

Texas Association of Collegiate Veteran Program Officials (TACVPO)

Conference Agenda, Houston, Texas



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF
COLLEGIATE VETERAN
PROGRAM OFFICIALS

Omni Houston Hotel, 4 Riverway Drive Houston, TX 77056

March 9 - 12, 2025

revised 11/12/2026

Tentative (Content and scheduling subject to change)

DAY/DATE/TIME

Monday, March 9	Pre-Conference Workshops (Optional)	
9:00am - 10:00am	Introduction to TACVPO	Constellation Ballroom
10:00am - 11:00am	TACVPO Board	Constellation Ballroom
11:00am - 12:00pm	Texas Veteran Commission (TVC) SAA 101	Constellation Ballroom
	Texas State Approving Agency	
	Flight Program Approvals	Constellation Ballroom
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12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch on your own	
1:30pm - 3:00pm	VA Beginner SCO Training*	Constellation Ballroom
3:00pm - 4:30pm	VA Advanced SCO Training*	Constellation Ballroom
5:30pm - 7:30pm	Let's Rodeo, TACVPO Presidents Reception <i>Sponsored by: Combined Arms</i> <i>All Conference Attendees Welcome</i> <i>(hors d'oeuvres provided and cash bar)</i>	Pool Deck

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Tuesday, March 10 General Conference Sessions

7:00am - 8:00am *Breakfast on your own*

10:00am - 3:00pm	Registration	Main Lobby
8:00am - 5:00pm	Resource Fair	Prefunction Area
8:30am – 8:45am	Opening Ceremony Tila Jernigan, TACVPO President	Constellation Ballroom
8:45am – 9:45am	Keynote Speaker Katie Cook, Lt. Col, USMC & Former Blue Angels pilot	Rio Grande Ballroom
9:45am – 10:00am	AM Break	<i>Lobby</i>
10:00am – 11:00am	Veteran Education Excellence Recognition Award (VEERA) Award Presentations Texas Veterans Commission (TVC)	Constellation Ballroom
11:00am – 11:30am	Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Updates David Salgado, Director Veterans Education, Texas Veterans Commission (TVC)	Constellation Ballroom
11:30am - 12:00pm	Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Updates Gabriel Lopez, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)	Constellation Ballroom
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	<i>The Landing</i>
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Texas Workforce Commission*	Constellation Ballroom
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Combined Arms Johnn Smith, Southeast Texas Regional Manager	Constellation Ballroom
2:30pm - 2:45pm	PM Break	
2:45pm – 3:30pm	Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)	Constellation Ballroom
3:30pm – 4:00pm	College Credit for Heroes Bob Gear, Texas Workforce Commission	Constellation Ballroom
4:00pm – 4:30pm	State VR&E Texas Workforce Commission	Constellation Ballroom
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Dixon Center for Military and Veteran Services Wendy Lang, Senior Advisor for Policy and Research	Constellation Ballroom

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Wednesday, March 11

Break Out Sessions

7:00am - 8:00am	<i>Breakfast on your own</i>	
8:00am - 5:00pm	Resource Fair	Prefunction Area
9:00am - 3:00pm	TVC Private Sessions Q&A with Texas Veterans Commission Staff	Timber Grove
8:00am – 9:00am	VA Education Updates TBD Education Service Veteran Benefits Administration	Constellation Ballroom
9:00am – 9:15am	AM Break	
9:15am - 10:10am	Break Out Session 1: How to build partnerships with staff and faculty that best support Veteran students Paul Calhoun, University of Houston-Downtown	River Oaks 70
	Break Out Session 2: The SVO Blueprint: Building and Sustaining Dynamic SVO's Across Texas Siara McMahon, Lone Star College	Museum Park 70
	Break Out Session 3: TBD *	Constellation Ballroom West
	Break Out Session 4: TBD *	Constellation Ballroom East
10:20am - 11:20am	Break Out Session 1: Innovative Approaches to military-connected student success * Jessica Hodges, Marissa Pina, Breanna Greer, Ontoria Robinson, and Jamie Gregory - Dallas College	River Oaks 70
	Break Out Session 2: Empowering Faculty: Implementing Green Zone Training to Support Military-Connected Students Across Campuses *Siara McMahon, Lone Star College	Museum Park 70
	Break Out Session 3: TBD *	Constellation Ballroom West
	Break Out Session 4: TBD *	Constellation Ballroom East

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11:30am - 12:30pm	Break Out Session 1: TBD *	River Oaks 70
	Break Out Session 2: TBD *	Museum Park 70
	Break Out Session 3: TBD *	Constellation Ballroom West
	Break Out Session 4: TBD *	Constellation Ballroom East
12:30pm - 1:45pm	<i>Fresh & Light Buffet Lunch</i>	<i>Vista Ballroom</i>
1:45pm - 2:40pm	Break Out Session 1: TBD *	River Oaks 70
	Break Out Session 2: TBD *	Museum Park 70
	Break Out Session 3: TBD *	Constellation Ballroom West
	Break Out Session 4: TBD *	Constellation Ballroom East
2:40pm - 3:00pm	<i>PM Break (Take a Dip Break)</i>	<i>Rio Grande Lobby</i>

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3:00pm – 3:55pm	Break Out Session 1: TBD * Break Out Session 2: TBD* * Break Out Session 3: TBD * Break Out Session 4: TBD *	River Oaks 70 Museum Park 70 Constellation Ballroom West Constellation Ballroom East
4:05pm – 5:00pm	Break Out Session 1: TBD * Break Out Session 2: TBD * Break Out Session 3: TBD * Break Out Session 4: TBD *	River Oaks 70 Museum Park 70 Constellation Ballroom West Constellation Ballroom East

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Thursday, March 12

8:00am - 9:30am	Working breakfast (service begins at 8:30)	Constellation Ballroom
9:30am 10:15am	Mentorship Breakout/sign ups	Constellation Ballroom
10:30am – 11:45am	TAVCPO Membership Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">President reportTreasurer reportNew Direction discussionElection of officersBy Law ReviewOther New Business	Constellation Ballroom
11:45am-12:00pm	CONCLUSION – CLOSING REMARKS	Constellation Ballroom

Have a Safe Trip Home!

Post Conference

12:00pm - 1:00pm	New/old officers meeting	Constellation Ballroom
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