Iowa Statewide Veterans Conference 2015
“Learning to Return Services”

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Please Note - A resource fair runs concurrently in the South Ballroom from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.  Registration – West Lobby (by Sun Room)

9:15 - 9:40 a.m.  Opening Ceremony – Sun Room
ISU ROTC Tri-Service

Welcome Remarks – Sun Room
Jathan Chicoine, Veterans Services Coordinator, Iowa State University
Dr. Thomas Hill, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, Iowa State University
Dr. Jonathan Wickert, Senior Vice President and Provost, Iowa State University

9:45 - 10:30 a.m.  Opening Keynote Address – Sun Room
Major General Timothy E. Orr, Iowa National Guard, State Adjutant General

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.  Break/Room Change (Stop by our Resource Fair)

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  Breakout Sessions
Home Base Iowa – Gallery Room
Tina Hoffman and County/University Representatives

Veterans in Entrepreneurship – Cardinal Room
Darcella Craven, Veteran Business Resource Center and others

VA Certifying Official Workshop: The Evolving Role of School Certifying Officials – Pioneer Room
Robin Knight, Veteran Services Hawkeye Community College, Ryan Wilson, Education Liaison Representative and others

Credit for Prior Learning: Trends & Challenges – Campanile Room
Dr. Kathy Sneed, Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, Mary Beth Lakin, College and University Partnership American Council for Education

11:45 - 12:00 p.m.  Break/Room Change (Stop by our Resource Fair)

12:00 - 1:15 p.m.  Lunch/Discussion Native American Code Talkers – Great Hall
Chad Nielsen, Don Loudner, and family members

1:15 - 1:30 p.m.  Break/Room Change (Stop by our Resource Fair)

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  Breakout Sessions
Tools & Strategies for Mapping Military Credit – Campanile Room
Dr. Kathy Sneed, Mary Beth Lakin, Tim Horzmann, College Source Inc, Noelle Jacquet-Morrison, MCMC-MHEC and Gina Sobania, Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

Student Veteran & Family Member Panel – Gallery Room
Dr. Nathaniel Wade and student panel

Veterans in Agriculture: Unique Challenges & Opportunities – Pioneer Room
Ed Cox, Veterans in Agriculture and others

Giving Back Through Research: What do we know & what do we need to learn? – Cardinal Room
Dr. Denise Williams Klotz, Multicultural Student Affairs, Iowa State University

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.  Break/Room Change (Stop by our Resource Fair)

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.  Breakout Sessions
Staying Sharp as a Professional: Working with Veterans/Tools & Strategies – Pioneer Room
Janine Wert, Veterans Services, University of Massachusetts

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Status Update – Gallery Room
Dr. Kathy Sneed, Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges

Community-Based Collaboration – Cardinal Room
Dr. Cathann Kress, Vice President for Extension and Outreach, Iowa State University

Code Talkers – Campanile Room
Don Loudner

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.  Break/Room Change (Stop by our Resource Fair)

4:00 - 4:15 p.m.  Closing Keynote Address – Sun Room
Colonel Robert King (Ret), Executive Director, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.  Closing Remarks
Jathan Chicoine, Veterans Services Coordinator, Iowa State University

4:30-6:30 p.m.  Closing Ceremony – Great Hall
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Student Veterans Reception - Great Hall
Hosted by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs (Optional)