

Veteran Services Conference and Schedule for 2023-2024

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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

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>

Minority Veterans of America: Equity, Inclusion & Justice Summit by Lauren Postler

PURPOSE: The Equity, Inclusion, & Justice Summit is a transformative three-day event that brings together minority veterans, service members, subject matter experts, and community supporters from across the country to delve into the unique experiences of the minority veteran community. Through engaging panel discussions, immersive workshops, and inspiring speaker sessions, attendees will explore innovative strategies, share experiences, and collaborate on actionable solutions to promote equity, foster inclusion, and drive justice within the military and veteran community. This summit provides a unique platform to connect, learn, and empower one another while forging a path towards a more inclusive community for us all. In 2023, we take bring our 4th annual Summit in-person for the first time. You won't want to miss this opportunity to be part of a dynamic event that sparks meaningful change and amplifies the voices of minority veterans!

DATE: October 6-8, 2023

LOCATION: Seattle, WA

WEBSITE: [Equity, Inclusion, & Justice Summit 2023 | Minority Veterans of America \(minorityvets.org\)](https://www.minorityvets.org/Equity-Inclusion-&Justice-Summit-2023)

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

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: July 14, 2023

WEBSITE: <https://www.tamus.edu/veterans/symposium/>

American Veterans Group: VetSuccess 2023: Connecting Leaders to Advance Military Veteran Employment

PURPOSE: The VetSuccess 2023 virtual conference will bring together veteran-focused nonprofits, universities, and business leaders to discuss how stakeholders can work together to create a stronger collaborative ecosystem that more effectively supports military veteran employees in their civilian careers.

DATE: October 25, 2023, 12:00-2:00 PM (CDT)

LOCATION: Virtual

WEBSITE: [About - Event Page | VetSuccess '23 \(accevents.com\)](#)

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.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

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

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

WEBSITE: <https://studentveterans.org/programs-events/national-conference/>

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:

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

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

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

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

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

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

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

WEBSITE: <https://www.acha.org/AnnualMeeting24>

Past 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>

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

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

WEBSITE: <https://www.uncfsu.edu/fsu-admissions/military/nc-strive-conference>

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: Dahlonaga, GA

WEBSITE: <https://ung.edu/institute-leadership-strategic-studies/annual-symposium/index.php>

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

WEBSITE: <https://info.harris.uchicago.edu/war-horse-symposium>

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/>