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SUNDAY
07.06.2025

AGENDA - DAY 1

**1:00 PM -
5:00 PM**

REGISTRATION

Tuscany Tower
Registration Desk

**6:30 PM -
8:00 PM**

WELCOME RECEPTION

Peppermill's EDGE
(located in Bimini Steakhouse)



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2025
CONFERENCE

MONDAY
07.07.2025

AGENDA - DAY 2

7:00 AM –
5:00 PM

**REGISTRATION
(OPEN ALL DAY)**

Tuscany Tower
Registration Desk

7:00 AM –
8:00 AM

BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS

Tuscany D-F

8:30 AM –
9:00 AM

CONFERENCE OPENING & WELCOME
JASON GARCIA, WAVES PRESIDENT

Tuscany Ballroom A-C

POSTING OF THE COLORS
NEVADA VETERANS COALITION, HONOR
GUARD

**STAR-SPANGLED BANNER & SALUTE
TO THE ARMED FORCES**
THE SIERRA HIGH NOTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
DARCY SCHNUTH, WAVES 1ST VICE
PRESIDENT

**INTRODUCTIONS: WAVES BOARD, VA &
SAA PRESENTERS, & VISIT RENO TAHOE**

9:00 AM –
10:00 AM

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE
APPROVING AGENCIES (NASAA)
INTRO & UPDATES (GENERAL SESSION)**
REBECCA RYAN, NASAA PRESIDENT

Tuscany Ballroom A-C

10:00 AM –
10:30 AM

BREAK & RESOURCE FAIR

Tuscany Tower

10:30 AM –
12:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)

NEW SCO TRAINING*
KATE CARUSO, VA NATIONAL TRAINING
TEAM

Tuscany 1-2
(Virtual)

ADVANCED SCO TRAINING*
SHARON COVERDELL, VA NATIONAL
TRAINING TEAM

Tuscany Ballroom A-C
(Virtual)

CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR NCDs*
CHELSEA JACKSON, VA NATIONAL
TRAINING TEAM

Tuscany 3-4
(Virtual)



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DAY 2 (CONT.)

12:00 PM –
1:00 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

Tuscany D-F

1:30 PM –
2:30 PM

**SCO CENTRAL “A COMMUNITY FOR
SCOs” (GENERAL SESSION)**
HEATHER DESPAIN

Tuscany Ballroom A-C

2:30 PM –
3:30 PM

**WARRIOR-SCHOLAR PROJECT
(GENERAL SESSION)**
LISA STEIN, DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH
& ADMISSIONS

Tuscany Ballroom A-C

3:30 PM –
4:00 PM

REFRESHMENT BREAK & RESOURCE FAIR

Tuscany Tower

4:00 PM –
5:00 PM

STATE BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)

CALIFORNIA
CSAAVE

Tuscany Ballroom A-C

**NEW MEXICO, TEXAS, AND
WASHINGTON**

Tuscany 1-2

ALL OTHER STATES

Tuscany 3-4

6:30 PM –
8:00 PM

**TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITY:
MOVIE TRIVIA**
DANIELLE WEST, COMPLIANCE OFFICER
& VA CERTIFYING OFFICIAL AT STANFORD
UNIVERSITY

Tuscany D-F
(Snacks Served
6:45 PM – 7:15 PM)



2025
CONFERENCE

TUESDAY
07.08.2025

AGENDA - DAY 3

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	REGISTRATION	Tuscany Tower Registration Desk
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS	Tuscany D-F
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<u>STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA (GENERAL SESSION)</u> JARED LYON, SVA NATIONAL PRESIDENT & CEO	Tuscany Ballroom A-C
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<u>VA CENTRAL OFFICE/FEDERAL UPDATES (GENERAL SESSION)</u> DR. NICOLE MORANT, PROGRAM INTEGRATION OFFICER, VBA	Tuscany Ballroom A-C
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK & RESOURCE FAIR	Tuscany Tower
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<u>ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (GENERAL SESSION)</u> CASEY BUSE, LEAD TRAINER	Tuscany Ballroom A-C
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND) <u>ENROLLMENT MANAGER*</u> SHAY NORTON-LEONARD, VA NATIONAL TRAINING TEAM <u>IHL FLIGHT*</u> HEATHER CATES, VA NATIONAL TRAINING TEAM <u>YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM*</u> SHARON COVERDELL, VA NATIONAL TRAINING TEAM	 Tuscany Ballroom A-C (Virtual) Tuscany 1-2 (Virtual) Tuscany 3-4 (Virtual)



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CONFERENCE

TUESDAY
07.08.2025

DAY 3 (CONT.)

3:00 PM –
3:30 PM

**REFRESHMENT BREAK
& RESOURCE FAIR**

Tuscany Tower

3:30 PM –
5:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)

PROGRAM APPROVAL PROCESS
SHANE FERREBE, CSAAVE

Tuscany Ballroom A-C

**STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA
(SVA) CHAPTER GROWTH &
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

Tuscany 1-2

TAMMY BARLETT, SVA VP OF GOVT.
AFFAIRS & OLIVIA BRINSFIELD, SVA
CHAPTER SUCCESS COACH

**CLEARING THE HURDLES: SCO
CHALLENGES IN FLIGHT, OJT, AND
APPRENTICESHIPS**

Tuscany 3-4

HEATHER DESPAIN, CHIEF PRODUCTION
OFFICER, MIVET NAVIGATOR

**HOLISTIC APPROACH TO SUPPORTING
STUDENT VETERANS**

Tuscany 5-6

TIFFANY ANDERSON, ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

6:30 PM –
8:30 PM

PRESIDENT'S DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY
JASON T. GARCIA, WAVES PRESIDENT

Tuscany D-F

**COCKTAIL ATTIRE RECOMMENDED*



2025
CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY
07.09.2025

AGENDA - DAY 4

7:00 AM –
8:00 AM

BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS

Tuscany D-F

8:00 AM –
8:30 AM

WAVES BUSINESS MEETING (GENERAL SESSION)

Tuscany Ballroom A-C

JASON T. GARCIA, WAVES PRESIDENT

8:30 AM –
10:00 AM

VETERANS READINESS & EMPLOYMENT (VR&E) (GENERAL SESSION)

Tuscany Ballroom A-C
(Virtual)

NICK PAMPERIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF VR&E

10:00 AM –
10:30 AM

BREAK

Tuscany Tower

10:30 AM –
12:00 PM

DEBT MANAGEMENT CENTER* (GENERAL SESSION)

Tuscany Ballroom A-C

JULIE LAWRENCE, CHIEF OF
OPERATIONS, VETERANS RESOLUTIONS
DIVISION & JOE SCHMITT, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

12:00 PM –
1:00 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

1:30 PM –
3:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)

85/15*

KATE CARUSO, VA NATIONAL TRAINING
TEAM

Tuscany Ballroom A-C
(Virtual)

COMPLIANCE SURVEYS*

MALANIE DAVIS, VA NATIONAL
TRAINING TEAM

Tuscany 1-2
(Virtual)

WORK STUDY PROGRAM*

KEVIN WHITE, VA NATIONAL TRAINING
TEAM

Tuscany 3-4
(Virtual)

3:00 PM –
3:30 PM

REFRESHMENT BREAK

Tuscany Tower



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DAY 4 (CONT.)

3:30 PM –
5:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)

COMMON RBS/SUPERVISORY VISIT FINDINGS

CURTIS WASHBURN, DIRECTOR OF
HAWAII STATE APPROVING AGENCY

Tuscany Ballroom A-C

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN SCO: “WHERE’S MY MONEY?”

BRIAN VARGAS & RAY WEN, CITY
COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Tuscany 1-2

PANEL: BRIDGING THE GAP – STUDENT VETERAN TO ALUMNI LEADER

JOHN PRATT, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA
RENO

Tuscany 3-4

STUDENT WORKER BEST PRACTICES

ROSS BRYANT, CONNOR EDWARDS &
JULIA EDWARDS, UNLV MILITARY &
VETERAN SERVICES CENTER

Tuscany 5-6

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING WAVES 2025!
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

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***SESSIONS COUNT TOWARD THE VA’S SCO ANNUAL TRAINING
REQUIREMENT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CERTIFY VIA THE SCO
TRAINING PORTAL POST-CONFERENCE.**