



WAVES 2024 – Harrah’s Resort Atlantic City

Agenda (Tentative)

WIFI and Password (TBA)

Monday, July 15, 2024

1:00 – 5:00 PM *Registration*

6:00 – 8:00 PM *President’s Reception*

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

7:00 – 8:30 AM *Breakfast Refreshments*

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM *Registration*

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 1st VP
Board Members, National Training Team, and SAA’s introductions*

9:00 – 9:30 AM *Muskogee RPO Updates
(General Session)*

9:30 – 10:00 AM *Break*

10:00 – 11:30 AM *SAA – Up-dates and Overview of “The Uniform Application”*

11:30 – 1:00 PM *Lunch provided*

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

New SCO Training – Sharon Coverdell, VA National Training Team*

Advanced SCO Training – Traveon Ward Sr., VA National Training Team*

Certification Process for NCDs – Brittany Tennant, VA National Training Team*

3:30 – 4:00 PM *Refreshment Break*

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*

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM *Registration*

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

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

10:30 – 11:00 AM *Break*

11:00 – 12:00 PM *VA Central Office Q&A*
(General Session)*

12:00 – 1:30 PM *Lunch on your own*

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

Enrollment Manager (TBD)

VA Work Study – Courtney White, VA National Training Team

Tungsten – Geoff Line, Tungsten Network

All State Approving Agencies Panel

National Guard – Donald Sutton, National Guard Education Programs

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6:30 – 8:30 PM *President’s Dinner and Awards*

Thursday, July 18, 2024

7:00 – 8:00 AM *Breakfast Refreshments*

8:00 – 8:30 AM *WAVES Business Meeting – Chris Henthorn, WAVES President
(General Session)*

8:30 – 10:00 AM *VR&E
(General Session)*

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)*

12:00 – 1:30 PM *Lunch provided*

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

Ed. Benefits w/ Yellow Ribbon – Chelsea Jackson, VA National Training Team

Compliance Surveys – Heather Cates, VA National Training Team

SCO Workshop: VR&E 101 – Renee Montilliano, Golden Gate University

*SCO Workshop: Balance the Hectic Nature of SCO Duties & Connecting to
Student Veterans – Chai Glenn-Cook, University of Nevada, Reno*

Starting an SVA Chapter Best Practices – Tammy Barlet, SVA VP of Govt. Affairs

3:00 – 3:30 PM *Refreshment Break*

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM ***(Breakout Sessions – Select one to attend)***

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*SCO Workshop: Lost in Translation: “Speaking VA” to Students and Campus
Partners – Danielle West, Stanford University*

*SCO Workshop: Shared Experiences with the Centers of Excellence for
Veteran Student Success Grant – Evelyn Andrews, Las Positas College*

Starting an SVA Chapter Best Practices – Tammy Barlet, SVA VP of Govt. Affairs

** Session counts toward SCO Annual Training requirement. Will be available to certify on the [SCO training Portal](#) post-conference.*

Agenda is tentative (as of 5/16/2024). Meeting rooms to be announced.

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

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