

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR VETERANS & FAMILIES

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- Valuable Information
- Live Panel Discussions
- Interactive Conversation
- Networking Opportunities
- Engaging Activities
- Shared Experiences
- Free Food and Drinks

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 2023

**2519, Jenkintown Rd,
Glenside, PA 19038**

REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT AT:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/disaster-preparedness-for-veterans-and-families-tickets-707857770647?aff=odtdtcreator>

Disaster Preparedness for Veterans and Families

Date/Time: Sept 23, 2023 10am - 2pm

Location: North Penn VFW

Overview: FEMA Region 3 is partnering with local Philadelphia VFW organizations to host an in-person event focused on encouraging disaster preparedness among the adult and disabled veteran population and their families.

Event Speakers:

PERSONNEL AND BIOS TBD (FINALIZATION PENDING)

Event Mission/Goal(s):

- To grow the relationship between FEMA Region 3 and the local VFW organizations in the surrounding area.
 - To create awareness in the importance of disaster preparedness among the Veteran Community.
 - To cultivate an ongoing partnership of events with the VFW focused on Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness.
 - Brainstorm ways in which FEMA Region 3 can better help the Veteran and Disabled community.
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Logistics:

- All food, snacks, and beverages will be provided by the VFW via donations and existing resources.
 - Mission BBQ (Veteran owned/operated food chain) will be providing the lunch donation.
- FEMA Region 3 will provide all digital materials ahead of time to the VFW and will conduct a dry run of the event 1 week prior to.
- All table-top activity materials, information materials, and promotional materials will be provided by FEMA Region 3.
- The location of the event can hold up to 200 people and will be held at the North Penn VFW, generosity of the VFW organization.

Schedule of Events

SATURDAY September 23, 2023		TARGET AUDIENCE: Undergrad Students	
Time	Task	Facilitator/Presenter	Location
10:00	Registration (Doors Open)	Jacqui Robinson and RPL	VFW
10:30-10:40	Opening Remarks	Regional Administrator MaryAnn Tierney (Tentative) Congresswoman Madeleine Dean (Tentative)	VFW
10:40 - 10:55am	Disaster Preparedness: Disasters Can Strike Anytime Anywhere	Community Preparedness Officer: Jacqui Robinson	VFW
11:00 - 12:00pm	Activity and Tabletop Mock Disaster Scenario Discussion	Facilitator: Jacqui Robinson and RPL	VFW
12:00 - 1:00pm	Break for Lunch, Snacks, Beverages (Allow time for networking)	Provided by VFW	VFW
1:05 - 1:35pm	Panel Discussion: Questions and Connection	Facilitator: Jacqui Robinson (CPO) Panelists: Confirmation on all panelist and speakers by August 31, 2023	VFW
1:35-1:50pm	How We Can Utilize the FEMA APP and Other Digital Resources	FEMA Region 3 EA team support - help attendees navigate the FEMA App	VFW
1:50 - 2:05pm	Closing Remarks	TBD	VFW



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Timeline/Breakdown:

August 31st	VFW/FEMA R3 Planning Meeting - Graphics/Promotional Materials due to VFW for push
September 5th	Official push for promotional content and invite for attendees goes out
September 11th	Event news release goes out
September 11th	2nd round of promotional content and social media post published
September 19th	Event dry run and material drop off
September 18th	3rd round of promotional content and social media post published
September 22nd	Final reminder goes out to all registered attendees
September 23rd	Actual Event
September 25th	Social Media event recap post
October 2nd	Event summary news release

LAST MAN STANDING!

THERE ARE SO MANY PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE MILITARY. WHAT WAS YOURS? DID YOU HAVE SEVERAL?

Below write down the job title you held during your time in the military, as well as everyone else at your table. If you held several titles throughout your career, write them too.

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____
5. _____	6. _____
7. _____	8. _____
9. _____	10. _____
11. _____	12. _____
13. _____	14. _____
15. _____	16. _____
17. _____	18. _____
19. _____	20. _____
21. _____	22. _____

When your table is finished, designate one representative to stand up. As the job titles are read aloud, cross it out if your list contains a matching or close to matching title. The last man standing will be the most unique job title on the list. If someone at your table holds the most unique title, your table wins a prize!

MOCK DISASTER EXERCISE

Situation: An urgent message has come through about a hurricane that is about to hit the military base full of Soldiers and their families. You are a seasoned military veteran, and your leadership skills and training are urgently needed! You've been assigned to lead a disaster preparedness team with the mission of ensuring the safety and well-being of the military community before the disaster strikes.

Objectives:

1. To help coordinate safe evacuation of individuals and their families to designated shelters.

Things to consider:

- **Resources:** List necessary items that will be needed in a 'Go-Bag'?

- **Prioritization:** Determine the order in which families should be evacuated based on their specific needs.
- **Medical/Disability Challenges:** Discuss possible disability or medical challenges that may need to be considered during disasters. What can be done to help mitigate these challenges?
- **Team Coordination:** Consider how to delegate responsibilities amongst individuals if personnel resources are limited.

- **Communication:** Discuss methods of how to alert individuals of evacuation and resource availability. Consider the possibility of failed internet/cell-service connect-ability.
- **Home Preparation:** Discuss what preparation the individual/family should take in the event that evacuation is not possible.

Make-A-Plan: Write down some of the things you considered during this tabletop discussion.

AAR Consideration:

What additional training and information should/could be provided to help better prepare both military and civilians to better prepare for disaster scenarios?