



MDHDVS Annual Meeting & Retreat

## **Differences are Beautiful!**

### **Embracing the Rainbow of Diversity in Volunteer Services**

September 28, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Woodholme Country Club

300 Woodholme Ave, Pikesville, MD 21208

8:30am – Continental Breakfast

9:30am – Welcome and Business Meeting – Installation of New Officers

10:00am – Keynote Topic: **Gender and Diversity**

Presenter: Paula M. Neira, J.D., M.S.N., *Clinical Program Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health, Instructor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*

11:30am – Break and **SWAG Swap**

Bring 30 logged items to swap with fellow attendees. Water bottles, post-its, cups, bags etc.

12:00pm – Lunch

Menu:

Fall Vegetable Soup, Cesar Salad, Mixed Greens Salad with Sundried Cranberries, Grilled Chicken, Warm Orzo with Roasted Vegetables

1:00pm – Panel Session: **Diversity in our Volunteers**

- Vanessa Taylor, Director of Workforce Development, *The League for People with Disabilities, Inc.*
- Stacey Herman, Director, Post-Secondary Service, *Kennedy Krieger Institute*
- Diversity speaker, TBD

2:30 p.m. Round Tables

Speed learning! Your chance to meet with other volunteer leaders and ask questions of each other in a short segment of time. Table topics may include: Volunteer Appreciation, Interviewing and processing volunteers, Technology, Auxiliary Management, Volunteer Conflict, Position Descriptions,

3:00 p.m. Wrap up and adjourn

# Keynote Speaker Bio

**Paula M. Neira**, M.S.N., J.D., R.N., C.E.N., graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1985. A surface warfare officer, she served as a regular and reserve officer, including serving in mine warfare combat during Operation Desert Storm. In 2015, she made naval history by becoming the first transgender Navy veteran to have her discharge documentation updated to reflect her correct name by order of the Navy. In 2016, the secretary of the Navy named her to be the co-sponsor of the USNS Harvey Milk (T-AO-206).

After leaving the Navy, Paula began her career as a registered nurse. She earned a master's degree of science in nursing from Thomas Edison State College. Paula is certified in emergency nursing and focused her career on adult emergency care and trauma resuscitation. From 2008 to 2016, she served as the nurse educator in emergency medicine at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. She also serves as the co-chair of the Johns Hopkins Transgender Medicine Executive Taskforce. In November 2016, she was named as the interim clinical program director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health.

An attorney and member of the Maryland bar since 2001, Paula was a leader in the repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. For more than a decade, she has been recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on transgender military service. As part of her role at Johns Hopkins, she lectures nationally on the need for improved transgender cultural competence in health care. Paula and her partner reside in Bowie, Maryland.



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**Registration deadline is September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

You can also register at <http://evite.me/XjpVK1vPRH>

Registration includes breakfast and lunch.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs: (Vegan, Gluten Free, Dairy Free, etc). \_\_\_\_\_

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MDHDVS Members: \$50.00

Non-Members: \$75.00 (*includes my \$25 MDHDVS 2018-2019 Annual Membership Dues*)

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