

# **The Texas A&M University System and The University of Texas System**

## **Annual All-Texas Veteran Higher Education Support Symposium “Combining Forces” Oct. 4-5, 2017**

**Host campus: Texas A&M University-San Antonio**  
Central Academic Building  
One University Way, San Antonio, TX 78224  
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### **DRAFT AGENDA DRAFT**

#### **Wednesday, Oct. 4**

- 0800-1400     ***\*On-site registration for those who haven’t registered online. Continues through day. Pay \$25 fee cash or check only (to Texas A&M System or TAMUS) at registration table. No credit cards.***
- 0900-0950     **General Welcome and Joint Introduction**—Tony Cucolo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Leadership Development and Veterans Affairs, UT System; Rod Davis, Director, Veterans Support Office, Texas A&M System.  
**Posting of colors** (TAMU-SA)  
**Campus Welcome**—Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President, TAMU-SA  
**Chancellors’ welcome**—Chancellor John Sharp, The Texas A&M University System; Chancellor William McRaven, The University of Texas System.  
**Symposium admin briefing**—Rod Davis
- 1000-1130     **Panel 1. Student Veterans.** From campuses at: TAMU-SA, UT-Arlington, UT-RGV, UIW, San Antonio Community College. [*Others pending*].
- 1130-1150     **Networking and break**
- 1200-1250     **LUNCH PROVIDED – Speaker -- TBA**
- 1300-1350     **Panel 2. Benefits Update.** Michelle Nelson, ELR, Waco, VA; Tammy Micallef, Education Director, TVC; Apu Naik, Manager, College Credit for Heroes, TWC.
- 1400-1450     **Panel 3. Campus Support Strategies and Best Practices.** Jerry Smith, Director, Veteran Resource and Support Center, TAMU; Lisa Adams, Director, Military and Veteran Center, UT-Dallas; Vince Bosquez, Senior Coordinator of Veterans Affairs, Palo Alto College; *Other TBA.*

## **BREAK**

- 1510-1550 **Panel 4. Health resources.** Perry Jefferies, Manager, TexVet Initiative; Dr. Michael Russell, Director, VISN17 Center for Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans, VA, Waco; Dr. Richard Seim, Education Core Chief, VA Center for Excellence, Waco.
- 1600-1730 **Panel 5. Jobs.** Kevin Barber, Commissioner, TVC and founder Veterans Energy, LLC and 95 Bravo Resources; *Other panelists TBA.*
- 1730 **Adjourn for day**

## **Thursday, Oct. 5**

- 0900-0915 **Orientation for day-Rod Davis**
- 0915-0950 **Guest speaker: Keynote TBA**
- 1000-1050 **Panel 6. Women Veterans.** Anna Baker, Director, Women's Program, TVC; Angela Dickson, Learning Architect, TechnipFMC Corporate University; Lisa Firmin, Associate Provost, UTSA; Marylyn Harris, RN, founder, Women Veterans Business Center, Houston.

## **BREAK**

- 1110-1150 **Panel 7. SVA. Priorities for the coming year.** Jared Lyon, President, Student Veterans of America.
- 1200-1250 **LUNCH PROVIDED: Speaker TBA**
- 1300-1350 **Panel 8. Finding Faculty Support.** Dr. K.C. Kalmbach, Associate Professor, TAMU-SA; Followed by open moderated discussion on challenges and solutions in increasing faculty support of campus veterans.
- 1400-1450 **Panel 9. The Power of Data.** Rick Torres, CEO, National Student Clearinghouse.
- 1500-1550 **Wrap-up. Tony Cucolo and Rod Davis.** Interactive discussion of issues and ideas from the Symposium.
- 1600 **Adjourn/Post-Symposium Networking**