

FORGE

THE FORCE FEST

Presented by  USAA

16 JULY 2026

0800-1600

PETERSON SFB

**0830 | Opening Remarks provided by
MG. Michael Simmering**

**1500 | Closing Remarks provided
by Gen Stephen Whiting,
Followed by "Big Win" Giveaways**

BUILDING *READINESS* THROUGH *RESILIENCE*.

Forge the Force Fest: A family-friendly resiliency event uniting service members, DoW civilians, and families for a day of connection

- **6 Dynamic Keynote Speakers** driving powerful motivation
- **25+ Interactive and Educational Workshops** that build mental, social, physical, and spiritual resilience
- **75+ Helping Agencies** offering essential resources and expert guidance
- **FUN ZONE**, sponsored by  AMERICAN SYSTEMS video games , family activities, **FREE** food, and axe throwing

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



ROBERT IRVINE
World-class chef, author, entrepreneur, and philanthropic supporter of the military
joined by LTG Michael Linnington (retired)

ANDREW MORGAN

BG; NASA Astronaut
joined by Lt Gen Gregory Gagnon



MICHAEL SCHLITZ
Wounded Warrior; Retired Sergeant First Class

ROGER TOWBERMAN

First Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force, highest enlisted level leadership



ELLIOTT YAMIN
American Idol Season 5 Finalist

OBBIE WEST

Spoken Word poet, advocate, and author

