



## WAVES 2024 – Harrah’s Resort Atlantic City

### *Agenda*

**WIFI Network: Waterfront Conference**

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### Monday, July 15, 2024

1:00 – 5:00 PM      *Registration*  
*(Wildwood Registration Desk)*

6:00 – 8:00 PM      *President’s Reception*  
*(Wildwood 4-5)*

### Tuesday, July 16, 2024

7:00 – 8:30 AM      *Breakfast Refreshments*  
*(Wildwood 4-5)*

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM      *Registration*  
*(Wildwood Registration Desk)*

8:30 – 9:00 AM      *WAVES Welcome, Chris Henthorn, WAVES President*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner, Tracy Copeland, Past-President*  
*Pledge of Allegiance, Jason Garcia, WAVES 1<sup>st</sup> VP*  
*Board Members, National Training Team, and SAA’s introductions*  
*(General Session - Wildwood Ballroom)*

9:00 – 9:30 AM      *Muskogee RPO Updates – Kendra Stewart, Asst. Education Officer*  
*(General Session - Wildwood Ballroom)*

9:30 – 10:00 AM      *Break*

10:00 – 11:30 AM      *SAA – Up-dates and Overview of “The Uniform Application” – Frank Myers,*  
*President NASAA*  
*(General Session - Wildwood Ballroom)*

11:30 – 1:00 PM      *Lunch provided*  
*(Wildwood 4-5)*

1:00 – 3:30 PM      ***(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***

*New SCO Training\* – Sharon Coverdell, VA National Training Team*  
*(Wildwood 22)*

*Advanced SCO Training\* – Traveon Ward Sr., VA National Training Team  
(Wildwood 23)*

*Certification Process for NCDs\* – Brittany Tennant, VA National Training Team  
(Wildwood 8-11)*

*3:30 – 4:00 PM Refreshment Break  
(Wildwood Pre-function Area 1-7)*

*4:00 – 5:00 PM **(Breakout Sessions Continued – Q&A)***

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### **Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

*7:00 – 8:30 AM Breakfast Refreshments  
(Wildwood 4-5)*

*7:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration  
(Wildwood Registration Desk)*

*8:30 – 9:30 AM Student Veterans of America – Jared Lyon, SVA National President, and CEO  
(General Session – Wildwood Ballroom)*

*9:30 – 10:30 AM VA Central Office/Federal Updates\* – Joseph Garcia, Executive Director, VBA  
Education Service  
(General Session – Wildwood Ballroom)*

*10:30 – 11:00 AM Break*

*11:00 – 12:00 PM VA Central Office Q&A\* - Joseph Garcia, Executive Director, VBA  
Education Service  
(General Session – Wildwood Ballroom)*

*12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch on your own*

*1:30 – 3:00 PM **(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***

*Enrollment Manager\* – Shay Norton-Leonard, Mgt & Program Analyst*

*(Wildwood 13-16)*

*VA Work Study\* – Courtney White, VA National Training Team  
(Wildwood 8-11)*

*Tungsten – Geoff Line, Tungsten Network  
(Wildwood 17-19)*

*All State Approving Agencies Panel – Frank Myers, President NASAA  
(Wildwood Ballroom)*

*National Guard – Donald Sutton, National Guard Education Programs  
(Wildwood 1-3)*

*3:00 – 3:30 PM Refreshment Break  
(Wildwood Pre-function Area 1-7)*

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(Wildwood Ballroom)*

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(Wildwood 1-3)*

*6:30 – 8:30 PM President’s Dinner and Awards  
(Wildwood 4-5)*

### **Thursday, July 18, 2024**

*7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast Refreshments  
(Wildwood 4-5)*

*8:00 – 8:30 AM WAVES Business Meeting and Election of Officers– Chris Henthorn, WAVES  
President  
(General Session – Wildwood Ballroom)*

*8:30 – 10:00 AM VR&E – Cheyenna Irwin, CRC Deputy Director VR&E*

*(General Session – Wildwood Ballroom)*

*10:00 – 10:30 AM*

*Break*

*10:30 - 12:00 PM*

*Debt Management Center\* - Julie Lawrence, Chief of Operations, Treasury, Education, External Relations  
(General Session – Wildwood Ballroom)*

*12:00 – 1:30 PM*

*Lunch provided  
(Wildwood 4-5)*

*1:30 – 3:00 PM*

***(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***

*Compliance Surveys\* – Heather Cates, VA National Training Team  
(Wildwood Ballroom)*

*SCO Workshop: VR&E 101 – Renee Montilliano, Golden Gate University  
(Wildwood 17-19)*

*Creating a Successful SVA Chapter & SVA Legislative Landscape – Olivia Brinsfield, SVA Outreach Coordinator & Tammy Barlet, SVA VP of Govt. Affairs  
(Wildwood 1-3)*

*3:00 – 3:30 PM*

*Refreshment Break  
(Wildwood Pre-function Area 1-7)*

*3:30 PM – 5:00 PM*

***(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***

*Compliance Surveys\* – Heather Cates, VA National Training Team  
(Wildwood Ballroom)*

*SCO Workshop: Lost in Translation: “Speaking VA” to Students and Campus Partners – Danielle West, Stanford University  
(Wildwood 17-19)*

*SCO Workshop: Shared Experiences with the Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success Grant – Evelyn Andrews, Las Positas College  
(Wildwood 13-16)*

*Creating a Successful SVA Chapter & SVA Legislative Landscape – Olivia Brinsfield, SVA Outreach Coordinator & Tammy Barlet, SVA VP of Govt. Affairs  
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*\* Session counts toward SCO Annual Training requirement. Will be available to certify on the [SCO training Portal](#) post-conference.*

***Agenda is tentative (as of 7/01/2024)***

*Thank you for attending WAVES 2024, have a safe trip home.*

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