawings,  
 editorials, and items left behind on a former troop  
 carrier that was used to transport soldiers and  
 equipment to Vietnam.  
 A must see before you leave for the day!

# Keynotes

## Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono



Commissioned in June 1979,  
Vice Adm. Raquel Bono  
obtained her baccalaureate  
degree from the University of  
Texas at Austin and attended  
medical school at Texas  
Tech University. She  
completed a surgical

internship and a General Surgery residency at  
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, and a  
Trauma and Critical Care fellowship at the  
Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine in  
Norfolk. Shortly after training, Bono saw duty in  
Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.  
She would continue to work her way up the  
chain of command and currently serves as the  
director for the Defense Health Agency.

## Dr. John Wesley Fisher



Dr. John Wesley Fisher is a  
Vietnam Combat Veteran that  
has been researching and  
practicing natural methods for  
post-war reconciliation. A  
champion surfer by the age of  
20, he never anticipated serving

in the military, yet was drafted and sent to  
Vietnam. One year later he returned appalled,  
angry and stripped of his own identity. He knew  
he was different after combat. John began to  
travel and surf and believed that story telling  
was an important piece of healing and began to  
unload by way of novel writing. All of his books  
share the difficulties veterans experience and  
the differences between Eastern and Western  
cultures after war. Much of John's unique  
approach to healing were developed by re-  
visiting Viet Nam. Not only was he welcomed  
him back to his former warzone, but they  
honored him as well. These former rivals do not  
experience the post-war ramifications that their  
American counterparts do.