



# 2024 Annual Training Conference

Orange Beach Event Center • 4671 Wharf Parkway W, Orange Beach, AL 36561

## Sunday, October 06, 2024

3:00 PM	Registration Opens – Springhill Suites Conference Hotel
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>Swag Pick-Up Party – The Original Oyster House Sampler – Orange Beach Tourism</b>
6:00 PM	Registration Closes

## Monday, October 07, 2024

8:30 AM	Registration Opens – Orange Beach Event Center
8:30 AM	Coffee/Pastries/Networking
<b>Get an <i>EARLY JUMP START</i> on Training Credit for 2024!</b>	
9:00 AM	*Enrollment Manager – Shay Norton, Training Specialist US Department of Veteran Affairs
10:00 AM	*85/15 Requirements under 38 CFR § 21.4201 – Kate Caruso, Training Specialist U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
11:00 AM	President Welcome, Board of Directors and Position Openings (Main Hall)
11:15 AM	Break (15 mins)
11:30 AM	<b>Conference Opening Ceremony – Presentation of Colors Gulf Shores High School Navy JROTC</b>
11:45 AM	<b>Welcome Address –Mr. Tony Kennon, Mayor of Orange Beach</b>
12:00 PM	Lunch Provided
1:00 PM	<b>Alabama Veteran Affairs Commissioner Update – W. Kent Davis, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)</b>
2:00 PM	Break (15 mins)
2:15 PM	<b>Break Out Sessions – Facilitated by Senior SCOs and SMEs</b>
	Federal Tuition Assistance –James Shamlee ANGEAP – Ashely Hallman Streamlining VA Payments and Reconciliations: Best Practices in Banner Accounting – Kim Kahler VR&E – Jennifer Leonard
3:00 PM	<b>Break Out Sessions – Facilitated by Senior SCOs and SMEs</b>
	Alabama GI Dependent Scholarship – Kayla Kyle A POSTSECONDARY TOUR OF DUTY: A Soldier's Journey in Higher Education - Dr. Lee Conerly *Debt Management – Jason Hoge, Debt Management Officer VA, Banner, Argos, and You – Stephanie Miller
3:45 PM	Silent Auction, Vendors, and SCO Networking (Main Hall, Vendor Area, Lobby)
4:30 PM	Dismissed – Dinner on Your Own

## Tuesday, October 08, 2024

6:00 AM	The Morning Stretch – Yoga with Rosario
8:00 AM	Coffee/Pastries/Networking
8:30 AM	Welcome, Announcements, Nominations for Board of Directors (Main Hall)
9:30 AM	*Compliance Surveys – Paula West, Education Service, Training Specialist
10:30	Break (15 Mins) Voting Opens for Board of Directors
10:45 AM	Legislative Update – Joseph Garcia, Executive Director, Education Service Veteran Benefits Administration
11:45	*Work Study Programs – Courtney White and Jennifer Pratt, Training Specialists, Education Service, US Department of Veteran Affairs
12:45 PM	Lunch Provided

<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Break Out Sessions – Facilitated by Senior SCOs and SMEs</b>
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<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>Break Out Sessions – Facilitated by Senior SCOs and SMEs</b>
	Streamlining VA Payments and Reconciliations: Best Practices in Banner Accounting – Kim Kahler ANGEAP – Ashely Hallman Military Transcripts & Degree Works – Rose Marie Cobb Residency, Catalogs, Communication & UABest Practices – Daniel Strickland
3:30 PM	President's Call – 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honorees and “The Tradition - Baffle Raffle “
4:30 PM	Dismissal
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>President's Dinner</b>

### Wednesday, October 09, 2024

8:30 AM	Coffee/Pastries/Networking
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>State Approving Agency – James Thompson, Director – Main Hall</b> <i>Presentation and Q&amp;A</i>
10:00 AM	Break
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>State Approving Agency – James Thompson, Director – Main Hall</b> <i>Catalog, Compliance and School Surveys with Q&amp;A</i>
11:30 AM	<b>Lunch Provided - Voting Closes at 12:00 PM</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AVAA Family Feud</b>
1:45 PM	Break
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Awards, Recognitions, Scholarship Announcements
2:30 PM	<b>President's Call – Election Results</b>
3:00 PM	AVAA Member Business Meeting – New/Old Business, Financial Reports
3:30 PM	President's Time – Conference Wrap Up
4:00 PM	Membership Dismissal
4:30 PM	AVAA 2024-2025 New Board Meeting and Incoming Board Member Training
5:30 PM	AVAA Board Dismissal

### Thursday, October 10, 2024

8:00AM – 12:00PM	AVAA 2024-2025 New Board Meeting and Event Center Conference Break Down
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***Have a Safe Trip Home and See You Next Year!***

\* Sessions eligible for SCO Training Credit

*AVAA exists to educate and train School Certifying Officials (SCOs) and educators across the state of Alabama who work with military students and their families. Founded in 1974, AVAA is the oldest active organization serving SCOs and has a longstanding history of training excellence.*