

The 41st Annual Florida Veterans Affairs/Florida Association of Veteran Education Specialists (FAVES) State Conference

Building for the Future

June 5-June 8, 2017 | St. Pete Beach, Florida

Saturday June 3rd, 2017 (Pre-Conference)

4:00-7:00	Pre-conference workday for Board Members (pre-registration workroom)
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Sunday June 4th, 2017 (Pre-Conference)

12:00-2:00	Board Meeting – Overview of Conference Responsibilities
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3:00-6:00	Early Registration – Dinner on your own
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Monday June 5th, 2017

General Session – Island Grand Ballroom

7:00-9:00	Grab & Go Breakfast Provided (<i>Ticket Required</i>)
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9:00-9:15	Opening Remarks/Colors Presented by St. Petersburg VA Regional Office Color Guard	Nick Griffith, FAVES President
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9:15-9:30	Introduction FAVES Board	Nick Griffith
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9:30-9:50	Introduction of VA Reps & SAA Reps	Kate Caruso & Betsy Wickham
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9:50-10:05	Welcome to St. Pete Beach - Tradewinds CEO	Tim Bogot
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10:05-10:20	Break
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10:20-11:00	Keynote Address – FSU Student Veterans Center	Billy Francis, Director
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11:00-11:30	Introduction of Sponsored Organization - USO	Annamae Kacsandi
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11:30-12:00	FAVES Membership Meeting	Nick Griffith & Donald Gibson
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12-1:15	Lunch Provided – Mediterranean Monday Theme (<i>Ticket Required</i>)
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Breakout Training Series

SCO 101 & Bursars – Tarpon Key		NCD – Bird/Indian Key	Advanced SCO – Long/Sawyer Key
1:15-2:00	History of GI Bill Ron Scoggins	NCD – Basics to Advanced - Part 1 Kathy Snyder & Cynthia Kujawski	Compliance Survey (Betsy Wickham, Kelli Colborne, & David Williams)
2:00-2:40	SCO Responsibilities Wayne Fezell & Madeline Mendez		
2:40-3:00	Break – Ice Cream Social (<i>Ticket Required</i>)		
3:00-4:00	Education Benefit Programs Rick Robertson & Nate Knight	VA-ONCE (NCD) Nick Griffith	VA/SAA Q&A VA & SAA Representatives
4:00-5:00	The Certification Process Part I Kate Caruso & Ron Scoggins	NCD – Basics to Advanced - Part 2 Kathy Snyder & Cynthia Kujawski	Round Table Discussion with FAVES Board - Jan Del Signore, Nick Griffith and Sandra Torres-Pintos

Tuesday June 6th, 2017

7:00-9:00 Grab & Go Provided Breakfast (*Ticket Required*)

Breakout Training Series

SCO 101 & Bursars – Tarpon Key		NCD – Bird/Indian Key	Advanced SCO – Long/Sawyer Key
9:00-10:00	The Certification Process Part II Kate Caruso & Ron Scoggins	NCD – Basics to Advanced - Part 3 Kathy Snyder & Cynthia Kujawski	SCO Best Practices FAVES Board Members Cheryl Goodson, Charles Metzger & Jan Del Signore
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-11:00	VA ONCE Donald Gibson	NCD – Basics to Advanced – Part 4 Kathy Snyder & Cynthia Kujawski	Round Table Discussion with Education Call Center and Muskogee RPO (Michael Courtney & Mary Ann McMullen) Cheryl Goodson, Charles Metzger & Jan Del Signore
11:00-12:00	VA ONCE Computer Lab Donald Gibson, Steve Kenney, & Sandra Torres-Pintos		Round Table Discussion with Jerome Marshall Cheryl Goodson, Charles Metzger & Jan Del Signore
12:00-1:15	Lunch Provided – Taco Tuesday (<i>Ticket Required</i>) FAVES Membership Voting		

General Session – Island Grand Ballroom

1:15-2:00	VA Central Office Updates	Jerome Marshall, VA Education
2:00-2:10	Compliance Training Team–Introduction & Overview	Jeannie Daniel, VA Education
2:10-2:40	Florida Legislative Updates	Betsy Wickham
2:40-3:00	Break - Ice Cream Social (<i>Ticket Required</i>)	
3:00-3:45	Compliance and Liaison Updates	Jerome Marshall
3:45-4:15	Education Call Center	Mary Ann McMullen
4:15-5:00	Muskogee RPO Updates	Mary Ann McMullen

Sizzle 6:00 – 10:00 (Pavillion)

The sixth annual Tuesday Night Sizzle Social Reception: Meet and greet with full dinner provided 6:00 to 8:00. Talk with your Peers and Presenters while enjoying great food, entertainment and refreshments. The SIZZLE has a Mardi Gras/New Orleans theme this year. Food will be provided, with live entertainment including, a dance area, free photo booth, caricature artists and more!!! Professionals will mix drinks and a wide range of other refreshments will be available for a \$2 donation to the USO, a 501c3 charity. The lights go down and the dance floor intensifies at 8pm until 10pm.

SIZZLE is free for all conference registrants, and FAVES members may bring up to one guest for free. All others must pay \$50 at the door to enjoy the festivities.

Adults only please. TradeWinds offers childcare at the expense of the parents.

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Wednesday June 7th, 2017

7:00-9:00	Grab & Go Provided Breakfast (<i>Ticket Required</i>)		
Breakout Training Series			
	SCO 101, Bursars, & NCD – Long/Bird Key	Flight – Palm	Advanced SCO – Tarpon/Sawyer
9:00-10:00	Change in Enrollment Process Kate Caruso & Cynthia Kujawski	Flight – Basic to Advanced – Part 1 Kathy Snyder & Ron Scoggins	VET Success Jeanine Fredrick Student Panel St. Petersburg College Veterans
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-10:45	School Debt vs. Student Debt Rick Robertson & Dale Towery Q&A Assistance from Julie Lawrence	Flight – Basic to Advanced – Part 2 Kathy Snyder & Ron Scoggins	VA Work Study Best Practice Cheryl Goodson & Sandra Torres-Pintos Q&A Assistance from Jerome Marshall
10:45-11:30	GI Bill Website and Resources Louis Alleva & Sondra Goodman		Round Table Discussion with DMC Julie Lawrence, Nick Griffith & Alicia Ridley
11:30-12:00	GI Bill® & Federal Tuition Assistance -IHL Only David Williams & Jose Toro		
12:00-1:15	Lunch Provided – Waikiki Wednesday (<i>Ticket Required</i>)		
General Session – Island Grand Ballroom			
1:15-1:20	Election Results	Donald Gibson, FAVES Vice-President	
1:20-1:40	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Shawn O'Malley	
1:40-2:40	Debt Management	Julie Lawrence, VA Debt Management Center	
2:40-3:00	Break - Ice Cream Social (<i>Ticket Required</i>)		
Breakout Training Series			
	<i>Island Grand Ballroom</i>		<i>Breakout Room - Glades</i>
3:00-3:30	Executive Director - Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs	Glenn Sutphin	Bursars Round Table Discussion with DMC Julie Lawrence & Alicia Ridley
3:30-4:00	Vet Center	AJ Jones Veterans Outreach	Air Force Portal - Michelle Psanis
4:00-4:30	Student Veterans of America Executive Director	Jared Lyon	Voc Rehab (Pay/Debts) Harold Washington
4:30-5:00	SVA with Student Panel	Jared Lyon & (St. Petersburg College)	Bursar Best Practices (Alicia Ridley & St. Leo University SCO)

Thursday June 8th, 2017

7:00-9:00 | Grab & Go Provided Breakfast (*Ticket Required*)

General Session – Island Grand Ballroom

9:00-9:30 | NAVPA Update | NAVPA Board Members
Dr. Jan Del Signore & Cheryl Goodson

9:30-10:15 | Vocational Rehabilitation (CH31 Benefits) | Kathryn Upham

10:15-10:30 | Break

SAA Area Breakouts

<u>East Region</u>	<u>SAA Area I</u>	<u>SAA Area II</u>	<u>SAA Area III</u>	<u>SAA Area IV</u>	<u>SAA Area V</u>	<u>SAA Area VI</u>
Michele Mendola Royal Tern	Sondra Goodman <i>Banyan</i>	Jose Toro <i>Citrus</i>	Kelli Colborne <i>Glades</i>	Nate Knight <i>Jasmine</i>	Dale Towery <i>Palm</i>	Madeline Mendez <i>Tarpon/Sawyer</i>

10:30-12:00 | *See Above for your Breakout Location*

Topics Discussed include:

- Approval Letter and Reading the WEAMS Report
- Catalog and Program Spreadsheet Submission to SAA
- Question & Answer – Time to talk about specifics with unusual cases

12:00 | Adjourn – Safe Travels Home

12:30-5:00 | Board Meeting (Working Lunch) Old and New Board

Friday June 9th, 2017 (Post-Conference)

9:00-1:00 | Board Meeting (Final Debriefing) (New Board)