



AGENDA

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Location: Hilton Marco Island, 560 South Collier Boulevard, Marco Island, FL 34145

Attendees: NASWA Veterans Affairs Committee members and invited guests

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome & Member/Guest Introductions**

- **Sarah Morrissey**, Chair, Employment Services Bureau Director, New Hampshire Employment Security

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Review of Agenda & Meeting Materials**

- **Lori Adams**, Senior Policy Director, National Association of State Workforce Agencies

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **VETS Policy & Program Updates**



- **Bek Haydin**, JVSG Governance Lead, USDOL VETS (invited)
 - **Sarah Bierman**, Deputy Director, Grants and Training, USDOL VETS (invited)
 - **Heather Higgins**, Regional Administrator, USDOL VETS (invited)
 - **Michelle Allen**, Florida DVET, USDOL VETS (invited)
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10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	VPL 05-24 Rollout – How Are Things Going?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>States share promising practices, challenges, tips & tricks, etc.</i> 	
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Buffet	
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Joint session with National Labor Exchange Steering Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Offord, VP of Partnerships, DirectEmployers • Amber Gaither, NLx Director, NASWA • Members of the NLx Steering Committee, DE & NASWA NLx staff members 	
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Hire Heroes USA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross Dickman, Chief Executive Officer, Hire Heroes USA 	
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Break	
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	AmeriCorps Opportunities for Veterans	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan Brown, Training Specialist, AmeriCorps • Other AmeriCorps staff 	
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Miscellaneous	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Thursday's agenda • Other as identified 	
Meeting Adjourned	Dinner on Your Own	

Thursday, December 5, 2024

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Work Groups**

- **Marketing** – Leo Deon (ME) & Jeffrey Dent (TN) (coleads)
 - **Expanding DVOP Eligibility** – Ray Douha (lead), MN
 - **Identify other priorities**
 - Submitted: Coordinating DVOPs and LVERs in the Digital Age through more effective interface on behalf of Veterans to improve employment
 - From Lori: Creating a DD214 Desk Aid
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9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **12th Annual Veterans Conference**

- **Lori Adams**, Senior Policy Director, NASWA
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9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. **Break & Time to Check Out of Hotel**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **JVSG Coordinator Discussion**

- Pros/Cons of split positions
 - Recording Veteran Employment with or without MIS, discuss sharing success stories on quarterly reports
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11:30 a.m. **Meeting Adjourns**

Safe travels!



Note: All times listed are **Eastern Standard Time.**

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Monthly Virtual Committee Meetings on TEAMS**, 1:00-2:30PM EDT, January 9, 2025; February 13, 2025 (tentative); March 13, 2026. No virtual meeting in December 2024.
 - **NASWA Winter Policy Forum**, February 12, 2025, Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, Washington DC
 - **In-person Veterans Committee Meeting**, July 8, 2025, Washington, DC (tentative)
 - **12th Annual Veterans Conference**, July 9-11, 2025, The Grand Hyatt, Washington, DC
 - **NASWA Annual Summit**, September 10-11, 2025, Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX
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Hotel Floor Plan

Will share when available.

Travel Information

There are several airport options. Click [here](#) for more information.

- Fort Myers Airport (RSW)(Southwest Florida International Airport) is located 47 miles north of Marco Island and the driving time is around 55 minutes.
- Punta Gorda Airport (PGD) is located 78 miles north of Marco Island and the driving time is around 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- Miami International Airport (MIA) is 103 miles from Hilton Marco Island. Estimate driving time is 2 hours and six minutes.
- Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) is 118 miles from Hilton Marco Island. Estimated driving time is 2 hours.

Ground Transportation

For an Uber at Southwest Florida International, exit on the arrivals level (lower level) to meet your Uber. Encourage everyone to share rides if possible.

If you are flying into Southwest Florida International, here is what the airport's website says about ground transportation:

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