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

Military Social Work & 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: June 12-14, 2023
LOCATION: Austin, TX
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:
WEBSITE: https://sites.utexas.edu/military-social-work-conference/

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 29 - July 2, 2023
LOCATION: San Diego, CA
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:
WEBSITE: https://www.nasfaa.org/conference

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 9-13, 2023
LOCATION: St. Louis, MO
REGISTRATION: Rates increase by $50 after June 2, 2023.
WEBSITE: https://www.aveco.org/conference

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 10-12, 2023
LOCATION: Reno, NV
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:
WEBSITE: https://www.uswaves.org/agenda/
10th Annual Warrior Community Integration Symposium
PURPOSE: The Symposium is an industry-leading event that empowers those who serve veterans by fostering collaboration and enhancing service to veterans and their families in communities across America. Hundreds of veteran-serving professionals gather to share best practices, hear from inspiring and influential speakers, and learn about resources available from exhibitors and attendees in order to empower the veterans and their families in their care.
DATE: August 1-3, 2023
LOCATION: Syracuse, NY
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: 
WEBSITE: https://www.americaswarriorpartnership.org/symposium

National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) Veterans Conference
PURPOSE: The National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) is the national organization representing all 50 state workforce agencies, D.C., and U.S. territories. These agencies deliver training, employment, career, business, and wage and hour services, in addition to administering the unemployment insurance, veteran reemployment, and labor market information programs. NASWA provides policy expertise, shares promising state practices, and promotes state innovation and leadership in workforce development.
DATE: August 2-4, 2023
LOCATION: Washington, DC
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: 
WEBSITE: https://www.naswa.org/conferences/2023-veterans-conference

The Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) – JOINT CONFERENCE WITH SWASFAA
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 4-6, 2023
LOCATION: Dallas, TX
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: 
WEBSITE: https://www.tasfaa.org/toc_conference

Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SWASFAA) – JOINT CONFERENCE WITH TASFAA
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: October 4-6, 2023
LOCATION: Dallas, TX
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: 
WEBSITE: https://www.swasfaa.org/conference

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: October 16-20, 2023
LOCATION: Norfolk, VA
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: 
WEBSITE: https://navpa.org/2023-conference/

Alabama Veterans Affairs Association (AVAA) Annual Training
PURPOSE: Alabama Veterans Affairs Association is the oldest nonprofit organization of its kind, founded in 1974, dedicated to serving our educational professionals that serve our military students and their families. AVAA has become the foremost training and networking organization for professionals administering educational benefits for Veterans and other eligible persons.
DATE: October 16-18, 2023
LOCATION: Orange Beach, AL
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: 
WEBSITE: https://www.avaa.online/conference-information
15th Annual Texas A&M University System Military-Affiliated Student Symposium
PURPOSE: The symposium theme will be “What’s Next: The Future of Veteran & Military Services” and will focus on the application-to-vocation support of military-affiliated students, including recruitment, admission, and enrollment; best practices, programs, and policies to support students; and career readiness and post-graduation success.
DATE: October 23-24, 2023
LOCATION: San Antonio, TX
WEBSITE: https://www.tamus.edu/veterans/symposium/

9th Annual Farmer Veteran Coalition Stakeholder Conference
PURPOSE: The largest national gathering of the agriculture and military communities and features three days of education, distinguished speakers, guest panels, networking events, farm tours, camaraderie and much more. The 2023 conference will also be held in conjunction with the National Ag Marketing Summit.
DATE: November 12-14, 2023
LOCATION: Washington, D.C.
WEBSITE: https://farmvetco.org/2022/12/18/annual-fvc-stakeholder-conference-2023-save-the-date/

16th Annual Student Veterans of America Annual National Conference (NatCon)
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: January 4-6, 2024
LOCATION: Nashville, TN
WEBSITE: https://studentveterans.org/programs-events/national-conference/2024

2024 NASPA Symposium on Military-Connected Students
PURPOSE: Hosted by the NASPA Veterans Knowledge Community, the Symposium on Military-Connected Students is NASPA’s premiere event designed for student affairs practitioners supporting military-connected students. The symposium is your exclusive opportunity to share evidence-based practices from your campus or organization. Learn from leading researchers in the field and engage with other professionals committed to supporting military-connected students.
DATE: Spring 2024
LOCATION:
WEBSITE: https://www.naspa.org/events/2024-naspa-symposium-on-military-connected-students

Council of College and Military Educators (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: January 29 – February 1, 2024
LOCATION: Aurora, CO
WEBSITE: https://www.ccmeonline.org/symposium

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: February 25-29, 2024
LOCATION: Fort Worth, TX
WEBSITE: https://www.tacvpo.com/conference
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: March 14-15, 2024
LOCATION: Columbia, SC
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: October 1, 2023
WEBSITE: https://www.veteranology.org/conference

American College Health Association Annual Meeting
PURPOSE: 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: May 28-June 1, 2024
LOCATION: Atlanta, GA

Past Conferences

NC Student Transition Resource Initiative for Veteran’s Education (STRIVE) Conference
PURPOSE: Formed in 2015, NC STRIVE is a consortium of two- and four-year colleges along with federal and state agencies who plan, organize, and sponsor a yearly conference offering resources to veterans and educators of veterans to increase awareness and knowledge of issues affecting veterans and their families transitioning from the military to the academic setting. NC Strive is a project of the Governor’s Institute and the North Carolina Governor’s Working Group.
DATE: May 11, 2022
LOCATION: Fayetteville, NC

University of North Georgia Annual Symposium – Human Security Challenges
PURPOSE: This symposium will explore the role of state, non-state, and international actors in solving or mitigating human security challenges. Human security, as a governing principle, emphasizes freedom from want and freedom from fear as opposed to traditional national security, which emphasizes sovereignty and territorial integrity. Threats to human security manifest in several different ways, including economic, food, healthcare, and environmental challenges for institutions that may have a role in addressing. The symposium will bring together scholars, practitioners, and students from all over the world to discuss this impactful and important topic.
DATE: April 5-6, 2023
LOCATION: Dahlonega, GA

The War Horse Symposium
PURPOSE: On April 6, The University of Chicago’s Harris School of Public Policy and The War Horse News will host a day-long convening where members of the public are invited to discuss the human impact of military service with legendary journalists, world-class scholars, and the senior government officials shaping the United States Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Featured speakers include Jon Stewart, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dennis McDonough, and Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Kathleen Hicks.
DATE: April 6, 2023
LOCATION: Chicago, IL
Endeavors Veterans Mental Health Summit 2023
PURPOSE: This hybrid summit is an opportunity to learn from regional and national leaders regarding mental health issues faced by Veterans and their families. Speakers and panelists will identify strategies and resources to support the delivery of care.
DATE: May 2, 2023 / 9AM – 4PM MT LOCATION: El Paso, TX
IN-PERSON REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 24, 2023
VIRTUAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2023
*For 50% off admission price, use the following codes:
Veterans: Veteran
Students studying social work or counseling: SWCstudent
WEBSITE: https://endeavors.org/veterans-mental-health-summit-2023/

Florida’s Association of Veterans Education Specialists (FAVES) Regional Conference 2023
PURPOSE: It has been the mission of Florida’s Association of Veterans Education Specialists (FAVES) to provide high-quality services to School Certifying Officials. FAVES is committed to SCO’s so they can provide students with the essential resources and assuring all Florida Post-Secondary Institutions learn to navigate VA education benefit systems.
DATE: June 4-8, 2023 LOCATION: St. Petersburg, FL
PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:
WEBSITE: https://flfaves.org/

Dallas Veterans Mental Health Summit & Resource Fair
PURPOSE: The summit is a collaborative education and outreach initiative between Dallas College Military Connected Services and Counseling and Psychological Services, as well as the VA North Texas Healthcare System.
DATE: September 22, 2022
WEBSITE: https://www.dallascollege.edu/events/veterans-summit/pages/default.aspx

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.
WEBSITE: https://www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/summit/index.asp

Minority Veterans of America- 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.
WEBSITE: https://www.minorityvets.org/

Consortium of Michigan Veterans Educators (CMVE)
PURPOSE: The annual conference brings together our statewide network of professionals dedicated to making military-connected students as successful as possible in Michigan’s higher education landscape.
WEBSITE: https://micmve.org/

Women Veterans in Higher Education Conference
PURPOSE: Hosted by California State University - Fullerton, it is a conference for women veterans who are looking to attend college, who are current college students, or who would like to connect to women veterans as peers, mentors, or service providers. It is an opportunity for women veterans to gather, meet, and share their stories in an inclusive and supportive environment.
WEBSITE: http://www.fullerton.edu/veterans/women/