



# Emergence Health Network

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## 7th Annual El Paso Veteran's Symposium

### Keynote Speaker, Shoshana Johnson

El Paso Native and First Female Prisoner of War of Operation Iraqi Freedom

**(El Paso, Texas August 2019)** Emergence Health Network (EHN) together with its Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) Program is proud to host the 7th Annual El Paso Veteran's Symposium.

"This symposium is such a great event for our local military community and each year, it's bigger and better. This year we have more than 40 area businesses and military resource agencies on hand to meet with our veterans and their families, so this is a great opportunity to network. Our goal is to make sure our military community is taken care of and knows who is available to assist them with whatever their needs might be," said Kellie Franco, EHN's Military Services Coordinator.

Keynote speakers include: Shoshana Johnson who is an El Paso native and Andress High School graduate. Johnson was taken as a Prisoner of War during Operation Iraqi Freedom and rescued weeks later along with seven other POW's. Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston will also share his story. He retired as the longest-serving Sgt. Major of the Army with a focus on soldier and family related matters.

The Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) is a state funded program at Emergence Health Network dedicated to supporting Texas Veterans and their families.

## 7TH Annual El Paso Veteran's Symposium

Keynote Speakers scheduled as following:

Shoshana Johnson 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Sgt. Major of the Army, Kenneth Preston 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

When: Saturday, August 24, 2019

Where: El Paso Community College

9050 Viscount Blvd. Building A

9 am – 1:45 pm