

## 2017 WACRAO Veterans Conference Agenda

### Tuesday, June 27, 2017

1:00-1:15 PM	<b>Welcome &amp; Start of WACRAO Opening Remarks</b> -Lunda Center (Room A)- Everyone		
1:15-2:00 PM	<b>Establishing Collaborative Community Networks to Improve Veteran Outcomes -</b> Nicole Navigato, Dept. Veteran Affairs & Joe Rasmussen, U.W. Madison-(Room A) Everyone		
<b>Breakout Sessions Start</b>			
<b>SCO TRACK-(Room A)</b>		<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRACK-(Room B)</b>	
2:15-3:00 PM	<b>WI Eligibility Overview-</b> Matt Korbol, Veterans Program Specialist WDVA	2:15-3:00 PM	<b>Retention Coaching &amp; Wellness Programming-</b> Dr. Ann Brandau Hynek- Director of Counseling/Enrollment Services, Western & Mary Haupt Counselor, La Crosse VetCenter
3:15-4:00 PM	<b>WDVA Outreach, Training Opportunities for QPR &amp; Veteran Recognition-</b> Corey Erickson, WDVA Marketing Specialist	3:15-4:00 PM	<b>Becoming a DOD Funded Test Center-</b> Kristina Lemmer-Assessment Center Coordinator, Western
4:00-4:15 PM	<b>BREAK – SNACKS AND BEVERAGES IN ATRIUM</b>		
4:15-5:00 PM	<b>Multistate Collaborative for Military Credit – Demystifying Credit for Prior Learning for Veterans</b> -Diane Treis Rusk, U.W. System Administration (Room A)- Everyone		
5:30-??? PM	<b>Meet &amp; Greet Social – Charmant Hotel Roof top Terrace- Appetizers provided compliments of WACRAO with Cash Bar-Optional for Everyone-all are welcome!</b>		

### Wednesday, June 28, 2017

7:00-8:00 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast- Lunda Center Atrium</b>		
8:00-8:15 AM	<b>Opening Remarks/Welcome</b> (Room A) - Everyone		
8:15-9:00 AM	<b>Legislative, SCO &amp; handbook updates!</b> -Jennifer Lanser, ELR (Room A) – Everyone		
<b>Break Out Sessions Start</b>			
<b>SCO TRACK- Room A</b>		<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRACK-Room B</b>	
9:15- 10:00 AM	<b>Study Abroad Town Hall-</b> Jennifer Lanser, ELR	9:15- 10:00 AM	<b>How to read a DD214/ &amp;Types of Discharges-</b> Adam Flood, La Crosse CVSO
10:15-11:00 AM	<b>End of Term Reporting-</b> Jennifer Lanser, ELR	10:15-11:00 AM	<b>Accommodations for Disabled Veterans in the Classroom-</b> Kris Follanasbee- Deaf & Hard of Hearing Coordinator, Western, Kristina Stellflug-Disability Specialist
11:15-12:00 PM	<b>Employment Programs- Panel</b> Jeremy Soupir, Voc Rehab Counselor, Vern Tranberg, DVOP & Rick Larson, LVER	11:15-12:00 PM	<b>Differences between National Guard /Reserve benefits plus Changes and Updates!</b> Diana Lee White-Education Services Specialist Wisconsin National Guard Bureau
12:00-12:45 PM	<b>Lunch- Lunda Center Atrium</b>		

1:00-1:45 PM	<b>National Clearinghouse Re-engineering Project Update - Ric Torres, CEO</b> National Clearing House (Room A)- Everyone		
2:00-2:45 PM	<b>Apprenticeships and OJT- Changes and Trends-</b> Sebastian Walters, SAA & Mark Beres, SAA	2:00-2:45 PM	<b>VA 101 &amp; Crisis Intervention Strategies-</b> Wes Porter- VetCenter Outreach Specialist & Bridgett Wampole Readjustment Counselor-VetCenter
2:45-3:00 PM	<b>BREAK- Snacks and Beverages in Atrium</b>		
3:00- 3:45 PM	<b>Catalog &amp; Program Approval-</b> Joe Bertalan, SAA, Mark Beres, SAA & Sebastian Walters, SAA	3:00-3:45 PM	<b>Western's Military CPL- Lessons Learned –</b> Paula Speropulos, Veteran Specialist, Western
4:00- 4:45 PM	<b>Debt Management Center, St.Paul –</b> Nicole Haselberger- Supervisory Financial Program Specialist (Room A)–Everyone		
<b>Closing Comments Safe Travels!</b>			

Descriptions of Presentations:

- **Establishing Collaborative Community Networks to Improve Veteran Outcomes-**This session will provide an introduction to VA's Veteran Experience Office and the concept of the MyVA Community model. We will provide tools and examples for how these can operate to improve outcomes for Veterans and their families. Additionally, we will provide resources and recommendations for how to get involved in networking for Veterans issues in your community, as well as information to assist Veterans in navigating services and benefits available to them.
- **WI Eligibility Overview-** This session will give you an overview of WDVA's eligibility process, and how it makes you eligible for state benefits.
- **Retention Coaching & Wellness Programming-** An overview of the Retention Coaching and how you can possibly implement that type of position or practice to help your military connected students be more successful. Also a discussion on wellness programming and connecting veterans with other veterans through activities at your college or through a VetCenter.
- **WDVA Outreach, Training Opportunities for QPR & Veteran Recognition-**
- **Becoming a DOD Funded Test Center-** Learn how to become an approved DOD funded test center so your college can offer funded DSST and CLEP testing for active duty military.
- **Multistate Collaborative for Military Credit – Demystifying Credit for Prior Learning for Veterans-**When it comes to returning adult learners and credit for prior learning (CPL) assessment and award, there is not a one-size-fits-all solution. Current and former service members bring with them a collection of training and learning acquired through previous college coursework, military training, professional development, and applied learning developed through work and life experiences. In this session you will receive CPL primer, as well as resources you can use to help students understand their options, decide, and pursue the opportunities may best evaluate their prior learning, relative to their current academic goals. As well, you will learning about resources and opportunities available through the Multistate Collaborative for Military Credit, a partnership coordinated by the Midwest Higher Education Compact.

- **Legislative /SCO and benefit updates!** - This session will include an introduction of the WI Education Liaison Representative (ELR) and Wisconsin State Approving Agency (SAA) staff. The VA ELR will review legislative, policy and procedural updates and how it may affect Veteran students, and certification
- **Study Abroad Town Hall-**The VA ELR will review Study Abroad guidelines for recordkeeping, certification, and approval, and open the conversation to the participants in a Town Hall format.
- **End of Term Reporting-** Topics covered by the VA, ELR will include reporting graduation, non-punitive end of term, incomplete grades, if an institution is required to report 'F' grades, and enforcing standards of academic progress.
- **Employment Programs Panel-** Panel will include LVER, DVOP and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor- Panel members will give an overview of their services in regard to employment and explain how their programs they work together to help veterans find sustainable employment.
- **How to read a DD214/Types of Discharges-** Session will go over in detail the parts of a DD214 and discuss the different types of discharges and what that means for benefit eligibility.
- **Accommodations for Disabled Veterans in the Classroom-** Presenters will provide an overview of accommodations that veterans can use that can help them be more successful in the classroom.
- **Western's Military CPL- Lessons Learned-** Military Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) can be a mystery and a daunting task. A reflection of lessons learned in the development of Western's Military CPL program will be shared along with key factors highlighting Western's success in awarding academic credit for military training and experience.
- **National Clearinghouse Re-engineering Project Update-**The CEO of the National Clearing House will give us an update on the collaborative partnership they are proposing creating with the VA that will create a reengineered system to streamline the veteran's compliance reporting process and alleviate the burden of complex requirements of reporting.
- **Apprenticeships, OJT-Changes, and Trends-**This session will cover changes and updates on the process for veterans seeking to use benefits for apprenticeships or on the job training.
- **Catalog & Program Approval-**The SAA will walk you through the process of getting your catalog and programs approved.
- **Debt Management Center, St. Paul-** Walk through the collection process for school debts with VA and best practices for schools to make sure everything flows smoothly. It also covers frequently asked questions such as how to help a student who has a debt, what to do if you have money to send back but there is no debt, etc.