



2025 Annual Training Conference

Orange Beach Event Center | 4674 Wharf Parkway W, Orange Beach, AL 36561

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025

3:00 PM	Registration Opens - Springhill Suites Conference Hotel
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	SWAG Pick-Up Party
6:00 PM	Registration Closes

Monday, October 20, 2025

8:00 AM	Registration Opens - Orange Beach Event Center
8:00 AM	Breakfast/Networking
9:00 AM	Enrollment Manager - TBD
10:00 AM	85/15 Requirements under 38 CFR § 21.4201 - TBD
11:00 AM	President Welcome, Business Meeting/Board of Directors Position Openings (Main Hall)
11:15 AM	Break - 15 min
11:30 AM	Conference Opening Ceremony Presentation of Colors by Gulf Shores High School Navy JROTC
11:45 AM	Welcome Address - TBD
12:00 PM	Lunch Provided
1:00 PM	Session TBD
2:00 PM	Break - 15 Min
2:15 PM	Break Out Session/Round Table Discussions - Facilitated by Senior SCOs & SMEs Federal Tuition Assistance - TBD ANGEAP - TBD Best Practices - TBD VR&E - TBD
3:00 PM	Break Out Session/Round Table Discussions - Facilitated by Senior SCOs & SMEs AL GI Dependent Scholarship - Kayla Kyle Debt Management - Debt Management Training Personnel VA, Banner, Argos and You - Stephanie Miller Session TBD
3:45 PM	Silent Auction, Vnders and SCO Networking (Main Hall & Lobby)
4:30 PM	Dismissed - Dinner on Your Own

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

6:00 AM	Morning Stretch - Yoga/Exercise with Rosario
8:00 AM	Breakfast/Networking
8:30 AM	Welcome, Announcements, Nominations for Board of Directors (Main Hall)
9:30 AM	Compliance Surveys - TBD
10:30 AM	Break - 15 min
10:45 AM	Legislative Update - TBD
11:45 AM	Work Study Program
12:45 PM	Lunch Provided
2:00 PM	Break Out Session/Round Table Discussions - Facilitated by Senior SCOs & SMEs AL GI Dependent Scholarship - Kayla Kyle Debt Management - Debt Management Training Personnel VA, Banner, Argos and You - Stephanie Miller Session TBD
2:45PM	Break Out Session/Round Table Discussions - Facilitated by Senior SCOs & SMEs Military Transcripts & Degree Works - Rose Cobb Best Practices -TBD Admissions, Residency, & Best Practices - TBD Session TBD
3:30 PM	Session TBD
4:30 PM	Dismissal
6:00 PM	President's Dinner - Magnolia Hall (Next to Luna's eat & Drink)

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

6:00 AM	Morning Stretch - Yoga/Exercise with Rosario
8:00 AM	Breakfast/Networking
9:00 AM	State Approving Agency, Presentation & Q&A - James Thompson, Director (Main Hall)
10:00 AM	Break - 15 min
10:15 AM	State Approving Agency, Catalog Compliance & Surveys - James Thompson, Director
11:30 AM	Lunch Provided
12:00 PM	Board Voting & Silent Auction Bidding Closes
1:00 PM	3 rd Annual AVAA Family Feud
1:45 PM	Break - 15 min
2:00PM	Membership Meeting
2:30 PM	Awards, Recognitions, Scholarship Announcements,
3:00 PM	Board Election Results
3:30 PM	Conference Wrap Up
4:00 PM	Membership Dismissal & Silent Auction Pickup
4:30 PM	AVAA Incoming/Exiting Board Member Training Session
6:00 PM	AVAA Board Dismissal - Dinner on Your Own

Thursday, October 23, 2025

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	AVAA 2025-2026 New Board Meeting and Event Conference Break Down & Meeting with Event Center & Hotel Staff to Wrap Up Conference Business
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