The following is a list of conferences and symposiums that may be of interest to those who support military-affiliated students in higher education.

Upcoming Conferences

NAME: Student Veterans of America Annual National Conference
PURPOSE: SVA’s National Conference (NatCon) is the largest annual gathering of student veterans, advocates, thought-leaders, stakeholders, and supporters in higher education in the world.
DATE: February 19-20, 2021
LOCATION: Virtual
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: TBA
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://web.cvent.com/event/2660305f-c0a2-48e8-8d38-0655f99e4c3d/regProcessStep1:06e4b06c-e6bc-496e-870b-6ca997e92fdd

NAME: 2021 NASPA Symposium on Military-Connected Students
PURPOSE: Hosted by the NASPA Veterans Knowledge Community to generate the dissemination of knowledge in support of the college success of student veterans. Practitioners and scholars alike will find an engaging home among this caring group of professionals and scholars.
DATE: February 25-27, 2021
LOCATION: Virtual
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: October 9th, 2020
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://www.naspa.org/events/naspa-symposium-on-military-connected-students2#register

NAME: Texas Association of Collegiate Veteran Program Officials (TACVPO) Annual Conference
PURPOSE: To help educate staff members at educational institutions across the state of Texas who provide assistance to veterans and their family members that are using Veterans Benefits from the state of Texas or the Department of Veteran's Affairs.
DATE: April 12-14 2021
LOCATION: Virtual
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: TBA
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://www.tacvpo.com/Registration-Form

NAME: 2021 CCME Professional Development Symposium
PURPOSE: CCME is an active proponent for the professional development of those serving in the military education community by providing a forum for the exchange of information on educational programs, strategies and innovation among its members and associated partners.
DATE: June 15-16, 2021
LOCATION: Virtual
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: TBA
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://www.ccmeonline.org/symposium

NAME: American College Health Association Annual Meeting
PURPOSE: 100 ACHA: Our Legacy, Our Future. The ACHA Annual Meeting is the largest college health event of the year. Join nearly 2,000 other college health professionals for networking, exchanging ideas, and professional development.
DATE: June 2021
LOCATION: Virtual
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://www.acha.org/AnnualMeeting21/Call_for_Programs/Programs/AnnualMeeting21/Call_for_Programs.aspx
NAME: Western Association of Veterans Educations Specialist (WAVES)
PURPOSE: Serve the needs and interests of veterans, faculties and administrators in the member institutions. Foster communication and cooperation between all concerned and interested institutions and agencies on matters affecting the education of veterans and other eligible persons.
DATE: July 19-22, 2021 LOCATION: Reno, NV
DESIGNATED LODGING: Peppermill Resort Spa Casino
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: TBA
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK:

NAME: 13th Annual Texas Veterans Higher Education Symposium
PURPOSE: This symposium convenes veterans, higher education administrators, state and federal officials, and others who offer services to veterans throughout the state in order to share best practices and facilitate communication. The theme of the symposium is “Military-Affiliated Student Success: Application to Vocation Best Practices.”
DATE: October 5-6, 2021 LOCATION: TAMU Corpus Christi
DESIGNATED LODGING: N/A
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: N/A
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK:

Past Conferences

NAME: Military Social Work and Behavioral Health Conference
PURPOSE: The Military Social Work & Behavioral Health Conference is a gathering of clinicians, researchers and veteran service organizations committed to sharing and learning from clinical and research experts about how to best address the behavioral health needs of our country’s service members, veterans, caregivers and family members.
DATE: July 21-24, 2020 LOCATION: Virtual
DESIGNATED LODGING: N/A
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: N/A
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://cvent.utexas.edu/event/60ccc816-fe45-495a-8f31-58c23de9f09d/summary

Name: 2020 National Minority Veterans Summit
Purpose: To focus on the needs and issues imperative to minority Veterans and provide minority Veterans and the local/state/Federal/NGO partners who serve them with information about VA benefits and services.
DATE: TBA LOCATION: TBA
DESIGNATED LODGING:
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: N/A

Name: 2020 Dallas Veterans Mental Health Summit: Operation: Healthy Mindset
PURPOSE: Virtual community resource fair that is free and welcome to veterans, students, mental health professionals and the general public. Featured topics include resilience, suicide preventions, VA/Tele-mental health updates, moral injury, peer support and women veterans and military culture. Kevin Hines, a suicide survivor and motivational speaker, will be the featured keynote speaker for this event.
DATE: September 30th, 2020 from 9:00 a.m - 3:15 p.m. LOCATION: Virtual

NAME: 2020 National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) Annual Conference
PURPOSE: To connect with an organization of institutions and individuals who are involved or interested in the operation of veterans' affairs programs and/or the delivery of services to veterans as school certifying officials across the country.
DATE: Week of October 26 LOCATION: Virtual
DESIGNATED LODGING: N/A
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: TBA
NAME: Minority Veterans of America- MinorityVets Equity, Inclusion and Justice Summit
PURPOSE: The Minority Vets Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Summit is a full-day experience, delving into the intersections of the minority veteran identity and the key issues that impact our worlds and lived experiences the most. In addition to educational and artistic material, the Summit will feature a live recruitment, hiring, and resource fair for minority vets seeking employment and services.
DATE: November 12, 2020 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. EST        LOCATION: Virtual
DESIGNATED LODGING: N/A
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: N/A
LINKS: https://www.minorityvets.org/
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NAME: Farmer Veteran Stakeholders Conference
PURPOSE: ‘Veterans Farming Through Adversity’, the sixth national Farmer Veteran Stakeholders Conference hosted by Farmer Veteran Coalition. Featuring two days of education, workshops, distinguished speakers, guest panels, networking and more.
DATE: November 18th and 19th                  LOCATION: Virtual
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://conference.farmvetco.org/registration/