



## ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL MILITARY FAMILY CAUCUS

The Congressional Military Family Caucus was established in 2009 by Representatives Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (D-GA-02) and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA-05). It is a bipartisan caucus with the mission to educate Members of Congress and the public on the unique challenges experienced by our nation's military families. The Congressional Military Family Caucus understands that when an individual joins the military, it is not just a job, but a family commitment and sacrifice.

Today's Summit will provide participants with the unique opportunity to hear directly from key voices in the military, gain access to useful resources, and learn from veterans' committees about the significant challenges they face at home. We will work to use the information collected from this summit to inform policy solutions at the local, state, and federal levels.

**Thank you for joining!**



## THE NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM AND SOLDIER CENTER

From the beaches of Normandy to the sands of Baghdad, through the trenches of WWI to the jungles of Vietnam, follow in the footsteps of the United States Infantry Soldier inside the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center. Also, take in a movie at the IMAX Theater, enjoy fine dining at the Fife and Drum restaurant, try your hand at the very same Rifle Range simulator American Soldiers train on, and shop for souvenirs at the Soldier store.

THE CONGRESSIONAL MILITARY  
FAMILY CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS PRESENT:

# 2025 MILITARY FAMILY SUMMIT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025  
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM



**Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02)**  
CO-CHAIR



**General Retired  
Michael Xavier Garrett**  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Rep. Jen A. Kiggans (VA-02)**  
CO-CHAIR

**NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM AND SOLDIER CENTER**  
1775 LEGACY WAY  
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31903

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Master of ceremonies: Kenneth Cutts, Chief of Staff of Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.

8:30 – 8:35 AM

## Presentation of Colors

- ★ Fort Benning, GA Color Guard

8:35 – 8:40 AM

## National Anthem

- ★ Specialist James A. David

8:40 – 8:45 AM

## Invocation

- ★ Chaplain (MG) William “Bill” Green, Jr., U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains

8:45 – 9:00 AM

## Welcoming Remarks

- ★ Major General (Ret.) Jerry White, National Infantry Museum Founder
- ★ Brigadier General (Ret.) Peter L. Jones, National Infantry Museum President
- ★ Brigadier General Simon Schaefer, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence Deputy Commanding General
- ★ Honorable Skip Henderson, Mayor of Columbus
- ★ Honorable Eddie Lowe, Mayor of Phenix City, AL

9:00 – 9:05 AM

## Opening Remarks / Introduce Co-Chairs

- ★ Mr. Stephen Simmons, Deputy Assistant, Secretary of Defense for Military Community & Family Policy

9:05 – 9:15 AM

## Caucus Co-Chair Remarks

- ★ Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans (Video)
- ★ Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.

9:15 – 9:30 AM

## Keynote Speaker Remarks

- ★ General (Ret.) Michael Garrett



9:30 – 9:40 AM

## Blue Star Families & Quality of Life Overview

- ★ Ms. Brooke Blaalid, Blue Star Families, Associate Director of Policy

### Morning Break (9:40 – 9:50 AM)

9:50 – 11:30 AM

## Session I: Pressing Challenges Impacting Military Families

### Moderator

- ★ Mrs. Meredith Lozar, Hiring our Heroes, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Executive Director, Partnerships, Spouse of Colonel Nicholas Lozar, Commander Marine Depot Maintenance Command

### Panel Members

- ★ Mrs. Patty George, Spouse of General Randy George, Chief of Staff of the Army
- ★ Ms. Angela Major, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Housing
- ★ Ms. Amy Rodick, Director, Office of Military Family Readiness Policy
- ★ Mr. Michael J. Coltrin, Director, Child & Youth Programs
- ★ Chief Master Sergeant Israel Nunez, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve & Command Chief MSgt of the Air Force Reserve Command

### Lunch Break (11:30 AM – 12:30 PM)

12:30 – 1:45 PM

## Session II: Holistic Health & Resilience

### Moderator

- ★ Mrs. Andra Reventlow, Spouse MG Keith Reventlow, Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Command

### Panel Members

- ★ Chaplain (MG) William “Bill” Green, Jr., U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains
- ★ LTG Mary Izaguirre, U.S. Army Surgeon General and Commanding General of U.S. Army Medical Command
- ★ Dr. Jennifer Crockett, Kennedy Krieger Director of Telehealth Department and Behavioral Health Program for Military Families
- ★ Mr. Mark Munger, Holistic Health Approach, Guardian Resilience Team, Holistic Health Integrator

### Afternoon Break (1:45 – 2:00 PM)

2:00 – 3:15 PM

## Session III: Veteran & Family Transition

### Moderator

- ★ Ms. Kim Gilliam, Albany Chamber of Commerce, Director of Operations

### Panel Members

- ★ Dr. Lindsay Blount, William & Mary, Project & Business Manager for Military and Veteran Affairs
- ★ Ms. Angela Seelhammer, Veteran Affairs, Assistant Director, Atlanta Regional Office
- ★ Ms. Samantha Sliney, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Military Community & Family Policy, Southeast Regional Liaison

### Afternoon Break (3:15 – 3:20 PM)

3:20 – 3:30 PM

## Closing Remarks Co-Chairs

- ★ Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans (Video)
- ★ Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.

### See You Next Year!

9:05 – 9:15 AM