



WAVES 2025 – Peppermill, Reno NV

Agenda (Tentative)

WIFI:

Sunday, July 6, 2025

- 1:00 – 5:00 PM *Registration*
- 6:30 – 8:00 PM *Welcome Reception*

Monday, July 7, 2025

- 7:00 – 5:00 PM *Registration (open all day)*
- 7:00 – 8:30 AM *Breakfast Refreshments*
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM *WAVES Welcome, Jason Garcia, WAVES President
Honor Guard
Sierra High Notes: The Star-Spangled Banner, Salute to Armed Forces
Pledge of Allegiance, Darcy Schnuth WAVES 1st VP
Introduce: Board Members, National Training Team, VisitRenoTahoe*
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM *NASAA Update and Introductions - Rebecca Ryan
(General Session)*
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM *Break*
- 10:30 – 12:00 PM *Breakout Sessions
Session: New SCO Training*
Session: Advanced SCO Training*
Session: Certification Process for NCDs**
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM *Lunch provided*
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM *SCO Central – A Community for SCO's – Heather DeSpain*
- 2:30 - 3:30 PM *General Session TBD (maybe Warrior Scholar)*
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM *Refreshment Break*
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM *SAA Supervisory Visit and Panel Q&A - Cheryl Iannello*
- 6:30 – 8:00 PM *Movie Trivia Night – (popcorn and snack food between 6:45-7:15)*

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

- 7:00 - 12:00 PM *Registration*
- 7:00 – 8:30 AM *Breakfast Refreshments*
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM *Student Veterans of America – Jared Lyon, SVA National President, and CEO
(General Session)*
- 9:30 – 10:30 AM *VA Central Office/Federal Updates - Kenneth Smith, Acting Executive Director
(General Session)*
- 10:30 – 11:00 AM *Break*
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM *VA Central Office Q&A Panel - Kenneth Smith, Acting Executive Director
(General Session)*
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM *Lunch on your own*
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM ***(Breakout Sessions – TBD)***
- Session: Program Approvals*
- Session: TA and AI Portal*
- Session: VR&E*
- 3:00 – 3:30 PM *Refreshment Break*
- 3:30 – 5:00 PM ***(Breakout Sessions – TBD)***
- Session: Enrollment Manager**
- Session: Common Compliance Findings*
- Session: On Job Training/Apprenticeship*
- 6:30 – 8:30 PM *President’s Dinner and Awards*

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM *Breakfast Refreshments*
- 8:00 – 8:30 AM *WAVES Business Meeting – Jason Garcia, WAVES President
(General Session)*
- 8:30 – 10:00 AM *VR&E
(General Session)*

10:00 – 10:30 AM	<i>Break</i>
10:30 - 12:00 PM	<i>Debt Management Center* - Julie Lawrence, Chief of Operations, Treasury, Education, External Relations (General Session)</i>
12:00 – 1:30 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 – 3:00 PM	<i>(Breakout Sessions – TBD)</i> <i>Session: Management of GI Bill</i> <i>Session: Tungsten (call for proposal)</i> <i>Session: Compliance and Risk Risk Based Surveys</i>
3:00 – 3:30 PM	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<i>(Breakout Sessions – TBD)</i> <i>Session: 85/15</i> <i>Session: Work Study Programs</i> <i>Session: Mental Health Resources for Veterans</i>

**Sessions count toward the VA's SCO annual training requirement and will be available to certify via the [SCO training Portal](#) after post-conference.*

(Agenda is subject to change, meeting rooms to be announced).

Thank you for attending WAVES 2025, have a safe trip home.

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