



**2018 CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**July 23 – 26, 2018**



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**Sunday, July 22, 2018**

**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

**WAVES Officers, Pre-Conference Meeting**  
**Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina Personnel**

**Marina 5**

**Monday, July 23, 2018**

10:00 – 6:00 PM	Conference Registration	Bay View Foyer
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop:  <b>New Certifying Officials (2 years or less)</b> Training for new school certifying officials. Presenters: Teresa Chapman, ELR Matt Cantrell, ELR Debra Westbook, ELR Kate Nicholson, ELR Moderator: Matthew Maupin, University of Tulsa	Grande Ballroom A
	<b>Advanced Training</b> Training for experienced school certifying officials. Presenters: Wayne Boettcher, ELR Cherri Norman, ELR Suzanne Swafford, ELR Brandon Hawkins, ELR Moderator: Bernice Flett, Texas Tech University	Grande Ballroom B
	<b>IHL with Flight Degrees</b> Approval, Certification, and Compliance Surveys Statutory requirements, best practices, and Certification essentials necessary for aviation degrees. Presenters: Bart Culver, ELR Steward Land, ECSS Fran Jay, ECSS Michelle Nelson, ELR Moderator: Melanie Neill, San Jacinto College District	Grande Ballroom C

***Refreshment break – (3:00-3:30 PM)***

***Reception 6:00-8:00 PM – Bay View Lawn  
Hors-d'oeuvres will be served  
Meet your ELR/SAA representatives***

## Tuesday, July 24, 2018

7:00 – 7:45 AM	Breakfast provided	Pavilion
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Conference Registration (Registration will be open during breaks)	Bay View Foyer
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Welcome, Tracy Copeland, President Color Guard, Air Force ROTC Color Guard at San Diego University Pledge of Allegiance, Lane Anderson National Anthem, Tracy Copeland and all attendees Laura Bach, President, National Association of State Approving Agencies Michael Marks, Chief Education Liaison Officer, Western Region Approvals, Compliance & Liaison	Grande Ballroom
8:45 – 9:15 AM	Regional Processing Office Up-date Aliko Escoe, Quality Review Team and Training	Grande Ballroom
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Break	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	GI Bill Protection and Integrity Patrick A. Dworakowski, Assistant Director, Oversight and Accountability, VACO	Grande Ballroom
10:30 – 11:15 AM	VA-Once Shay Norton-Leonard, Management Analyst, VACO	Grande Ballroom
11:15 – 11:30 AM	Tony Flores, President, NAVPA	Grande Ballroom
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Lunch provided	Pavilion

**Choose from one of the following workshops which will be offered:  
[1:00-2:15 and 2:30-3:45]**

- 1. National Guard Up-dates** Grande Ballroom A  
Presenters:  
Donald Sutton, III, Education Program Specialist,  
GI Bill Program Manager, Education Services Branch  
Jimmy Daniels, Education Support Center, Training Team Lead  
National Guard Professional Education Center  
Moderators:  
Ruben Cardenas, Central Washington University (1:00 session)  
Melanie Neill, San Jacinto College District (2:30 session)

2. **Vocational Rehabilitation Overview** Harbor Island 2  
 Presenter:  
 Reginald Gladney, Assistant Director for  
 Oversight and Outreach, VR&E Service Central Office  
 Moderators:  
 Leah Morales, Texas A&M University (1:00 session)  
 Veronica Griego, St. Phillip's College (2:30 session)
3. **Restrictions on Enrollment – 85/15 Rule** Harbor Island 1  
 Everything you need to know to ensure your programs do not  
 violate enrollment restrictions.  
 Presenters:  
 Michelle Nelson, ELR  
 Chip Vance, ELR  
 Jim Jones, ELR  
 Moderators:  
 Renee Lamphear, Arizona State Approving Agency (1:00 session)  
 Deborah Chatman, Baton Rouge Community College (2:30 session)
4. **School Liability** Harbor Island 3  
 What happens when an institutions is liable for repayment of a  
 student's debt?  
 Presenters:  
 Terry Cahill, ELR  
 Fran Jay, ECSS  
 Debra Westbrook, ELR  
 Moderators:  
 Leanna Deking, Arizona State Approving Agency (1:00 session)  
 Derrick Weddle, University of Tulsa (2:30 session)
5. **Benefits for Dependents** Grande Ballroom C  
 What you should know about Transfer of Entitlement, Fry Scholarship  
 and Dependents Educational Assistance.  
 Presenters:  
 Kate Nicholson, ELR  
 Tom Riegle, ELR  
 Moderators:  
 Vicki Henson, Cameron University (1:00 session)  
 Carol Hoipkemier, Oklahoma State University (2:30 session)

1:00 – 2:15 PM	Workshop
2:15 – 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 – 3:45 PM	Workshop
3:45 – 4:15 PM	Break (Refreshments provided)

4:15 – 5:30 PM	<b>State Breakouts</b> California Texas Arkansas and Oklahoma Alaska, Hawaii and Idaho Oregon and Nevada Washington Arizona and New Mexico Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming All other States	Grande Ballroom A Grande Ballroom C Nautilus 1 Nautilus 2 Nautilus 3 Nautilus 4 Harbor Island 1 Harbor Island 2 Harbor Island 3
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**(Dinner on your own)**

**Wednesday, July, 25, 2018**

7:00 – 7:45 AM	Breakfast provided	Pavilion
7:45 – 8:00 AM	Break	

**Choose from the following Workshops which will be offered:  
[8:00-9:15 and 9:30-10:45]**

- 1. Certifying Non-College Degree Programs** Harbor Island 1

Understanding certificate and diploma programs.

Presenters:  
Tom Riegle, ELR  
Jim Jones, ELR  
Cherri Norman, ELR

Moderators:  
Jennifer Linnell, Texas A&M Engr Ext Services (8:00 session)  
Ruben Cardenas, Central Washington University (9:30 session)
- 2. Common Errors Certifying Students – to include Tuition/fees, Scholarships, Yellow Ribbon and 702** Harbor Island 2

Common certification errors and your school can avoid them.

Presenters:  
Matt Cantrell, ELR  
Bart Culver, ELR  
Liz Alexander, ELR

Moderators:  
Matthew Maupin, University of Tulsa (8:00 session)  
Veronica Griego, St. Phillip’s College (9:30 session)

3. **Other Ways to Use Benefits – to include: L&C, Study Abroad, Tutorial Assistance and TA** Harbor Island 3  
 Tutorial Assistance, National Exams, On-The-Job and Apprenticeship Training and more.  
 Presenters:  
 Chip Vance, ELR  
 Brandon Hawkins, ELR  
 Wayne Boettcher, ELR  
 Moderators:  
 Leah Morales, Texas A&M University (8:00 session)  
 Derrick Weddle, University of Tulsa (9:30 session)
4. **Program Approval, State Approving Agency** Grande Ballroom A  
 Learn about the important role that State Approving Agencies play in approving programs for the GI Bill! How SAAs have evolved over the years into “gatekeepers of excellence” and what lies ahead in the area of program approval.  
 Presenter:  
 Joe Wescott, Director, North Carolina SAA  
 Moderators:  
 Renee Lamphear, Arizona State Approving Agency (8:00 session)  
 Leanna Deking, Arizona State Approving Agency (9:30 session)
5. **How the University of Arizona Manages Certifications in PeopleSoft** Grande Ballroom C  
 Understand how to use PeopleSoft and data management to Efficiently complete the certification process.  
 Presenters:  
 Cori Cashen, University of Arizona  
 Chris Behrends, University of Arizona  
 Felipe Ayala, University of Arizona  
 Moderator: Lane Anderson, Spokane Falls Community College  
**(This session will only be offered from 8:00-9:15)**
6. **Electronic Forms and Reporting for Banner Schools** Grande Ballroom C  
 Learn how Texas schools have worked with Ellucian to develop a Military/Veterans form in Banner. See how these schools have used Information from Banner to create automated reports and then push information from reports back into Banner.  
 Presenters:  
 Debra Crosby, Texas Tech University  
 Leah Morales, Texas A&M University  
 Moderator: Bernice Flett, Texas Tech University  
**(This session will only be offered from 9:30-10:45)**

8:00 – 9:15 AM Workshop

9:15 - 9:30 AM Break

9:30 – 10:45 AM	Workshop	
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Break	
11:15 – 12:15 PM	Student Veterans of America Jared Lyon, President and CEO	Grande Ballroom
12:15 – 1:30 PM	Lunch provided	
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Break	
1:45 – 3:00 PM	VA Central Office Updates Robert M. Worley II, Director, Education Service, VACO	Grande Ballroom
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Break (Refreshments provided)	
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Forever GI Bill/Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act Overview Jeannie Daniels, National Training Team	Grande Ballroom

### **Dinner on your own**

#### **Thursday, July 26, 2018**

7:30 – 8:45 AM	Breakfast provided	Pavilion
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Break	
9:00 – 10:00 AM	WAVES Business Meeting and Awards	Grande Ballroom
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Break	

#### **Choose from the following Workshops which will be offered: [10:30-11:45 and 12:00-1:15]**

- 1. Compliance Surveys and Targeted Risked Based Reviews**
Harbor Island 2  
 What are they and how schools can prepare for these reviews.  
 Presenters:  
 Fran Jay, ECSS  
 Stewart Land, ECSS  
 Moderators:  
 Bernice Flett, Texas Tech University (10:30 session)  
 Melanie Neill, San Jacinto College District (12:00 session)

2. **Work-study Program** Harbor Island 1  
 Presenter:  
 Kendra Stewart, Work-study Supervisor  
 Moderators:  
 Veronica Griego, St. Phillip's College (10:30 session)  
 Deborah Chatman, Baton Rouge Community College (12:00 session)
3. **Debt Management** Harbor Island 3  
 Presenter:  
 Julie Lawrence, VA Debt Management Center  
 Moderators:  
 Cindy Watts, University of Tulsa (10:30 session)  
 Paula Barnes, Oklahoma State University (12:00 session)
4. **Website Wisdom** Grande Ballroom A  
 Navigating the GI Bill Website to locate additional resources  
 to make your job easier.  
 Presenters:  
 Suzanne Swafford, ELR  
 Terry Cahill, ELR  
 Moderators:  
 Debra Crosby, Texas Tech University (10:30 session)  
 Jennifer Linnell, Texas A&M Engr Ext Services (12:00 session)
5. **Grades** Grande Ballroom C  
 The importance of accurate grade reporting and the impact grades  
 have on benefit payments.  
 Presenters:  
 Liz Alexander, ELR  
 Teresa Chapman, ELR  
 Moderators:  
 Vicki Henson, Cameron University (10:30 session)  
 Carol Hoipkeimier, Oklahoma State University (12:00 session)

- 10:30 – 11:45 AM      Workshop
- 11:45 – 12:00 AM      Break
- 12:00 – 1:15 PM      Workshop

**Have a safe trip home!!!**



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***ELR: Educational Liaison Representative***

***ECSS: Education Compliance Survey Specialist***

***CELO: Chief Education Liaison Officer***

***SECSS: Supervisor Education Compliance Survey Specialist***

***VACO: Veterans Administration Central Office***

***VR & E: Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment***

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