

**2020 National Association of State Approving Agencies  
Midwinter Training & Business Meeting  
February 7-13, 2020**

***“SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED THROUGH GENERATIONS”***



**Crystal City  
Marriott Hotel  
1999 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, Virginia 22202  
703.413.5500**

## **“Jobs and Opportunities for Veterans”**

In an article written by the National Museum of the American Indian, Education Office, it speaks of many veterans taking advantage of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944 (better known as the GI Bill®) to go to college or get vocational training.

*“The Code Talkers accomplished many things during their post-war lives. Some became leaders in their communities and participated in the tribal governments. They became educators, artists, and professionals in a variety of fields. Others were active in the cultural lives of their tribes. Some worked to help preserve their languages. Teddy Draper, Sr., a Navajo Code Talker during World War II, spent years teaching the Navajo language at Diné College in Tsalle, Arizona...”*

The National Museum of the American Indian, Education Office

<https://americanindian.si.edu/education/codetalkers/html/chapter6.html>

Front Cover Photo: Navajo Code Talker Memorial.

“Window Rock (Arch) - Window Rock Tribal Park”

Photo featured on the Maiden On Midway website:

<https://warriorgirl3.wordpress.com/2013/12/01/navajo-code-talkers/>

“Navajo Code Talkers” Photo posted on 01/12/2013.

# AGENDA

## Friday, February 7, 2020

Travel Day for those members who need to travel from the West Coast, etc. Sleeping rooms are available at the conference rate.



## Saturday, February 8, 2020

### Meeting Rooms Located on Mezzanine Level (Business Casual Attire)

Travel Day

2:00 to 3:15	Military Transition Assistance Room - Potomac E	Gwen Hacker (KY)
2:00 to 3:15	Conference Planning Committee Room - Potomac F	Marilyn Dykman (NM)
2:30 to 3:15	Constitution and By Laws Committee Room - Potomac D	John Ayres (PA)
3:30 to 4:45	Honors and Awards Committee Room - Potomac D	Andy Pieper (IL)
3:30 to 4:45	Professional Development Committee Room - Potomac E	Dan Wellman (IL)
3:30 to 4:45	Automation and Technology Committee Room - Lincoln	Melissa Triplett (OH)
3:30 to 4:45	Audit Committee Room - King	Tramaine Carroll-Payne (VA)



## Sunday, February 09, 2020

(Business Casual Attire)

8:00 to 9:00	Liaison Activity Potomac Ballroom Foyer	
8:00 to 9:00	Registration Potomac Ballroom Foyer	Frank Myers (SC)
8:15 to 10:15	Contract Committee Room - Potomac D	John Murray (WA-WTECB)
8:15 to 10:00	Communications Committee Room - Potomac E	Michelle Nash (NV)
9:00 to 11:00	New Members Orientation Room - Potomac F	Dan Wellman (IL) Charlie Rowe (NJ)
10:00 to 10:30	Break Potomac Ballroom Foyer	
10:30 to 12:00	Flight Committee Room - Potomac D	Deb O'Neil (WA)
10:30 to 12:00	IHL/NCD Committee Room - Potomac E	Martina Murray (VA)
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 to 3:00	Legislative Committee Room - Potomac D	Trish Gordon-McCown (MD)
1:00 to 3:00	OJT/Apprenticeship Committee Room - Potomac E	Sue Jevning (TX)
1:30 to 3:00	Archives and History Committee Room - Potomac F	Christine Maher (MA)
3:00 to 3:15	Break Potomac Ballroom Foyer	
3:15 to 4:45	Region Meetings Room - Jefferson (West) Room - Potomac D (South) Room - Potomac F (East) Room - Lincoln (Central)	Leanna DeKing (AZ) Cleo Wallace (LA) Rebecca Ryan (RI) Melissa Triplett (OH)

*Sunday, February 09, 2020 scheduled events continued on next page...*

5:00 to 6:30      Executive Board Meeting  
(Brief and Report Outs)  
Room - King      Annie Walker (VA)  
NASAA President

Special Guests      Charmain Bogue Executive Director  
Patrick Dworakowski (VBAVACO)



**Monday, February 10, 2020**

**Meeting location for Monday and Tuesday morning is Potomac Ballroom.**  
(Business Attire)

8:00 to 9:00      Liaison Activity  
Potomac Ballroom Foyer

8:00 to 9:00      Registration      Frank Myers (SC)  
Potomac Ballroom Foyer      NASAA Treasurer

9:00 to 9:30      Opening Ceremony      Annie Walker (VA)  
Room - Potomac Ballroom      NASAA President

Presentation of the Colors      Joint Armed Forces Color Guard

National Anthem      Marilyn Dykman (NM)  
NASAA Vice-President

Pledge of Allegiance      Edward Godfrey, PhD (MN)

Invocation and Moment of Silence      Cleo Wallace (LA)

Comments by NASAA President      Annie Walker (VA)

9:30 to 10:45      Education Services Update      James Ruhlman (USDVA)  
Deputy Director for Program Management

10:45 to 11:00      Break

11:00 to 12:00      Legislative Panel Discussion      Trish Gordon-McCown Moderator  
NASAA Legislative Chair

*American Legion*      TAPS  
*VFW*      NASDVA  
*VES*      SVA  
*NAVPA*

(Bios are available on the registration table)

*Monday, February 10, 2020 scheduled events continued on next page...*

12:00 to 1:15	Lunch (on your own) Past President's Lunch	Mike Criscuolo (CT)
1:15 to 2:00	NASAA Compilation Performance Report Room - Potomac Ballroom	Dan Wellman (IL) John Murray (WA-WTECB)
2:00 to 2:30	Lumina Grant - Risk Based Survey Room - Potomac Ballroom	Joe Westcott, Ph.D (NC) NASAA Consultant Meghan-Joy Woodall, M.Ed. Chris Sutherland (VBAVACO)
2:30 – 3:15	W.P. Cioffi Engineering	Bill Cioffi and Karin DeLaitsch
3:15 to 3:30	Break Potomac Ballroom Foyer	
3:30 – 4:45	EFORCE Room - Potomac Ballroom	Joe Preisser /Lori Record (VBAVACO) Laura Bach (WSAC)
3:30 to 5:00	<b>Director's Only Pop-In</b> (2021 Allocations & Q&As) Room – King	USDVA Education Services



## Tuesday, February 11, 2020

(Business Attire)

7:30 to 8:30	Liaison Activity Potomac Ballroom Foyer	
8:30 to 10:20	NASAA General Session Room - Potomac Ballroom NASAA Members Only Committee Report Outs	Annie Walker (VA) NASAA President
10:20 to 10:30	2020 NASAA Summer Conference	Sue Jevning (TX)
10:30 to 10:40	Break Potomac Ballroom Foyer	
10:40 to 1:00	NASAA General Session NASAA Members Only Committee Report Outs	Annie Walker (VA) NASAA President
1:00 to 1:30	Light snacks will be available to take with you	

*Tuesday, February 11, 2020 scheduled events continued on next page...*

1:00 to 2:30	Lunch and Travel to Dirksen Senate Office Building Room: SD-106 (Travel instructions are on the registration table)	
2:30 to 3:30	Congressional Staff Presentation / Question and Answer Session Dirksen Senate Office Building Room: SD 106	Trish Gordon-McCown (MD)
3:30 to 4:30	Congressional Liaison / Break	
4:30 to 6:00	Reception Dirksen Senate Office Building Room: SD 106	Trish Gordon-McCown (MD)



**Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

(Business Casual Attire)

**Meeting Location for Wednesday is Potomac F**

8:00 to 11:00	Executive Board Meeting Elected Members and Committee Chairs (as needed)	Annie Walker (VA)
9:00 to 5:00	Liaison with Congressional Representatives	

Travel Day for some members

**Note: There are only 15 sleeping rooms available for Wednesday night at the conference rate.**



**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

Travel Day for those members who need to travel to the West Coast, etc.

# Special Thanks

FOR ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE THIS CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

## Conference Planning Committee Members & Special NASAA Guests

Marilyn Dykman	Committee Chair	NM
Sue Jevning	Vice Chair	TX
John Ayres	Committee Member – NASAA Judge Advocate	PA
Frank Myers	Committee Member – NASAA Treasurer	SC
Laura Bach	Committee Member	WSAC
Raymond Baker	Committee Member	IN
Marisol Birth	Committee Member	NE
Angela Lee	Committee Member	DC
Andrew Pieper	Committee Member	IL
Jennifer St. Jean	Committee Member	VT
Cleo Wallace	Committee Member	LA
Dan Wellman	Committee Member	IL
Trish Gordon-McCown	NASAA Legislative Chair & Team	MD
Annie Walker	NASAA President- Special Guest	VA

## Joint Armed Forces Color Guard Coordinator & Color Guard Team

Mclendon, Ronald II CIV USARMY MDW (USA), Chief Community Engagement

## Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport

Katheryn E Turcios, Senior Event Manager  
Eden Vasquez, Sales Manager