



WAVES 2023 – Peppermill, Reno Nevada (July 10th – 12th 2023)

Agenda (Tentative)

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Sunday, July 09, 2023

- 1:00 – 5:00 PM *Registration*
Florence Suite (2nd Floor)
- 5:30 – 7:30 PM *Welcome Reception (light hors d' oeuvres served)*
Capri Ballroom

Monday, July 10, 2023

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM *Registration (Registration also open during breaks)*
Florence Suite (2nd Floor)
- Refreshments Provided*
Tuscany Ballroom D-F
- 8:00 – 10:00 AM ***(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***
- New SCO Training* – Marit Solem, VA National Training Team*
Tuscany Ballroom A-C
- Advanced SCO Training* – Sharon Seidl, VA National Training Team*
Tuscany Ballroom 3-4
- Certification Process for NCDs* – Chelsea Jackson, VA National Training Team*
Tuscany Ballroom 5-6
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM *Break*
- 10:30 – 11:00 AM *WAVES Welcome, Chris Henthorn, WAVES President*
(General Session)
Tuscany Ballroom A-C
- 11:00 – 11:30 AM *Muskogee RPO Updates – Shannon George, Assistant Education Officer*
(General Session)
Tuscany Ballroom A-C

11:30 – 12:00 PM *State Approving Agency Introductions – Joseph Wescott, NASAA Legislative Director
(General Session)
Tuscany Ballroom A-C*

12:00 – 1:30 PM *Lunch on your own*

1:30 – 2:30 PM *Enrollment Manager* (Shay Norton-Leonard)
(General Session)
Tuscany Ballroom A-C*

2:30 – 3:45 PM ***(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***

Flight at Institutions of Higher Learning – Heather Cates, VA National Training Team
Tuscany Ballroom 3-4*

Education Benefits w/ Yellow Ribbon – Sharon Seidl, VA National Training Team
Tuscany Ballroom A-C*

*Hybrid Teams in the Modern Certification Environment
Summary: Employing hybrid working teams (challenges and best practices)
Presenters: Melissa Barber, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
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*California Community Colleges and Beyond
Summary: Strategies, activities, and outcomes of the CA Military Articulation Platform (MAP) initiative
Presenters: Samuel Lee, Norco College
Tuscany Ballroom 5-6*

3:45 – 4:15 PM *Break - Refreshments Provided*

4:15 – 5:30 PM ***(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***

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Florence Suite (2nd Floor)

Refreshments Provided
Tuscany Ballroom D-F

8:00 – 9:00 AM *Student Veterans of America – Jared Lyon, SVA National President, and CEO*
(General Session)
Tuscany Ballroom A-C

9:00 – 9:30 AM *Break*

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

10:30 – 11:30 AM *VA Central Office Q&A**
(General Session)
Tuscany Ballroom A-C

11:30 – 1:00 PM *Lunch on your own*

1:00 – 2:15 PM ***(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***

Compliance Surveys – Malanienne Davis, VA National Training Team*
Tuscany Ballroom A-C

VA Work Study – Courtney White, VA National Training Team*
Tuscany Ballroom 3-4

Who is Student Veterans of America – Tammy Barlet, SVA VP of Government
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Presenters: Chai Cook, University of Nevada, Reno

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Non-traditional Focused Institution

Summary: Best practices in administering non-traditional education programs.

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*State Specific Overview – SAA Representatives
(Roundtable Discussions)*

California

Tuscany A-C

Washington State, Oregon, New Jersey, and New York

Tuscany 1-2

Texas

Tuscany 3-4

Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, and Wyoming

Tuscany 5-6

*Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, and South Carolina
Tuscany 7-8*

*Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Alabama
Tuscany 9-10*

*New Mexico, Nevada, and Nebraska
Tuscany 11-12*

*6:30 – 8:30 PM President’s Dinner
Tuscany Ballroom D-F*

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

*7:00 – 8:30 AM Refreshments Provided
Tuscany Ballroom D-F*

*8:30 – 9:30 AM WAVES Business Meeting and Awards – Chris Henthorn, WAVES President
(General Session)
Tuscany Ballroom A-C*

9:30 – 10:00 AM Break

10:00 – 11:00 AM Debt Management Center - Julie Lawrence, Chief of Operations, Treasury,
Education, External Relations
(General Session)
Tuscany Ballroom A-C*

*11:00 – 12:00 PM VR&E – Nick Pamperin, Veterans Readiness & Employment Executive Director
(General Session)
Tuscany Ballroom A-C*

12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch on your own

*1:30 – 2:45 PM **(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***

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*SAA Updates – Joseph Wescott, NASAA Legislative Director
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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](#) after post-conference.*

(Agenda is subject to change, meeting rooms to be announced).

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