

2026

Distinguished Service Awards



Thursday, May 14, 2026
Army Navy Country Club
Arlington, Virginia



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EVENT PROGRAM

Thursday, May 14, 2026 | 8:30 - 10:30 am

Call to Order for Color Guard and National Anthem

Richard Pineda, CALIBRE | NVC Board Chairman

Color Guard and National Anthem

Welcome Remarks

Richard Pineda, CALIBRE | NVC Board Chairman

Breakfast Service

Guest Speaker

The Honorable James R. Walkinshaw,
U.S. House of Representatives

Veteran-Owned Business of the Year

Presented By: Michael Bruce, Alpha Omega

Emerging Business Honoree: Hypori

Maturing Business Honoree: ThinkTek

Established Business Honoree: IronArch Technology

Veteran Employee of the Year

Presented By: Patrick Soleymani, George Mason University

Honoree: Larry Johnson, Riverside Research

Veteran Service Organization of the Year

Presented By: Glenn Hickok, Noblis

<\$1 Million Honoree: Resolve Solutions Incorporated

>\$1 Million Honoree: Hope For The Warriors

Veteran Advocate of the Year

Presented By: John Tucker, TD Bank

Honoree: Fletcher Gill, Luke's Wings

Lifetime Distinguished Service Award

Presented By: Richard Pineda, CALIBRE

Honoree: Pinakin Patel, Kentro

Closing Remarks

Richard Pineda, CALIBRE | NVC Board Chairman

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GUEST SPEAKER

The Honorable James R. Walkinshaw

11th Congressional District

U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable James R. Walkinshaw serves on the influential House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which oversees the federal workforce, government operations, and federal IT management — areas that are critical to Northern Virginia's economy. He also serves on the Military and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee.

In these roles, Congressman Walkinshaw is focused on protecting the nonpartisan civil service, supporting fair pay, benefits, and treatment for federal employees, strengthening oversight of federal procurement and information technology, and holding the Administration accountable.



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VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS

of the year

Honoring successful veteran-owned businesses in the Greater Washington region that have demonstrated strong business performance.

Emerging Business (<5 years in business)

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Established Business (10+ years in business)

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VETERAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Larry Johnson

Intelligence Production Manager

Riverside Research

A retired Air Force SNCO and First Sergeant, he brings 35 years of military and intelligence experience to his role as Intelligence Production Manager at Riverside Research. Under his leadership, the VERG established a Vets4Vets group that is a dedicated community of Riverside Research employees who are retired, former, or current (Guard/Reserve) military service members. He also spearheaded veteran-focused events and has donated hours of his time to participate in activities uplifting veterans.

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION *of the year*

Honoring a nonprofit organization that has had an exemplary impact in service to veterans, their families, and/or veteran-owned businesses in the Greater Washington region.

< \$1 Million Annual Budget

Resolve Solutions delivers a student-first model that includes early college preparation, academic and financial mentorship, and specialized support for ROTC scholarships and service academy appointments. They work directly with principals, college counselors, and community partners nationwide to identify and nurture students with the intellect, drive, and character to lead.

> \$1 Million Annual Budget

Hope for the Warriors, founded in 2006 by military families at Camp Lejeune, provides comprehensive support to service members, veterans, and their families affected by combat. Led by combat veterans and military family members, the organization delivers programs and services grounded in integrity, honor, and a commitment to those who have sacrificed for the nation.

Congratulations to the 2026 Distinguished Service Awardees!


Dev Technology is honored to support the 2026 Distinguished Service Awards, recognizing veteran leaders, changemakers, and organizations dedicated to strengthening our region's communities through impactful service and leadership.



A group of diverse people, including a man with a beard and a woman, are smiling and clapping. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

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VETERAN ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Fletcher Gill

Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer

Luke's Wings

At Luke's Wings, Fletcher runs the day-to-day operations and plays an active role in supporting our wounded warriors and veterans. Fletcher ran Luke's Wings between its inception in January 2008.

Fletcher Gill is the Managing Partner at The Genau Group, a commercial real estate company providing tenant advisory and lease brokerage. Prior to starting The Genau Group, Fletcher was the Vice President of Tenant Representation at Montview Realty Advisors, and was a Controls Assurance Specialist and business consultant with Deloitte and Touche LLP and PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP.



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Pinakin Patel

Chief Executive Officer

Kentro

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