

The 47th Annual Florida Veteran Affairs/Florida Association of Veteran Education Specialists (FAVES) Conference

“In the Rays with FAVES”

June 2nd-June 6th, 2024 | St. Pete Beach, Florida

Saturday June 1st, 2024 (Pre-Conference)

4:00-7:00	Pre-conference workday for Board Members (pre-registration workroom)
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Sunday June 2nd, 2024 (Pre-Conference)

12:00-2:00	Board Meeting – Overview of Conference Responsibilities
3:00-6:00	Early Registration – Dinner on your own

Monday June 3rd, 2024

General Session – Island Grand Ballroom

7:00-8:30	Grab & Go Breakfast Provided <i>(Ticket Required)</i>	
8:30-8:45	Opening Remarks Colors Presented by Color Guard National Anthem	Lisa Goss, President FAVES MacDill Honor Guard Julie Rattley
8:45-9:00	Introduction FAVES Board	Lisa Goss, President FAVES
9:00 -9:15	Introduction of SAA Reps Introduction of Guest Speakers for the week	Betsy Wickham, Bureau Chief
9:15-10:15	Keynote Speaker	Ozzie Martinez Jr, Operation Wet Vet
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:00	Student Veterans of America (SVA)	Jared Lyon, National President & CEO
11:00-11:30	Student Veteran Panel	Embry Riddle Students St. Pete College Students
11:30-12:00	Sponsored Group “Florida Veterans Foundation”	TBD
12:00-1:15	Lunch Provided – Mangiano Italiano! Monday Theme <i>(Ticket Required)</i>	

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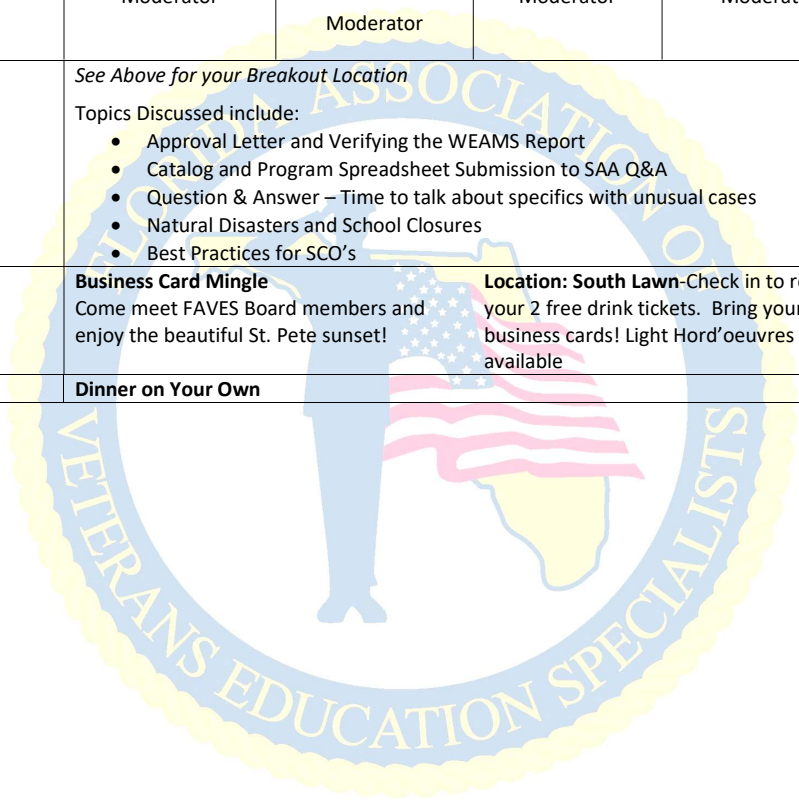
1:15-1:30	VA Name Game Kahoots	Sandra & Melissa 3 prizes
1:30-3:00	SAA Update	Betsy Wickham, Bureau Chief
3:00-3:30	Break - Ice Cream Social <i>(Ticket Required)</i>	

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SAA Area Breakouts

3:30-5:30	<p align="center"><u>SAA Area North</u></p> <p align="center">Long</p> <p>Sondra Goodman & Ingrid Abernathy</p> <p align="center">Moderator</p>	<p align="center"><u>SAA Area South</u></p> <p align="center">Sawyer</p> <p>Dale Towery, Madeline Mendez, & Doris Torres</p> <p align="center">Moderator</p>	<p align="center"><u>SAA Area East</u></p> <p align="center">Tarpon</p> <p>Brad Gilkes & Kelli Colborne</p> <p align="center">Moderator</p>	<p align="center"><u>SAA Area West</u></p> <p align="center">Indian/Bird</p> <p>Nate Knight & Bill Graydon</p> <p align="center">Moderator</p>
<p><i>See Above for your Breakout Location</i></p> <p>Topics Discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval Letter and Verifying the WEAMS Report • Catalog and Program Spreadsheet Submission to SAA Q&A • Question & Answer – Time to talk about specifics with unusual cases • Natural Disasters and School Closures • Best Practices for SCO's 				
6:00	<p>Business Card Mingle Come meet FAVES Board members and enjoy the beautiful St. Pete sunset!</p> <p>Location: South Lawn-Check in to receive your 2 free drink tickets. Bring your business cards! Light Hord'oeuvres available</p>			
<p>Dinner on Your Own</p>				



Tuesday June 4th, 2024

Breakout Training Series

7:00-9:00	Grab & Go Provided Breakfast <i>(Ticket Required)</i>			
Rooms	<u>Bird/Indian Key</u>	<u>Chart Room(20)</u>	<u>Tarpon/Long/Sawyer Key</u>	<u>Jasmine/Palm/Sable</u>
8:30-9:15	NCD Certification – What is needed Brittany Tennant VA NTT	Flight- Vocational Kelly Jones, Steve Nelle, and Wayne Rhoadé	SCO Handbook & Study Abroad – New and Advanced SCO Cheryl Amitay and Cinda Quattrini – VA NTT	Bursar/Business office troubleshooting payment issues with DMC Julie Lawrence & Nicole Haselberger, Assistant Chief, Education External Relations DMC
9:20-10:20	Tuition Assistance Invoicing Q&A - Monica Wiesmann-Hirchert Education Services Specialist FLARNG/VIARNG	Creating a Successful SVA Chapter Vanessa Ryan, VP of Programs & Chapter Services	New SCO's Responsibilities: Here's what you need to know! Traveon Ward Sr.- VA NTT	Military Transcripts – with ACE virtually Michele Spires, Assistant VP Learning Evaluations ACE
10:20-10:30	Break			
10:30-11:15	SVA- Legislative Landscape Tammy Barlet, VP of Government Affairs	Flight IHL In house part 141 & 61 Kelly Jones, Steve Nelle, and Wayne Rhoadé	VR&E Counselor to SCO views in EM and Tungsten best practice Kim Lloyd and FAVES Board	Yellow Ribbon Programs Chelsea Jackson -VA NTT
School Troubleshooting Breakout Sessions				
11:20-12:15	4 IHL with NCD/NCD Troubleshooting with SAA Sondra Goodman & Ingrid Abernathy	1 Flight Troubleshooting with SAA Madeline Mendez & Nate Knight	3 Public IHL Troubleshooting w/ SAA Brad Gilkes, Bill Graydon, & Doris Torres	2 Private IHL Troubleshooting with SAA Dale Towery & Kelli Colborne
12:15-1:30	Lunch Provided – Taco Tuesday <i>(Ticket Required)</i>			

Tuesday June 4th, 2024

General Afternoon Sessions

1:30-3:15	Enrollment Manager	Shay Norton-Leonard, Management & Program Analyst, VA NTT
3:15-3:45	Break - Ice Cream Social (<i>Ticket Required</i>)	
3:45-5:15	VA Work Study Program	Kevin White

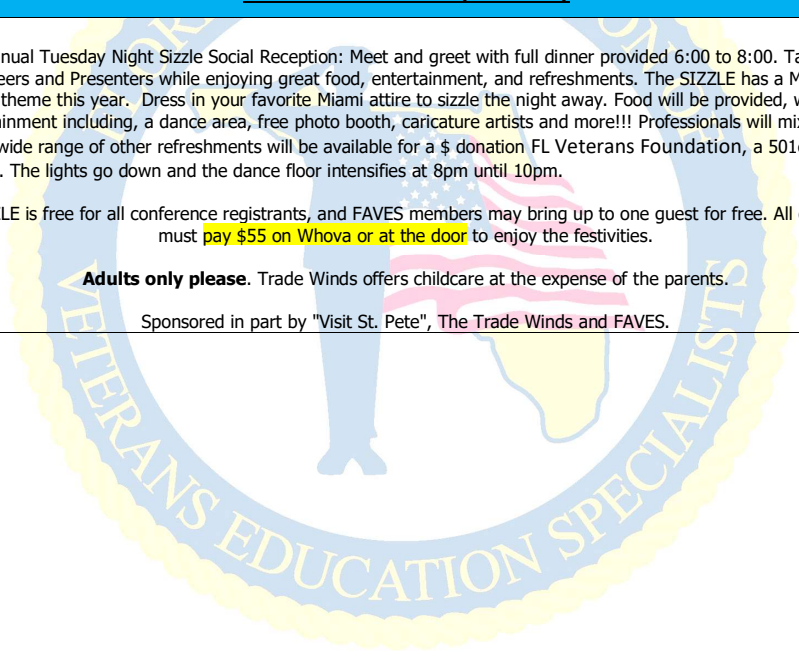
Sizzle 6:00 – 10:00 (Pavilion)

The 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 Miami Nights theme this year. Dress in your favorite Miami attire to sizzle the night away. 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 \$ donation FL Veterans Foundation, 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 \$55 on Whova or at the door** to enjoy the festivities.

Adults only please. Trade Winds offers childcare at the expense of the parents.

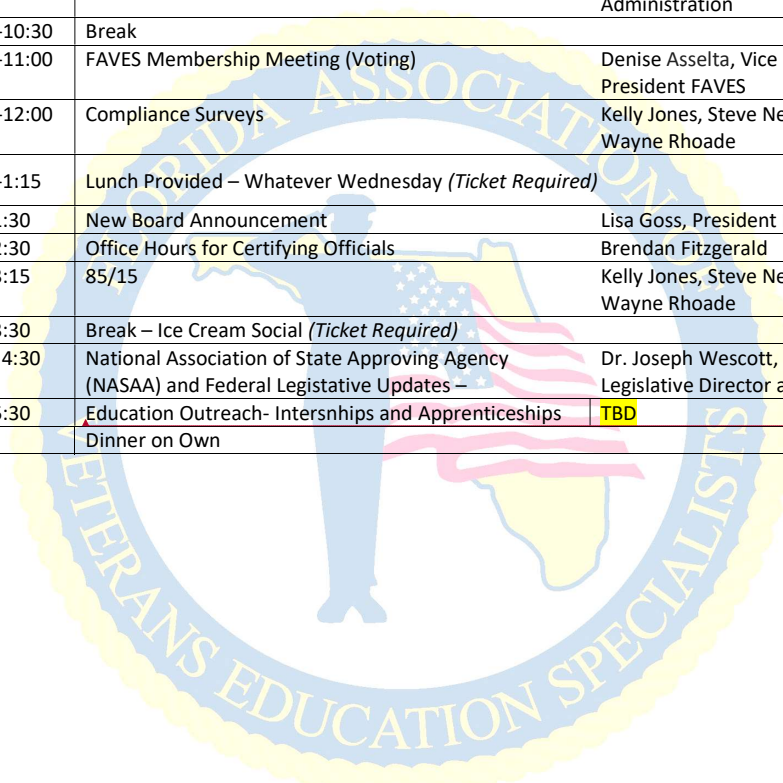
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Wednesday June 5th, 2024

7:00-9:00	Grab & Go Provided Breakfast <i>(Ticket Required)</i>	
General Session – Island Grand Ballroom		
8:30-9:15	NAVPA Updates <i>Biz card mingle winner & Raffle Drawing</i>	Dr. Jan Del Signore President, NAVPA
9:15-10:15	VA Central Office Updates	Joseph Garica, Executive Director Education Service Veteran Benefits Administration
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:00	FAVES Membership Meeting (Voting)	Denise Asselta, Vice President FAVES
11:00-12:00	Compliance Surveys	Kelly Jones, Steve Nelle, and Wayne Rhoadé
12:00-1:15	Lunch Provided – Whatever Wednesday <i>(Ticket Required)</i>	
1:15-1:30	New Board Announcement	Lisa Goss, President FAVES
1:30-2:30	Office Hours for Certifying Officials	Brendan Fitzgerald
2:15-3:15	85/15	Kelly Jones, Steve Nelle, and Wayne Rhoadé
3:15-3:30	Break – Ice Cream Social <i>(Ticket Required)</i>	
3:30 - 4:30	National Association of State Approving Agency (NASAA) and Federal Legislative Updates –	Dr. Joseph Wescott, National Legislative Director at NASAA
4:30-5:30	Education Outreach- Intersnhips and Apprenticeships	TBD
	Dinner on Own	

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Thursday June 6th, 2024

7:00-9:00	Grab & Go Provided Breakfast <i>(Ticket Required)</i>
General Session	
8:30-9:30	Debt Management: How to Prevent School Debt Julie Lawrence & Nicole Haselberger, Assistant Chief, Education External Relations DMC
9:30-9:45	Prize Giveaway – Must be Present to win!
9:45- 10:15	Florida Department of Veteran Affairs Updates MG James Hartsell–Executive Director
10:15-10:45	Break (Reminder: Check out of Room!)
10:45-11:45	Risk Based Survey and Supervisory Visits Betsy Wickham, Bureau Chief
11:45-12:00	Closing Remarks: Denise Asselta, Incoming President FAVES Adjourn – Safe Travels Home
12:30-5:00	Board Meeting (Working Lunch) Old and New Board

Friday June 7th, 2024 (Post-Conference)

9:00-1:00	Board Meeting (Final Debriefing) (New Board)
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SCO Training Credit:

- FAVES June 2024-New SCO Responsibilities
- FAVES June 2024-SCO Handbook & Study Abroad
- FAVES June 2024-Enrollment Manager
- FAVES June 2024- Vocational Flight
- FAVES June 2024-NCD What you need to know
- FAVES June 2024-Work Study
- FAVES June 2024 – Legislative updates- VA Central Office
- FAVES June 2024 – Compliance Survey
- FAVES June 2024- 85/15
- FAVES June 2024 Debt Management- How to prevent School Debt
- FAVES June 2024 Yellow Ribbon
- FAVES June 2024 Risk Based Survey and Supervisory Visits

We look forward to seeing you there.