

# WELCOME

## 3rd Annual



**THINK VETERANS FIRST!™**

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

**2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**The Franklin Park Adventure Center**

**1755 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43203**

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# OUR SPEAKERS AND SCHEDULE



**General (Retired)  
Deborah Ashenhurst,  
Director, Ohio Department  
of Veteran Services**



**Councilmember  
Barroso de Padilla,  
Columbus City Council**



**Ms. Cristina Villarreal,  
Product Development Director- SBI  
P&C Insurance Group, USAA**



**Mr. Steve Stivers,  
CEO, Ohio Chamber  
(former Congressman)**



## **2023 MASTERS OF CEREMONIES - NAVY VETERAN HEATHER VACA GUZMAN AND OFFICER CANDIDATE RALEN C. CLEVELAND**

### **2:00PM Kickoff with Members of the Ohio Military Reserve**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Star Spangled Banner

### **2:10PM - Welcome to Attendees:**

- MG (Retired) Deborah Ashenhurst, Director, Ohio Department of Veteran Services
- Mrs. Cristina Villarreal, USAA Small Business Insurance Division, USAA General Sponsor
- Mr. Chris Borja, Borja Virtual and Networking Expert

### **3:00PM – Raffle Winners Announced,**

- Navy Veteran Heather Vaca Guzman and Officer Candidate Ralen C. Cleveland

### **5:00PM - Announcement by M.A.S.H. Pantry**

### **5:15PM - Raffle Winners Announced**

- Navy Veteran Heather Vaca Guzman and Officer Candidate Ralen C. Cleveland

### **5:30PM – Closing Remarks:**

- Mrs. Cristina Villarreal, USAA Small Business Insurance Division, USAA General Sponsor
- Mr. Steve Stivers, CEO, Ohio Chamber (former Congressman). Mr. Stivers supported Think Veterans First with legislation during the 116th Congress.

### **6:00PM - Conclusion of the Expo – Additional Networking with a variety of Military Music!**

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The Pastry Boutique  
Graeter's Ice Cream  
The Queen's Table  
Ian Alexander Photography  
Travis Stewart Photography  
East High School  
Behavioral Health  
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Personal Touch Party Rentals  
Chris Borja, Borja Virtual  
City Scene  
Lizard Skinz  
Isaac Wiles  
Cardinal Transportation  
By Faith Community Printing  
Franklin Park Adventure Center  
Columbus Museum of Art  
The Columbus Chamber  
One Hope Winery  
ODW Logistics



# RAFFLES

**5:00pm** – Raffle Drawing for  
Propane Grill from Lowe's  
Firepit from Home Depot  
...and more!

**6:00pm** – 50/50 Raffle Drawing

All raffle drawing winners must be present to receive their award.  
The award must be taken right away. We will not be able to keep  
items for the winners.

# EXHIBITORS



**Air Force / Space Force**

**Travis Stewart Photography**

**Army**

**CCM**

**Coast Guard**

**Walsh University**

**Marines**

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**In His Image**

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<b>Columbus Division of Fire</b>	<b>Columbus Museum of Art</b>
<b>Columbus Police Department</b>	<b>Ohio Department of Veteran Services (ODVS)</b>
<b>Ohio APEX Accelerator - Diversity Suppliers</b>	
<b>M.A.S.H. Pantry</b>	<b>The Ohio Chamber</b>
<b>Clear Captions</b>	<b>Ohio Veterans Chamber of Commerce</b>
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<b>Small Business Administration</b>	<b>Ohio Department of Development</b>
<b>ODOT - Diversity Supplier</b>	<b>Borja Virtual</b>
<b>The Reserves Network</b>	<b>Lifetime Financial Growth</b>
<b>Bunker Labs</b>	<b>The Pastry Boutique - Food Truck</b>
<b>Military One Source</b>	<b>Graeters Ice Cream - Food Truck</b>
<b>ODW Logisticss</b>	<b>CiaoGelato - Food Truck</b>







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