



Wednesday, October 14, 2026
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Arkansas State Capitol

AGENDA

Emcee: Rayvern Lewis

Welcome

Nathan Winter, Interim Director
Division of Services for the Blind

Invocation

Anthony Ruffin,
VFP Vending Manager
Vending Facility Program

National Anthem

Allison Howard, Student
ARDB

Proclamation

Dr. John McAllister,
Assistant Professor
Coordinator of Orientation & Mobility

**AR School for the Deaf and
Blind & Visually Impaired**

Dakota Dalton, Arkansas School for the Deaf and
Blind, Blind Department Lead Teacher

**Little Rock Founders Lions
Club**

Bill Johnson, Past District Governor

Arkansas Council of the Blind

Joyce Wilmer, President

World Services for the Blind

Eric Yarberry, President and CEO

World Services for the Blind

Josh Warren, Song on Guitar

**Arkansas National Federation
of the Blind**

Charles Tate, President

**The History of the White Cane
Safety Day**

Gustavo Manazales, Rehabilitation Manager-Vending
Facility Program
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"What the White Cane Means to Me"

Wesley Hillman, Vice President, NFB Arkansas Chapter

"What the White Cane Means to Me, a Veteran?"

Chris Sammons, Former President, Blinded Veterans Association Arkansas Region (BVSA)

"What My White Cane Means to Me"

Sandy Mews- Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind (ARDB)

Readers Theatre

Jolene Adams, Luna Hudson, Allison Howard-Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind (ARDB)

Cindy Scott-Huisman

Cindy Scott-Huisman, Cantrell Gallery, Owner
NFB, State Vice President & Local Chapter President,
WSB Board

**Arkansas Information
Reading Services, AIRS
Friends of AR Information
Reading Services**

Theresa Bertram, Director, Representative
Division of Services for the Blind

Closing Remarks

Deon Harris, Asst. Director
Division of Services for the Blind

A recording of the White Cane Safety Day Event will be available on AIRS Radio.

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