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46th NOVA Annual Conference President's Letter

Dear NOVA Members, Colleagues, Partners, and Friends,

Welcome to the NOVA 46th Annual Conference! On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Providence, Rhode Island, as we gather under this year's theme, **"Celebrating Excellence in Veteran Care: Advocacy, Commitment, and Healing."**

Our Annual Conference is more than an educational event—it is an opportunity to come together as a community of dedicated VA nurses and healthcare professionals who are united by a shared commitment to serving our nation's Veterans. Over the next few days, you'll have the opportunity to learn from inspiring speakers, explore innovative practices, engage in meaningful discussions, and reconnect with colleagues from VA Medical Centers across the country.

Whether you are attending educational sessions, viewing poster presentations, networking with exhibitors and industry partners, or simply sharing experiences with fellow attendees, I encourage you to take full advantage of everything this conference has to offer. The knowledge, ideas, and connections you gain here will strengthen our profession and ultimately enhance the care we provide to those who have served our nation.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, and planning committee members whose dedication and hard work made this conference possible. Your commitment to NOVA and its mission continues to inspire us all.

Thank you for being part of the NOVA community and for your unwavering dedication to Veteran healthcare. I hope you find this year's conference both professionally rewarding and personally enriching.

Enjoy your time in Providence, and thank you for all you do in service to our Veterans.

Sincerely,

Michelle Salazar-Rodriguez, MSN
President, Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs



A WORD FROM OUR PROGRAM CHAIRS

We are thrilled you could join us for the 46th Annual Conference of the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA)!

This year's theme, "***Celebrating Excellence in Veteran Care: Advocacy, Commitment, and Healing***," reflects the care, dedication, and brilliance of VA nurses as we continue to provide excellent care to all Veterans. Over the next few days, you will hear about the priorities for VHA, building a better VA system, evidence-based practice, nursing innovations, shared governance, and updates on recruiting nurses.

We are joined this year by our associate members, exhibitors, and sponsors. Please take time to visit with them and learn about the resources and products available to enhance your knowledge and improve the care we deliver. Take time to network with your VA colleagues and strengthen our VA nursing community. Share insights, innovative ideas, and your passion for caring for America's heroes!

When you leave this meeting and return home energized and inspired about being a VA nurse, remember this is just the beginning. We challenge you to build a stronger NOVA chapter at your local facility and help us grow NOVA while supporting our mission "to educate, communicate, and advocate for the Department of Veterans Affairs nurse professionally, personally, and legislatively."

We hope to see you at the annual NOVA Nurses on the Hill event—another great opportunity for VA nurses to have their voices heard and advocate for legislation that improves care and services for our Veterans.

Thank you for joining us in Providence for this milestone celebration. Let's make the 46th Annual Conference a truly memorable experience!



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General Information

Registration Hours | Location: Narragansett Foyer

Wednesday, October 21.....	3:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Thursday, October 22.....	7:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday, October 23.....	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

General Sessions | Location: Narragansett Ballroom BC

Thursday, October 22.....	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday, October 23.....	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Exhibitor Hours | Location: Narragansett Ballroom A

Wednesday, October 21

Welcome Reception.....	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
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Thursday, October 22

Coffee & Breakfast with Exhibitors	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
AM Break with Exhibitors.....	10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Lunch Symposia - Merck Product Theater	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
<i>*Lunch Pickup starts at 11:45am*</i>	
PM Break with Exhibitors	3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Friday, October 23

Breakfast Symposia.....	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
<i>*Breakfast Pickup starts at 6:30 AM*</i>	
AM Break with Exhibitors.....	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Awards Luncheon & NOVA Business Meeting	11:30 AM – 12:45 PM
PM Break with Exhibitors	3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Poster Presentations

Posters will be displayed on Wednesday, October 21 during the Welcome Reception in Narragansett Ballroom A. Posters will also be on display through Friday, October 23.

Wednesday, October 21

Setup	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Welcome Reception.....	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday, October 22

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Friday, October 23

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PM Break with Exhibitors	3:00 PM – 3:30 PM
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Awards Luncheon & NOVA Business Meeting | Location: Narragansett BC

The 2026 NOVA Awards will be presented during the Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 23 from 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM in the Narragansett Ballroom BC. Lunch will be provided.

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NOVA would like to recognize the following individuals for their outstanding service and congratulate them on their achievements.

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Presented to:

Christopher Caratzas, RN, VA Northern California HCS
FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE NURSING CARE OF
VETERANS THROUGH EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

RN EXCELLENCE AWARD

Presented to:

Jennifer Leonard, RN, VA Boston HCS
FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE NURSING CARE OF
VETERANS THROUGH EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

VETERANS SERVICE AWARD CHAPTER MEMBER

Presented to:

Holly Warshaw, VA Boston HCS
FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO IMPROVING
THE HEALTHCARE OF VETERANS

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Presented to:

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Continuing Education

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide attendees with information that will enhance their ability to empower the nursing profession and provide evidence-based care for America's Heroes.

Objectives

Upon completion of the Annual Conference, participants will be able to:

- Identify resources to support shared governance for VA nurses
- Identify methods for VA nurses to mitigate nurse burnout by managing stress and self-care
- Identify improvements in healthcare for veterans through contributions from APRN practice, education, advocacy, research, and leadership
- Describe methods for VA nurses to find resiliency
- Describe treatment options supporting sobriety for veterans experiencing opioid crisis
- Describe a comprehensive approach to identify veterans at risk for suicide and identify treatment plans for those veterans
- Summarize changes in the promotion process for VA nurses, including the role of the Nurse Professional Standards Board
- Demonstrate the process of facilitating the development of an evidence-based culture
- Describe practices to increase VA nurse satisfaction in today's workplace
- Identify ways NOVA and Veterans Service Organizations can strengthen partnerships to work together on behalf of veterans

Accreditation

NOVA is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development (NCPD) by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. In order to receive full contact hour credit for this activity, you must attend, at minimum, 90% of scheduled learning activities, participate in individual or group learning activities as required, and complete an evaluation.

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No NCPD will be provided for sponsored sessions.

Evaluations

Evaluations for the 46th Annual Conference will be available starting on **October 24, 2026**. Evaluations will be completed online via a link sent out via email. You must evaluate the sessions you attended and can provide feedback on speakers. Upon completing your evaluation, contact hours for each session will be added to your record and totaled up for your NCPD certificate. You will have up to **30 days** to complete the evaluation to receive your NCPD certificate. **The evaluation will close on November 22, 2026.** Questions can be directed to JGoodone@vanurse.org.

STEPS TO COMPLETE YOUR EVALUATION & RECEIVE YOUR CE CERTIFICATE:

Step 1 – Register and pay your registration fees for the Annual Conference

Step 2 – Attend chosen sessions in their entirety and keep track of which sessions you attended (it is recommended to keep brief notes for each session you attend to reference later)

Step 3 – Save your conference registration information. The email address you used to register for the meeting will be the email address your login information will be sent to for the online evaluation.

Step 4 – Complete the online evaluation form after the conference. NCPD certificates will be available immediately upon submission of the evaluation form.

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NOVA 46th ANNUAL Conference Program Schedule

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

3:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Registration Open
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Pre-Conference Symposia
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception with Poster Presentations

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Coffee with Exhibitors
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Opening Ceremony Welcome provided by Lawrence Connell, Director VA Providence Healthcare System
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Keynote Address: VA Nursing: Advancing Nursing - Transforming Healthcare <i>Speaker: Denise Boehm, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Acting Chief Nursing Officer</i>
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	General Session 1 - Protect the Possibility <i>Speaker: Dr. Sherman Gillums Jr., Director of Strategy and Public Engagement, Oscar Mike Foundation</i>
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Break with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	General Session 2 – Updates from the Office of Nursing Services <i>Speaker: Heather Arredondo, DHA, RN, FACHE, NEA-BC, VHA-CM</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Product Theater with MERCK Discussing Select Immunotherapies Along with Monitoring and Management of Adverse Reactions <i>Speaker: Jillian Hunt, NP</i>
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	General Session 3 - VISN Restructure <i>Speakers: Ryan Lilly, MPA, VISN 1 Network Director</i>
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	General Session 4 – Panel Discussion: Beyond the Bedside: How Nurses Advance Veteran Care Through Research <i>Speaker: Hawk Tran, MPH, Chief Operating Officer NAVREF</i>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	General Session 4 – Understanding the Impact of Poly Vinyl Chloride Coated Catheters and Reproductive Health <i>Speaker: Linda Droste, MSN, RN, CWOCN, WOCN-F, CBIS</i>
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Closing Remarks

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Symposia
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	General Session 5 –Self Inspection Program (SIP) <i>Speaker: Carla Spinelli, PhD., RN-BC, CPHQ, Quality Management Officer</i>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	General Session 6 - Suicide Prevention <i>Speakers: Brett Rusch, MD, Executive Director, HSA, 1.1</i>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	General Session 7 - Emotional Intelligence <i>Speaker: Michelle O' Connor, MBA, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Acting Associate Director for Patient Care Services, VHA Manchester</i>
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM	Awards Luncheon & NOVA Business Meeting
12:45 PM – 1:30 PM	State of VA APRN Practice 2026 <i>Speaker: Penny K. Jensen, DNP, FNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP, Associate Director, National APRN Practice Liaison for National APRN Policy Office of Nursing Service</i>
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	The State of VA - A Hill Staff Panel Discussion on Workforce and Reorganization <i>Speakers: Matt Brennan Staff Director, Subcommittee on Health House Veterans' Affairs Committee (majority) Abbie Killian Professional Staff Member House Veterans' Affairs Committee (minority) Hunter Thompson Senior Policy Advisor Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (majority) Katie Adams Counsel Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (minority)</i>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	General Session 11 - Age Friendly Geriatrics <i>Speaker: Ashley Spellman, MSN, RN, NE-BC, GERO-BC, CNL, Associate Director of Patient Care/Nurse Executive, VA Providence</i>
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Closing Remarks



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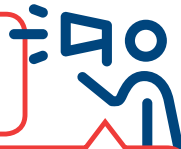
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Booth #24

UnitedHealthcare is committed to fostering an inclusive culture where every individual feels valued, respected, and empowered to succeed. We believe that diverse perspectives strengthen innovation, enhance collaboration, and help us better serve the unique needs of the communities we support. Through our commitment to integrity, compassion, and inclusion, we strive to create meaningful opportunities, promote a sense of belonging, and improve access to quality health care for all. By embracing diversity and encouraging individuals to bring their authentic selves to every interaction, UnitedHealthcare works to build healthier communities and stronger connections across the populations we serve.



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Booth #26

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