



Conference Agenda

Sunday, September 24

- 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration - *Open All Week*
- 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Vendor Set Up - *Open All Week*

Monday, September 25

Facilitator: NICOA Board Member
James DeLaCruz, Northwest Region

- 9:00 AM Opening and Welcome with Otoe Missouri Tribe Color Guard and Steve Youngdeer, American Legion Post 143 Color Guard (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)
- 9:30 AM **Plenary Session 1: Policy, Politics & Legislation**
The Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act
The Impact of the 2024 Elections
Planning for the 2025 White House Conference on Aging
The White House Conference on Nutrition and Hunger
- 11:00 AM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 1:30 PM Workshops, Focus Groups, Special Meetings (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM Wal-Mart Trip: Sign up at the Registration area (required)

Tuesday, September 26

Facilitator: NICOA Board Chairperson
Billie Tohee, Southern Plains Region

- 9:00 AM Opening and Welcome
- 9:30 AM **Memorial Breakfast** (includes Drum Group / Eagle Dancers)
- 10:45 AM **Plenary Session 2: Social Determinants of Health**
Alzheimer's in Indian Country and Impact Families
Caregivers in Indian Country
The Healthcare System & Tribal Elders
Financial Security & Federal Programs
- 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM **Tribal Consultation** hosted by the Social Security Administration

Wednesday, September 27

Facilitator: NICOA Board Secretary
Eddie Tullis, Eastern Region

- 9:00 AM Opening and Welcome
- 9:15 AM **Plenary Session 3: Veterans & Culture Preservation**
Healthcare and Services for American Indian Veterans
Effects of Boarding School Trauma
Preservation of Language and Culture





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Wednesday, September 27 (continued)

- 11:00 AM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 12:00 PM **Warrior's Honoring Luncheon**
- 1:30 PM **NICOA Voting Membership Regional Caucus Sessions**
- 1:30 PM, 3:30 PM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 3:30 PM **NICOA Board Member Meeting:** Board Members ONLY
- 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM Wal-Mart Trip: Sign up at the Registration area (required)

Thursday, September 28

Facilitator: NICOA Board Vice Chairperson
Mary Jo Hunter, Midwest Region

- 9:00 AM Opening and Welcome
- 9:30 AM **NICOA Voting Session – Voting Members Only**
- 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 1:00 PM CPR Class & Certificate: Sign up at the Registration area (required)
- 2:30 PM **Plenary Session 4: Into the Future**
Technology, Its Application and Uses
Impact of Demographics, Population, Growth and Outmigration
Impact and Consequences of Climate Change on Elders and Indian Country
Violence and Protection of Our Elders and Children
- 4:00 PM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 6:00 PM **Cultural Dinner & Fashion Show** with Master of Ceremonies Wilma Toledo (Jemez Pueblo), Southwest Region

Friday, September 29

- 9:00 AM Call To Action
- 10:30 AM Closing and Retiring of the Colors by Steve Youngdeer, American Legion Post 143 Color Guard (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)
- 12:00 PM Post-Conference Meetings / Activities

