



**MCA Annual Meeting and National Institute
November 5-7, 2018
Sheraton Pentagon City
900 S Omre Street, Arlington, VA**

Program Schedule

Monday, November 5 – Casual Attire/Uniform of the Day

- Travel Day for all MCA members
- 1330 – 1730 – National Executive Committee meeting
- 1830 – 2000 – Informal Reception and Welcome

Tuesday, November 6 – Business Casual/Uniform of the Day

- 0700 – 0800 – Devotional Opportunities - Catholic, Protestant, Jewish
- 0830 – 1000 – *A Seminars*
Workshop 1 – Department of Veterans Affairs and Chaplaincy – 2018
Workshop 2 – Chaplaincy and the Future: Growth of Chaplaincy in First Response Organizations
(Dave DeDonato, MCA Vice President)
Workshop 3 – Veteran/Military Friendly Congregations Ministry (Razz Waff, MCA Executive Director)
- 1015 – 1145 – *B Seminars*
Workshop 4 – How to be a VA Chaplain (VA National Chaplains Office)
Workshop 5 – The Impact of Conservative Theology on Chaplain Praxis (Mike Langston, MCA President)
Workshop 6 – Professional and Accredited Certification: MCA and APC (Jan Horton, MCA Director of Research)
- 1145 – 1300 – Lunch on your own
- 1330 – 1430 – Plenary Session 1 – Challenges to Theological Education in a Post-Truth Age: Panel Presentation
 - Michael Langston, Columbia University
 - Steve Keith, Liberty University
 - Mark Jumper, Regents University
 - Larry Golemon, Washington Theological Consortium
- 1445 – 1615 – Plenary Session 2 – Chaplaincy and Best Practices – Survey Results in Implications for Ministry
Presenters from the Religious Ministry Research Team at Special Operations Command
- 1630 – 1730 – MCA Annual Business Meeting (Part 1)
- 1830 – Awards Banquet* - Business Attire/Service Dress – \$65.00 per person (menu choice to follow)
Feature Speaker – The Rev. Barry Black, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate

Wednesday, November 7 – Business Casual/Uniform of the Day

- 0700 – 0800 – Devotional Opportunities - Catholic, Protestant, Jewish
- 0830 – 0930 – MCA Memorial Service
- 0930 – 1030 – Keynote Address – Challenges to Chaplaincy in a Post-Truth World – The Rev. Mark Schaeffer,
University Chaplain at American University,
Author of *The Certainty of Uncertainty: The Way of Inescapable Doubt and Its Virtue*
- 1100 – 1200 – MCA Annual Business Meeting (Part 2)
- Noon – 1330 - Emerson and Sustaining Member Luncheon* - \$45.00 per person (menu choice to follow)
- 1400 – Departure

* Reservations Required for attendance

Registration Fee - \$50.00 per person to cover meeting expenses – Guests - \$20.00