



 2026  
WAVES CONFERENCE

MONDAY  
07.20.2026

# AGENDA - DAY 1

1:00 PM -  
5:00 PM

**REGISTRATION**

Beachwood/Runyon/Laurel

6:30 PM -  
8:00 PM

**WELCOME RECEPTION**

Pool Deck



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# AGENDA - DAY 2

7:00 AM –  
5:00 PM**REGISTRATION  
(OPEN ALL DAY)**

Beachwood/Runyon/Laurel

7:00 AM –  
8:30 AM**BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS**

Ray Dolby Salon 4-6

8:30 AM –  
9:00 AM**CONFERENCE OPENING & WELCOME  
(GENERAL SESSION)**

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

JASON GARCIA, WAVES PRESIDENT

**HONOR GUARD**

AMERICAN LEGION

**STAR-SPANGLED BANNER**JESSICA YOUNG, PROGRAM MANAGER,  
THE LOS ANGELES FILM SCHOOL**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**DARCY SCHNUTH, WAVES 1ST VICE  
PRESIDENT**INTRODUCTIONS: WAVES BOARD, VA &  
SAA PRESENTERS**9:00 AM –  
10:00 AM**NASAA UPDATE AND INTRODUCTIONS  
(GENERAL SESSION)**

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

REBECCA RYAN, NASAA PRESIDENT

10:00 AM –  
10:30 AM**BREAK & RESOURCE FAIR**

Mezzanine Level

10:30 AM –  
12:00 PM**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)****NEW SCO TRAINING\***

Studio A-B

EDGAR FORD, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE**SCO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS\***

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

RAMON TORRY, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE**VOCATIONAL FLIGHT PROGRAMS\***

Studio C

TINA KEETER, CHIEF EDUCATION LIAISON  
OFFICER



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TUESDAY  
07.21.2026

# DAY 2 (CONT.)

12:00 PM –  
1:30 PM

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

1:30 PM –  
3:30 PM

**CATALOG SUBMISSIONS & REVIEW  
PROCESS: INSTITUTIONS PERSPECTIVES  
(GENERAL SESSION)**  
EVERETTE JACKSON, NASAA EAST REGION  
VICE PRESIDENT

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

3:00 PM –  
3:30 PM

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

Mezzanine Level

3:30 PM –  
5:00 PM

**STATE BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)**

**CALIFORNIA**  
CSAAVE

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

**BREAKOUT SESSION 2**  
TBD

Studio A-B

**BREAKOUT SESSION 3**  
TBD

Studio C

6:30 PM –  
10:00 PM

**TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITY:  
90'S DANCE PARTY**  
*\* BEST 90'S OUTFIT CONTEST*

Ray Dolby Salon 4-6

# AGENDA - DAY 3

7:00 AM -  
12:00 PM

## REGISTRATION

Beachwood/Runyon/Laurel

7:00 AM -  
8:30 AM

## BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS

Ray Dolby Salon 4-6

8:30 AM -  
9:30 AM

## STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA (GENERAL SESSION)

CORY BOATWRIGHT, SVA NATIONAL  
PRESIDENT

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

9:30 AM -  
10:30 AM

## FEDERAL UPDATES (GENERAL SESSION)

KENNETH SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
EDUCATION SERVICE, DVA

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

10:30 AM -  
11:00 AM

## BREAK & RESOURCE FAIR

Mezzanine Level

11:00 AM -  
12:00 PM

## ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (GENERAL SESSION)

DONALD SUTTON, ARNG-HRH-C

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

12:00 PM -  
1:30 PM

## LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)

### ENROLLMENT MANAGER\*

ADRIAN RAMIREZ, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

### YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAMS\*

ROGELIO GARCIA, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE

Studio A-B

### COMPLIANCE SURVEYS\*

GLEN PENA, SUPERVISOR APPROVALS  
COMPLIANCE & LIAISON, AND TINA  
KEETER, CHIEF EDUCATION LIAISON  
OFFICE

Studio C

# DAY 3 (CONT.)

3:00 PM –  
3:30 PM

**REFRESHMENT BREAK  
& RESOURCE FAIR**

Mezzanine Level

3:30 PM –  
5:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)**

**BREAKOUT SESSION 1**  
TBD

Studio A-B

**BREAKOUT SESSION 2**  
TBD

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

**BREAKOUT SESSION 3**  
TBD

Studio C

6:30 PM –  
8:30 PM

**SCO BANQUET & AWARDS CEREMONY  
MASQUERADE BALL**

Ray Dolby Salon 3-6

JASON T. GARCIA, WAVES PRESIDENT

*\*COCKTAIL ATTIRE RECOMMENDED & MASKS WILL BE PROVIDED*



# AGENDA - DAY 4

7:00 AM -  
8:00 AM**BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS**

Ray Dolby Salon 4-6

8:00 AM -  
8:30 AM**WAVES BUSINESS MEETING (GENERAL SESSION)**

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

JASON T. GARCIA, WAVES PRESIDENT

8:30 AM -  
10:00 AM**VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT (VR&E) (GENERAL SESSION)**

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

CHANTILE STOVALL, ACTING EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF VR&E10:00 AM -  
10:30 AM**BREAK & RESOURCE FAIR**

Mezzanine Level

10:30 AM -  
12:00 PM**DEBT MANAGEMENT CENTER\* (GENERAL SESSION)**

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

JULIE LAWRENCE, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS,  
VETERANS RESOLUTION DIVISION12:00 PM -  
1:00 PM**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**1:30 PM -  
3:00 PM**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)****85/15 REQUIREMENTS\***

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

GLEN PENNA, SUPERVISOR APPROVALS  
COMPLIANCE & LIAISON**NON-COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAMS\***

Studio A-B

ADRIAN RAMIREZ, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE**WORK STUDY PROGRAMS\***

Studio C

JOSE GUTIEREZ, EDUCATION LIAISON  
REPRESENTATIVE



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THURSDAY  
07.23.2026

# DAY 4 (CONT.)

3:00 PM –  
3:30 PM

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

Mezzanine Level

3:30 PM –  
5:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (SELECT ONE TO ATTEND)**

**BREAKOUT SESSION 1**

TBD

Studio A-B

**BREAKOUT SESSION 2**

TBD

Ray Dolby Salon 1-3

**BREAKOUT SESSION 3**

TBD

Studio C

**BREAKOUT SESSION 4**

TBD

Solano

**\*SESSIONS COUNT TOWARD THE VA'S SCO ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CERTIFY VIA THE SCO TRAINING PORTAL POST-CONFERENCE.**

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