Business and Professional Women’s Foundation

**Joining Forces for Women Veterans**
Thursday, October 21st, 2010
National Museum of Women in the Arts
1250 New York Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

8:00 – 9:00  **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Mezzanine Level

**Morning Sessions** – Auditorium, 5th Floor

9:00 – 9:15  **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
- Deborah L. Frett, CEO, Business and Professional Women’s Foundation
- Jack Amberg, Senior Director, Veterans Programs, McCormick Foundation
- Ann Sullivan, President of Madison Services Group, Inc.

9:15 – 9:30  **Video** – Faces of Women Veterans (Department of Veterans Affairs Learning University)

9:30 – 10:15  **Keynote Speakers**
- Valerie B. Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement; Chair of the White House Council on Women and Girls
- Introduction by Darienne Page, Assistant Director, Office of Public Engagement and Lead for Veterans, Wounded Warrior and Military Family Outreach
- Tammy Duckworth, Assistant Secretary for Public & Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

10:15 – 10:30  BREAK - Mezzanine Level

10:30 – 11:25  **Reintegration**
- Linda Spoonster Schwartz, DrPH, MSN, RN, Commissioner of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs; President, National Association of State Directors of Veteran Affairs
- Lynda Davis, Ph.D., Founder and CEO, See.Care.Do Institute; former Deputy Undersecretary of Defense - Military Community and Families
- Veronica Harrison (Veteran)
- Adrienne Simmons (Veteran)
- Kayla Williams (Veteran)
11:30 – 12:30 **Homelessness**
- ABC News Video
- Sara Manzano-Díaz, Director, Women’s Bureau, U.S. Dept of Labor
- Marsha Four, Executive Director, Philadelphia Veterans Multi Service and Education Center
- Jessica Campbell (Veteran)
- Joyce Leneave (Veteran)
- Denise Washington (Veteran)

12:30 – 12:45 **Marie Johns**, Deputy Director, Small Business Administration; Former President and CEO of Verizon, Washington, D.C.

12:45 – 12:55: **Special Remarks** by Michele S. Jones, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense; White House Liaison, U.S. Department of Defense

12:55 – 2:00 LUNCH – Kasser Room, Mezzanine Level

**Afternoon Sessions** – Auditorium, 5th Floor

2:00 - 3:00 **Employment and Careers**
- Ray Jefferson, Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment & Training Service (VETS), U.S. Department of Labor
- Susan Schieren, Manager, Military Programs, General Electric (Veteran)
- Dawn Halfaker, CEO, Halfaker & Associates (Veteran)
- Erica Banks, Director of Talent Programs, USAA (Veteran)

3:00 – 3:10: **Special Remarks** by Ana R. Harvey, Assistant Administrator, Office of Women’s Business Ownership, U.S. Small Business Administration

3:10 – 4:15 **Solutions and Opportunities Discussion**

4:15 – 4:45 **Outcomes and Action Plan**

5:00 – 6:30 **Cocktail Reception and Networking** – Mezzanine Level