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:** 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: Peppermill Resort, Spa and Casino - Reno, NV
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: TBA
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://www.uswaves.org/index.php/conference/conference-information

**NAME:** 2021 Association of Veterans Education Certifying Officials (AVECO) Annual Training Conference
PURPOSE: To prepare and serve administrators and counselors of Veterans' education benefits in institutions of higher learning and other public and private agencies and organizations engaged in the support and/or administration of Veterans’ education benefits.
DATE: July 26-29, 2021
LOCATION: Union Station Hotel- St. Louis, MO or Virtual
REGISTRATION and Q&A QUESTIONS DEADLINE: June 11th, 2021
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://www.aveco.org/conference

**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:

**NAME:** The Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA)
PURPOSE: TASFAA advances student access to higher education by providing professional development for its diverse members, advocating for informed public policies, and facilitating forums on financial aid topics.
DATE: October 6-8, 2021
LOCATION: Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center- Georgetown, TX
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://tasfaa.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mcform&view=ngforms&id=2031133#
NAME: Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SWASFAA)
PURPOSE: Professional development opportunity for financial aid administrators in higher education in the Southwest region of the United States. This conference includes informative presentations, networking opportunities and other unique events for professionals in financial aid.
DATE: November, 2021 (Specific date TBA) LOCATION: Isletta Resort and Casino- Albuquerque, NM
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: TBA
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://swasfaa.org/conference

NAME: National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)
PURPOSE: Professional development opportunity for financial aid administrators in higher education. This conference includes informative presentations, networking opportunities and other unique events for professionals in financial aid.
DATE: June 26-29, 2022 LOCATION: Austin, TX
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: TBA
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://www.nasfaa.org/conference

NAME: Veterans in Society (ViS)
PURPOSE: The conference is a forum for scholars – including students and professionals working outside academia – to present work that speaks to the varieties and complexities of veterans' interactions with their larger societies.
DATE: May, 2022 LOCATION: Arizona State University
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: TBA
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK: https://www.veteransinsociety.org/

NAME: 2021 National Association of Veterans’ Program Administrators (NAVPA) Annual Conference
[More information coming soon]
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: TBA in 2021 LOCATION: Virtual
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: https://navpa.org/2021-online-conference/

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: N/A
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: Minority Veterans of America- Minority Vets 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/

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
https://www.acha.org/annualmeeting21
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: September 14, 2020
CONFERENCE/REGISTRATION LINK:
https://www.acha.org/AnnualMeeting21/Call_for_Programs/Programs/AnnualMeeting21/Call_for_Programs.aspx