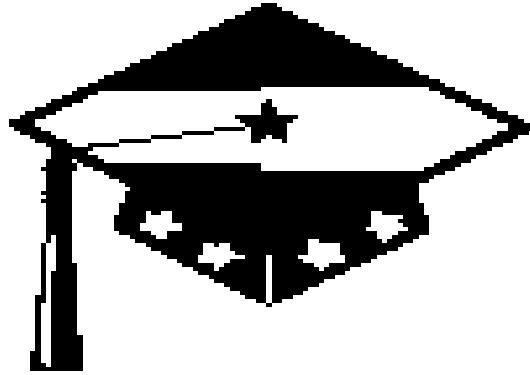


# NAVPA's 34th Annual Conference



St. Louis Missouri  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

**"Gateway to the West for  
Education"**

Monday, October 19, 2009

**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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<b>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Early registration</b>	<i>Foyer</i>
<b>5:00 pm – 5:45 pm</b>	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b>	<i>City View A</i>
<b>6:00 pm – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<i>City View A</i>

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Tuesday, October 20, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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7:30 am – 4:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	<i>Foyer</i>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>New Certifying Officials Breakfast</b>	<i>Salon E</i>
9:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Chapter 33 Training (Post-9/11 GI Bill)</b>  <i>The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a new education benefit which began on August 1. Learn more about eligibility, basic housing allowance, VAONCE issues, tuition and fee payments, The Yellow Ribbon Program, books supplies and much more.</i>  <b>Presenters:</b> Marie George, CELO, St. Louis Michael Marks, CELO, Muskogee Linda McAllister, CELO, Atlanta Gerald Miller, CELO, Buffalo  <b>Moderator:</b> Valerie Vigil, Mesa Community College	<i>Salon B-C</i>
9:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>OJT/Apprentice Training Workshop</b>  <i>This is designed primarily for business and individuals that participate or are interested in participating in the OJT and Apprenticeship programs.</i>  <b>Presenter:</b> Chad Schatz, Veterans Education and Training Center	<i>Breakout 2</i>
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Chapter 33 Training Continues</b>	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>OJT Apprentice Training Workshop</b>	
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Professional Development Workshop</b>  <i>NAVPA in cooperation with our partners in the administration of Veterans Education Programs will host this workshop for all veteran program administrators. Take this opportunity to network with your colleagues, ask questions, meet one-on-one with experts from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Association of State Approving Agencies, VA Regional Processing Offices, Voc Rehab, VA-ONCE, DOD, Serviceman's Opportunity College, Military.Com and more. Learn and share new initiatives and innovative ways to administer veterans' education programs and better serve our students. <b>Don't forget to ask for your Big Prize drawing tickets at <u>each</u> table!</b></i>	<i>City View A-B</i>
6:05 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Meet and Greet Reception</b>  Light Refreshments	<i>City View A-B</i>

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Wednesday, October 21, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration	
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7:00 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Foyer
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8:30 am – 9:30 am	Opening Ceremonies	
	Presentation of Colors	
	Welcome	Salon D-E
	RK Williams, President, NAVPA	
	David Unterwagner, Director of St Louis VA Office	
	Dr. Neil George, Chancellor, Webster University	
	Daniel Sewell, Missouri State Director	

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9:30 am – 9:45 am	NAVPA Elections Briefing	Salon D-E
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9:45 am – 10:45 am	NAVPA Regional Meetings & Resolutions	
	<i>Meet with other members of your region to elect your Regional Representatives for the 2009 Board of Directors. This time is also scheduled to discuss and formulate Resolutions your Region would like to present to the full membership on Thursday. This is also a good time to discuss the NAVPA volunteer network and sign up to serve on one of the committees that best fits your interests and skills.</i>	Salon D-E

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10:45 am – 12:00 pm	General Session NAVPA Business Meeting	Salon D-E
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own	
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1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	General Session: Vocational Rehabilitation	
	Presenter: Gerald Bacon, Assistant Director, Rehab Services	Salon D-E
	Moderator: Ronald Daye, Mount Olive College	

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1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	Department of Defense	Salon D-E
	Presenter: Bob Clark	
	Director Accession Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense	
	Moderator: Faith DesLauriers, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ	

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2:45 pm – 3:30  
pm

**Break Outs**

***Certifying Officials 101***

*Salon D*

*Designed primarily for school certifying officials with less than 1 year experience in the administration of Veterans Education Programs*

**Presenters:** Michael Marks, *CELO, Muskogee*  
Linda McAllister, *CELO, Atlanta*

**Moderator:** Marie Leon-Guerrero, *El Paso Community College*

***VAONCE***

*Salon B*

*How do We Certify Chapter 33. Receive all the new updates.*

**Presenter:** Gerry Miller, *CELO, Buffalo*

**Moderator:** Dorothy Gilman, *Ramapo College of New Jersey*

***Model Office***

*B.O. 1*

*How do we communicate with other Departments and start a veteran center on campus*

**Presenter:** Darlene Head-Goldman, *Salt Lake Community College*

**Moderator:** Kim Hall, *Humboldt State University*

***Work Study***

*Salon E*

*Does your office need employees? This workshop will give you the in's and out's of how the work study program operates*

**Presenter:** Marie George, *CELO*

Michelle Lacy Rush, *Supervisor Outreach St. Louis*

**Moderator:** Jason Garcia, *Mesa Community College*

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3:40 pm – 4:30 pm

**Certifying Officials 101 Continued**

**Repeat breakouts**

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4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

**Certifying Officials 101 Continued**

**Repeat breakouts**

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**President's Reception**

*"In the Mood" Jazz & Blues*  
Dinner "Taste of St. Louis"

*City View*

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**Thursday, October 22, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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<b>7:30 am – 8:30 am</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	<i>Foyer</i>
<b>7:30 am – 8:00 am</b>	<b>New Board Orientation</b> <i>Mandatory meeting for all newly elected Board Members</i>	<i>B.O.2</i>
<b>8:00 am – 8:30 am</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting (Election of Executive Board)</b>	<i>City View A</i>
<b>8:30 am – 9:30 am</b>	<b>One Freedom</b> <i>Reintegration solutions for military veterans and families: a framework of strength after service</i>  <b>Presenter:</b> Dan Taslitz <i>Training Consultant</i> <b>Moderator:</b> Kim Hall, <i>Humboldt State University</i>	<i>Salon D-E</i>
<b>9:30 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>General Session Legislative Updates</b>  <b>Presenters:</b> Juan Luara, <i>Staff Director and Counsel, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs</i>  Mike Brink, <i>Staff Director, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity</i>  Amanda Meredith, <i>General Counsel Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs</i>  Babette Polzer, <i>Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> Faith DesLauriers, <i>Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University</i>	<i>Salon D-E</i>
<b>10:45 am – 12:00 am</b>	<b>Department of Veterans Affairs – VA Update from Central Office.</b>  <b>Presenter:</b> Keith Wilson, <i>Director Education Service</i> <b>Moderator:</b> RK Williams, <i>Boise State University</i>	<i>Salon D-E</i>
<b>12:00 pm – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual NAVPA Awards Luncheon</b>	<i>Atrium</i>

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2:00 pm – 2:30 am	<b>General Session: NAVPA Business Meeting</b>	<i>Salon D-E</i>								
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	<p><b><i>SOC – Serviceman Opportunity Colleges</i></b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Salon D</i></span>  <b>Presenter:</b> Michael Sifford, Project Director ConAp  <b>Moderator:</b> Janet Maestas, Metropolitan St. College of Denver</p>									
	<p><b><i>Troops to Teachers</i></b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Salon E</i></span>  <b>Presenter:</b> Chad Schatz, Veterans Education and Training Center  <b>Moderator:</b> Valena Johnson, Southern University</p>									
	<p><b><i>Military Advantage</i></b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Salon F</i></span>  <b>Presenter:</b> Terry Howell, Managing Editor  <b>Moderator:</b> Mary Parzynski, Tidewater Community College</p>									
	<p><b><i>Helmets to Hardhats –</i></b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Salon A</i></span>  <b>Presenter:</b> Darrel L. Roberts, Executive Director  <b>Moderator:</b> Robbie Brown, Ocean County College</p>									
4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	<b>Repeat Breakouts</b>									
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<i>City View C</i>								

**Friday, October 23, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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**8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

*Salon A*

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**8:00 am – 11:00 am**

**Tour of the St. Louis RPO**

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