



Widely Attended Gathering (WAG) Information

Event: Warrior East

Dates: June 24-25, 2026

Location: Virginia Beach Convention Center
1000 19th St
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

There is no charge or admission fee for this event. You should seek guidance from your designated agency ethics official (DAEO) as to whether your attendance at this event is permitted under your agency's widely attended gathering (WAG) rule and obtain any determinations required by such rule or other applicable regulations.

To assist your ethics official in determining if this event qualifies as a WAG, we have provided answers to several key questions.

1. How many anticipated attendees and from which sectors are they?

More than 6,000 invitations will be distributed to individuals from Government, private industry, non-profit organizations, and the media. We anticipate approximately 2,500 attendees with approximately 60% from the Department of Defense, federal, state and local government agencies, 35% from private industry and 5% from other groups, such as allied international governments, non-profit organizations and media.

2. Is this event in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations?

For more than a decade, the purpose of Warrior has been to showcase the latest industry-leading equipment and services solutions to end users, program managers and procurement specialists that are designed to help them meet their operational requirements as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible. This event also provides quality training and education in both structured classroom environments and open area training and demonstrations. These hands-on and classroom learning opportunities focus on topics related to readiness, health, technology, procurement, profession and personal growth. Classes are led by industry professionals, contracted instructors or ADS Staff. To find more information regarding instructors, please visit warriorexpo.com and select the agenda page.



3. Will individuals in attendance represent a range of persons interested in a given matter?

The event is structured to represent a broad scope of industry and Government-specific exhibits, educational sessions and demonstrations related to operational equipment, logistics and mission support. We have invited more than 300 key exhibitors from the industrial and manufacturing base that have developed the latest technology to address warfighter capabilities and requirements. Solution categories include operational clothing and individual equipment (OCIE), C4ISR, medical and expeditionary operations, unmanned systems technology, and special missions such as explosive ordnance disposal (EOD).

Members of DoD, federal, state and local agencies, first responders, U.S. allied foreign military organizations and government defense contractors will have the opportunity to exchange ideas, as well as hear from, ask questions and be educated by subject matter experts about the latest advancements in operational equipment, logistics support and procurement strategies to support their mission requirements.

4. Can we see a more complete agenda?

A detailed agenda is available at warriorexpo.com.

5. What is included?

In addition to a Warrior T-shirt (market value: \$12) made available to all attendees, all attendees are invited to the Warrior Bash where heavy hors d'oeuvres and alcohol will be served (market value per attendee: approx. \$30).