

Veteran Services Conference and Schedule for 2025-2026

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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

Florida's Association of Veterans Education Specialists (FAVES) Flight Conference

PURPOSE: Get ready to take-off into a universe of knowledge at the 2025 FAVES Flight Conference! Join us at Palm Beach State College for a high-flying day of training and networking with fellow School Certifying Officials. This year's theme is May the Flight Be With You, promising an out-of-this-world experience. With presentations from Florida's SAA Team and VA representatives, you'll be equipped with the latest information to serve your military and veteran students.

DATE: January 30, 2025

LOCATION: Boca Raton, FL

WEBSITE: [2025 FAVES Flight Conference - F.A.V.E.S](#)

2025 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: February 18-20, 2025

LOCATION: Las Vegas, NV

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

WEBSITE: <https://www.naspa.org/events/2025-naspa-symposium-on-military-connected-students>

2025 GSC Student Veteran and Adult Learner Symposium

PURPOSE: We are thrilled to invite you to the 2025 Student Veteran and Adult Learner Symposium: Advocacy in Action: Enhancing Support for Student Veterans and Adult Learners – a free event dedicated to empowering higher education professionals to better serve these valuable student populations.

This one-day symposium will bring together faculty, staff, administrators, and organizations from across higher education to explore innovative solutions for enhancing support for student veterans and adult learners. Attendees will take away actionable insights and tools to implement in their home institutions.

DATE: April 24, 2025

LOCATION: Barnesville, Georgia

WEBSITE: [HERE](#)

Veteran Reconnect Conference

PURPOSE: This event marks ten years since the passage of the Veterans Education Transition Support (VETS) Act, which ensures veterans using educational benefits receive in-state tuition and a supportive learning environment. Tennessee is home to more than 140,000 veterans without college credit and 144,000 veterans with some college credit or an associate degree. However, only 9,500 veterans are currently enrolled in higher education across the state. This

conference will bring together academic professionals and military-connected student leaders from across Tennessee to collaborate, share best practices and explore new opportunities for supporting military-connected students.

DATE: May 13-14, 2025

LOCATION: Nashville, TN

WEBSITE: [Veteran Reconnect Conference | Lipscomb University](#)

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 27-31, 2025

LOCATION: New Orleans, LA

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

WEBSITE: [Attend - ACHA](#)

California Community Colleges Veterans Symposium

PURPOSE: The Veterans Symposium invites all faculty, administrators and staff from California community colleges, California State Universities, Universities of California, four-year universities and statewide partners dedicated to supporting this unique population of students. Join us to explore innovative strategies, share best practices and collaborate on actionable solutions for success.

DATE: June 23-24, 2025

LOCATION: San Diego, CA

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: February 21, 2025

WEBSITE: <https://californiacommunitycolleges.cventevents.com/event/7659c709-1407-4966-a9aa-1c683ba5b8c9/summary>

12th Annual Warrior Community Integration Symposium *Website not yet updated*

PURPOSE: The annual Warrior Symposium is an industry-leading event where hundreds of veteran-serving professionals gather to foster collaboration and enhance service to veterans and their families in communities across America. This year's theme is "Together, We Can Do Better," a call to action leveraging businesses as a catalyst for Community Integration. The event conversations will highlight best practices, peel back the layers on pressing issues, and explore strategic opportunities to maximize government and nongovernment programs while building thriving, sustainable veteran communities nationwide.

DATE: August 7-8, 2024

LOCATION: Washington, D.C.

WEBSITE: <https://www.americaswarriorpartnership.org/symposium>

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 6-10th, 2025

LOCATION: Reno, NV

REGISTRATION: March 2025

WEBSITE: [WAVES Conference 2025](#)

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 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: July 9-11, 2025

LOCATION: Washington, DC

WEBSITE: [2024 Veterans Conference | National Association of State Workforce Agencies \(naswa.org\)](#)

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 24-27

LOCATION: Anaheim, CA

WEBSITE: [NASFAA 2025 - Anaheim](#)

Association of Veterans Education Certifying Officials (AVECO) 31st Annual Training Conference

PURPOSE: AVECO 2025 will welcome back the Department of Veterans Affairs, various State Approving Agencies from across the regions as well as industry and colleague led interest sessions. The conference curriculum will continue to promote open peer-to-peer dialogue as well as provide industry led training opportunities to aid in your professional development.

DATE: July 13-17, 2025

LOCATION: St. Louis, MO

WEBSITE: [2025 AVECO Conference](#)

18th Annual MBA Veterans Career Conference & Expo

PURPOSE: The MBA Veterans Career Conference is the nation's leading military and MBA diversity conference. Every Fall, it connects 500+ 1st and 2nd year MBA students, all of whom are military veterans enrolled at top ranked programs with more than 60 of America's leading MBA employers.

DATE: October 9-10, 2025

LOCATION: Atlanta, GA

WEBSITE: [Key Details - MBA Veterans Network](#)

17th Annual Texas A&M University System Military-Affiliated Student Symposium

PURPOSE: The Texas A&M University System Military-Affiliated Student Symposium convenes veterans, higher education administrators, state and federal officials, and others who offer services to veterans in order to share best practices and facilitate communication. The goal of the symposium is to connect local, state, and national support services for higher education institutions with student veterans and military-affiliated students. Additionally, the Symposium is an opportunity to increase communication and collaboration across the state and nation.

DATE: October 22-23, 2025

LOCATION: College Station, TX

WEBSITE: [Texas A&M University System Military-Affiliated Student Symposium – Veteran and Military Services \(tamus.edu\)](#)

Past Conferences

National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) Annual Conference *not yet updated*

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 7-10, 2024

LOCATION: Kansas City, MO

WEBSITE: [2024 Conference - Nation Association of Veteran Program Administrators \(navpa.org\)](#)

Alabama Veterans Affairs Association (AVAA) Annual Training *not yet updated*

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 7-10, 2024

LOCATION: Orange Beach, AL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 8, 2024

WEBSITE: <https://www.avaa.online/conference-information>

The Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) – JOINT CONFERENCE WITH SWASFAA *not yet updated*

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 7-11, 2024

LOCATION: Houston, TX

WEBSITE: [2024 Fall Conference Save The Date \(tasfaa.org\)](https://tasfaa.org/2024-Fall-Conference-Save-The-Date)

Minority Veterans of America: Equity, Inclusion & Justice Summit *not yet updated*

PURPOSE: The Minority Vets Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Summit is not a conference, it's an experience. Delving into the intersections of the minority veteran identity and the key issues that impact our worlds and lived experiences the most, the Summit features lectures, panels, fireside chats, lightning talks and live performances by minority veterans and lead activists, artists, experts, and legislators.

DATE: October 2024

LOCATION: Virtual

WEBSITE: [Home | Minority Veterans of America \(minorityvets.org\)](https://minorityvets.org/Home)

Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SWASFAA) – JOINT CONFERENCE WITH TASFAA *not yet updated*

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 11-15

LOCATION: Little Rock, AR

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

WEBSITE: [Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators - Home \(swasfaa.org\)](https://swasfaa.org/Southwest-Association-of-Student-Financial-Aid-Administrators-Home)

American Veterans Group: VetSuccess 2023: Connecting Leaders to Advance Military Veteran Employment *out of date*

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 \(accevents.com\)](https://vetevents.com/VetSuccess-23)

Military Social Work & Behavioral Health Conference *out of date*

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/>

NC Student Transition Resource Initiative for Veteran's Education (STRIVE) Conference *out of date*

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>

Endeavors Veterans Mental Health Summit 2023 *out of date*

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/>

University of North Georgia Annual Symposium – Human Security Challenges *out of date*

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

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

The War Horse Symposium *out of date*

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>

Dallas Veterans Mental Health Summit & Resource Fair *not yet updated*

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 *out of date*

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>

Consortium of Michigan Veterans Educators (CMVE) *out of date*

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 *out of date*

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/>

Florida's Association of Veterans Education Specialists (FAVES) Regional Conference 2023 *not yet updated*

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 3-6, 2024

LOCATION: St. Pete Beach, FL

WEBSITE: [2024 FAVES Annual Conference - F.A.V.E.S \(flfaves.org\)](https://2024.faves.org/)

REGISTRATION: Opens in March

17th Annual Student Veterans of America Annual National Conference (NatCon) *not yet updated*

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 2-4, 2025

LOCATION: Colorado Springs, CO

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE:

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