



## 2022 Annual Training Conference

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

### Monday, October 31, 2022

09:00 AM	Registration Opens – Orange Beach Event Center
11:00 AM	Lunch Provided
12:30 PM	Conference Opening Ceremony – Presentation of Colors & Announcements
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Break Out Sessions – Facilitated by Senior SCOs and SMEs</b>
2:00 PM	Break
<b>2:30PM</b>	<b>Break Out Sessions – Facilitated by Senior SCOs and SMEs</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Alabama Veteran Affairs Commissioner Update – W. Kent Davis, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.) Commissioner, Alabama Department of Veteran Affairs</b>
4:30 PM	<b>President’s Time – Call for Nominations</b>
6:00PM – 10:00PM	Conference Reception – Halloween Costume Contest – Silent Auction on Display Hors d’oeuvres served

### Tuesday, November 1, 2022

8:00 AM	Buffet Breakfast / Networking
9:00 AM	<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements (Nomination Introductions &amp; Voting Instructions)</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Alabama GI Dependent Scholarship – Kayla Kyle, AL GI Dependent Scholarship Director</b>
10:15 AM	Break / Voting Opens – Computers set up in conference area
<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>Break Out Sessions – Facilitated by Senior SCOs and SMEs</b>
11:45 AM	Lunch Provided
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Break Out Sessions – Facilitated by Senior SCOs and SMEs</b>
2:00 PM	Break
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Break Out Sessions – Facilitated by Senior SCOs and SMEs</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Service Dogs of Alabama - Charity Organization, Caroline Sease, Outreach Ambassador</b>
4:30 PM	Dismissal
5:00 PM	Dinner on Your Own

Break Out Sessions – Schedule, descriptions, presenters & presentations available @ [www.avaa.online](http://www.avaa.online)

## Wednesday, November 2, 2022

8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet / Networking
9:30 AM	<b>State Approving Agency – James Thompson, Director</b> <i>Presentation and Q&amp;A</i>
10:30 AM	Break
11:00 AM	<b>State Approving Agency – James Thompson, Director</b> <i>Catalog, Compliance and School Surveys with Q&amp;A</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch Provided - <b>Voting Closes at 1:00pm</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Enrollment Management (formerly VA-Once) – Shay Norton, National Training Team</b> <b>Digital GI Bill – Modernization at VA: Chatbot – Joe Preisser, National Training Team</b>
3:00 PM	Break
3:15 PM	<b>Mental Health First Aid for Veterans - Dr. Karl Hamner, University of Alabama College of Education, Dr. Jeremy Fletcher, CCBHC Veterans Recovery Resources – Mobile, AL</b>
4:15 PM	<b>President’s Time – Catch-Up, Q&amp;A and Announcements</b>
4:30 PM	Dismissal
6:00 PM	<b>President’s Dinner – <i>Fresh Off the Boat</i></b>

## Thursday, November 3, 2022

8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet / Networking
9:00 AM	<b>President’s Call – Election Results</b>
9:30 AM	AVAA Member Business Meeting – New/Old Business, Financial Reports
10:30 AM	Awards and Recognitions
11:00AM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Final Q&A / Presenter Panel Discussion
3:00 PM	<b>President’s Time – Conference Wrap Up</b>
3:30 PM	Membership Dismissal
3:45 PM	AVAA 2022-2023 New Board Meeting and Handoff Training
5:00 PM	AVAA Board Dismissal

***Have a Safe Trip Home!! See You Next Year!***

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