



WELD Charleston Leadership Series November 2026

Event Sponsor:



Mara Boggs

When women lead, our economy, companies and communities thrive.

November 4, 2026

Wednesday

Networking

11:30am-12:00pm

Program

12:00pm-1:00pm

Location

Charleston Area Alliance
1116 Smith Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Registration Fee:

Member - \$25

Non-Member - \$50

**registration includes lunch*

Registration closes 10/30/2026

No refunds after 10/28/2026

*Please contact Deepa Kellar –
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Leap and the Parachute will Appear

The WELD Charleston chapter is excited to welcome **Mara Boggs, President & CEO of the Charleston Area Alliance** and her sister **Lee Ann Haley, former Army Blackhawk combat helicopter pilot**, for its final program of 2026.

Join two sisters who served in combat in the 82nd Airborne Division who learned about leadership, life, and taking risks while jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. Lee Ann was a helicopter pilot and Mara an Engineer, and throughout their military service, they kept their West Virginia values as their guiding star.

Speaker Bios:

Mara brings nearly 30 years of leadership and public service experience to the Alliance, along with an energetic dedication to enact positive and collaborative change in the region. She is a combat Veteran, having served in the Army as an active-duty officer. She also worked in the United States Senate for 13 years, focusing on economic development, policy, and constituent services issues. She holds undergraduate degrees from West Virginia University and master's degrees from Wake Forest and the University of Missouri.

Lee Ann was an Army Aviation Officer, piloting the UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter, and a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division's Combat Aviation Brigade. She deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Hurricane Katrina rescue efforts. Leaving the military as a captain, she was awarded the Air Medal and the Combat Action Badge. She continued her service as a congressional liaison with the Department of Veterans Affairs, branch chief with the Board of Veterans Affairs and administrative officer with the Veterans Health Administration.

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WELD's mission is to develop and advance women's leadership to strengthen the economic prosperity of the communities it serves.