

The North Carolina Association of Coordinators of Veterans Affairs (NCACVA) welcomes you to:

# **Winning With VA In Cherokee, NC!**



***Celebrating 42 Years of Supporting School  
Certifying Officials***

**Harrah's**

**Cherokee, NC**

**March 27-30, 2017**

## Conference Charity Spotlight

### **Veterans Services of the Carolinas Veterans Restoration Quarters**

ABCCM's veteran's services provide housing, food, case management, education and connection to both mental and physical health providers to residents of ABCCM's Veterans Restoration Quarters (men's facility) and Steadfast House (women's facility). Programs also include Veterans Workforce Investment Program (VWIP), Operation Welcome Home and Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) helping veteran families in WNC, from Charlotte to Murphy and from Boone to Tryon, with homeless prevention and rapid re-housing. Veterans Employment & Training Services (VETS) assist with skills assessment, training, job placement and coaching for those seeing new career level jobs to break the bond of homelessness and poverty.

#### **Urgent Needs at the VRQ**

Men's multiple vitamins  
Triple edge disposable razors  
Men's sweatshirts  
Cough syrup (non-alcohol)  
Hygiene items  
Baby powder  
Coffee & coffee supplies

Spray air freshener  
Men's thermal underwear, tops and bottoms  
Men's sweat pants, size L  
Men's insoles  
Anti-fungal foot powder  
Anti-bacterial cream  
Towels and kitchen towels

## Conference Notes

- **You must wear your nametag to all events (Please bring the nametag wallets given in Greensboro)**
- **Conference attire is business casual**
- **Please adjust cell phones to silent or turn off during sessions**
- **Complimentary high speed wireless internet access is available free of charge in the guest rooms**
- **We will have SCC Ceramic Arts Club from Southwestern CC bringing their work for sale at the conference and they will be furnishing the table decorations. Bring your money they have beautiful pieces!**

**Attendees can go to Total Rewards desk to pick up their voucher, you will need to take a valid photo ID to be issued the voucher**

## Winning with VA in Cherokee, NC!

### NCACVA Conference Agenda

#### Monday March 27, 2017

1:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>
3:00 – 6:00 pm	<b>ABCs of VA Certification (For New Certifying Officials) Ash/Beech</b> Jodie Balder, NC Education Liaison Representative, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
5:00 – 7:30 pm	<b>Dinner on Your Own</b>
7:30 – 9:00 pm	<b>President's Dessert Reception—Celebrating 42 Years Strong!- Selu Garden Cafe</b> Come celebrate NCACVA's 42nd anniversary! Mingle with your peers and meet the President and board members of NCACVA. Hosted by Dori Barron, President, NCACVA and the members of the NCACVA Executive Board

#### Tuesday, March 28, 2017

7:30 – 8:45 am	<b>Registration--Oak/Hickory Room</b> <b>Breakfast -Continental Breakfast</b> Chilled fruit juice, Sliced Seasonal Fruit and Berries Individual Fruit Yogurt and Granola Basket of Danish Pastries, Muffins and Bagels Cream cheese, Butter and Preserves Freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee and assorted hot tea selections
8:45 – 9:30 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Posting of the Colors--Locust/Maple Room</b> <b>Cherokee High School JROTC</b> <b>National Anthem</b> Cameron Someliana-Lauer
9:30 – 10:45 am	<b>GI Bill Overview—Locust/Maple Room</b> Jodie Balder, NC Education Liaison Representative, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
10:45 – 11:00 am	<b>Restroom Break</b>
11.00 – 12.00 pm	<b>Atlanta Regional Office Update/NAVPA Update-- Locust/Maple Room</b>

	Jerome Marshall, Chief Education Liaison Officer, Atlanta VA RPO <b>Locust/Maple Room</b>
Noon – 2:00 pm	<b>Buffet Lunch-- Oak/Hickory Room</b> Local Farm Greens salad Granny smith apples & grape salad Cornmeal crusted rainbow trout with walnut butter and tartar sauce Pulled Pork sliders with Carolina vinegar BBQ sauce Corn Chowder Steamed new potatoes in parsley butter Marinated grilled vegetables, corn on cob Individual strawberry shortcake and blueberry parfait  <b>Charity update</b> <b>NCSTRIVE</b> Brandon Wilson , NCSTRIVE Dr. Samuel Strickland, Wake Tech CC
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Federal Tuition Assistance Update-- Locust/Maple Room</b> NC National Guard Representative 1SG Merritt Latham, NCOIC/Counselor
3:00- 3:45 pm	<b>VA Work-Study Review and Update-- Locust/Maple Room</b> Peter Nastasi, Buffalo RPO
3:45 – 4:00 pm	<b>Restroom Break</b>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>VA Debt Management-- Locust/Maple Room</b> Julie Lawrence, Assistant Chief Education and External Relations
5:00pm – until	<b>Dinner on Your Own</b>

**Wednesday March 29, 2017**

7:30 – 8:45 am	<b>Registration-- Oak/Hickory Room</b> <b>Breakfast -Continental Breakfast</b> Chilled fruit juice Sliced Seasonal Fruit and Berries Individual Fruit Yogurt and Granola Basket of Danish Pastries, Muffins and Bagels Cream cheese, Butter and Preserves Freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee and assorted hot tea selections
8:30 – 9:30 am	<b>Residency Determination Service--Locust/Maple Room</b> Gwen Canady, Pat Kaiser, Roger Sims
9:30 – 10:00 am	<b>NCACVA Business Meeting--Locust/Maple Room</b> Dori Barron, Western Piedmont Community College
10:00 – 10:45 am	<b>How to Survive Your Compliance Audit--Locust/Maple Room</b> Jay Fitzgerald, NCSAA
10:45 – 11:00 am	<b>Restroom Break</b>
11:15 – 12:00 am	<b>SECOME--Locust/Maple Room</b> Ashley Adamovage, UNC-W
12:00 – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch on your own</b>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<b>Education Service Update-Locust/Maple Room</b> Jeannie Daniel, Compliance & Liaison Training Team Atlanta, GA
2:30 – 2:45 pm	<b>American Legion Employment and Education Initiatives-Locust/Maple Room</b> John Kamin, Assistaant Director, AL Veterans Employment & Education Division

	(DC)
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<b>NCSAA Update--Locust/Maple Room</b> Joseph W. Wescott II, Executive Director, NC State Approving Agency
3:45 – 4:15 pm	<b>Break-Out Session—NC State Approving Agency--Locust/Maple Room</b> Meet with your school’s Program Specialist in this special break-out session! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jay Fitzgerald, Program Specialist</li> <li>• Elizabeth Kelly, Program Specialist</li> <li>• Meghan-Joy Woodall, Program Specialist</li> </ul>
4:15 – 5:00pm	<b>General Break-Out Session--Locust/Maple Room</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCD School</li> <li>• Jodie Balder, Education Liaison Representative, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</li> </ul>
6:30 pm – 7:00 – 11:00 pm	<b>Cash Bar</b> <b>Dinner and Dance—Celebrating 42 Years Strong!—Oak/Hickory Room</b> Join us for an evening of good food and fellowship as we celebrate 42 years of serving with your fellow certifying officials! Come prepared to get your groove on with our favorite Music Man, DJ Steve Lusk. Smoked cheddar and apple bisque Local arugula and heirloom tomatoes with endive & haywood honey bacon dressing Blackstrap molasses glazed bone in chicken Baby sweet potatoes with tarragon butter Buffalo Flat Iron steak and charred corn with Carolina tobacco onions Roasted root vegetable medley with field sage Blueberry and butterscotch parfaits with rocky road crumble

**Thursday March 30, 2017**

8:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast—Oak/Hickory Room</b> Chilled fruit juice Fresh seasonal sliced fruit and berries Fluffy scrambled eggs Roasted skillet potatoes Cinnamon French toast with maple syrup and cranberry compote Buttermilk biscuits with country gravy Basket of muffins Freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee and assorted hot teal selections
9:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Vocational Rehabilitation Update-- Locust/Maple Room</b> Melanie Marshall, VRC.
9:30 – 10:30 am	<b>NC Services-- Locust/Maple Room</b> Ilario Pantano, Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), Former NC State Director of Veterans Affairs
10:30-11:00 am	<b>Final Comments/Conference Wrap Up-- Locust/Maple Room</b> Dori Barron, President, NCACVA, Western Piedmont Community College Rachel Cavanaugh, Conference Chair, Cape Fear Community College

**The NCACVA Executive Board sincerely wishes to thank the following:**

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