



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAM  
AND  
COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION SPRING CONFERENCE  
May 3-9, 2019**

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***NOTE: ABC INTRODUCTION COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MAY 4-5, 2019 IN BAYSHORE A.***

***SUNDAY May 5, 2019***

TIME	EVENT	ROOM	SPEAKER	REMARKS
8:00am – 4:00pm	CVSOA Committee Meeting	Baranoff Ballroom	CVSOA	All
3:00pm – 6:00pm	CVSOA Executive Committee Meeting	Cypress Room	CVSOA President	CVSOA Executive Committee
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Registration	Baranoff Lobby	FDVA	All
5:30pm – 8:00pm	Pre-Conference Social	Pool Deck	CVSOA President	All

**MONDAY May 6, 2019**

TIME	EVENT	ROOM	SPEAKER	REMARKS
7:00am – 8:00am	FDVA Registration	Baranoff Lobby	None	All
8:00am – 8:10am	Prayer/Pledge to Flag /Training Preamble/ <b>A moment of silence for those lost in 2018.</b>	Baranoff Ballroom	CVSOA President and Alene Tarter, Benefits & Assistance Division, FDVA Director	All (Combined Session)
8:10am – 8:30am	FDVA Update	Baranoff Ballroom	Capt. Daniel W. Burgess, Executive Director, FDVA	All (Combined Session)
8:30am – 8:50am	FDVA Legislative Affairs Update	Baranoff Ballroom	Allison Sitte, Legislative and Cabinet Affairs Director, FDVA	All (Combined Session)
8:50am – 9:15am	FDVA Communications Update	Baranoff Ballroom	LTC. Steve Murray, Communications Director, FDVA	All (Combined Session)
9:15am – 9:35am	Florida Veteran’s Foundation	Baranoff Ballroom	Cmdr. Dennis Baker, President, Florida Veteran’s Foundation	All (Combined Session)
9:35am – 10:05am	St. Petersburg VA Regional Office Update	Baranoff Ballroom	Julie Boor, Director, St Petersburg, VARO	All (Combined Session)
10:05am – 10:20am	VISN 8 Update	Baranoff Ballroom	Dr. Miguel LaPuz, Director, VISN 8	All (Combined Session)
10:20am – 10:35am	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>10:35am – 11:05am</b>	Pension Management Center Overview	Baranoff Ballroom	William Kraus, Philadelphia PMC Coach	All (Combined Session)
11:05am – 11:30am	C&P Exams	Baranoff Ballroom	Earl J. Hutchinson, Director, Medical Disability Examination Quality & Program Management Office, VBA	All (Combined Session)
11:30am – 1:00pm	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>1:00pm – 2:15 pm</b>	<b>VETPRO</b>	Baranoff Ballroom	Jay Joyce, Director Business Development, Panoramic Software	All (Combined Session)
2:15pm – 2:30pm	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>2:30pm – 4:00pm</b>	Medical Orientation	Baranoff Ballroom	Dr. Steven Scott, Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service, James Haley Veterans Hospital	All (Combined Session)
4:00pm – 5:00pm	B&A Supervisory Meeting FDVA File Planning	Athena Room	B & A Director, Claims and FS Staff Guest: Cindy Carmichael, Executive Assistant, Homes Program	Selected Personnel
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Business Meeting	Baranoff Ballroom	CVSOA President	Selected Personnel
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Newcomer’s Orientation	Baranoff Ballroom	CVSOA President & Staff	Selected Personnel
5:00pm – 6:00pm	American Legion Reception	Pool Deck	Dept. Commander American Legion	ALL
6:00pm – 7:30pm				

**TUESDAY May 7, 2019**

TIME	EVENT	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR	REMARKS
8:00am – 9:00am	St Petersburg VA Regional Office Overview	Baranoff Ballroom	Christine Moorby, Veterans' Service Center Manager, St Petersburg VARO	All (Combined Session)
<b>9:00am – 9:15am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
9:15am – 10:15am	FDVA Best Practices	Baranoff Ballroom	Sherrel Pinson, Supervisor, FDVA	All (Combined Session)
10:15am – 10:45am	Woman's Veterans Program	Baranoff Ballroom	Vanessa Thomas, Woman Veteran Coordinator, FDVA	All (Combined Session)
10:45am – 11:30am	Veteran's History Project	Baranoff Ballroom	Tiffany C. Rivera, Assistant Director, Educational & Training Program, Dept. of History, University of Central Florida	All (Combined Session)
<b>11:30pm – 1:00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Harry Colmary Act & VA Education Benefits	Baranoff Ballroom	Betsy Wickham, Bureau Chief, State Approving Agency for Veterans'	All (Combined Session)
1:30pm – 2:15pm	Mission Act	Baranoff Ballroom	Matthew Morrow, Program Specialist, VISN 8	
<b>2:15pm – 2:30pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Extra Scheduler Ratings	Baranoff Ballroom	Michael Michelotti, NAS/NSO Supervisor, DAV	All (Combined Session)
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Veteran's Preference	Baranoff Ballroom	Victoria Jarrett, Veteran's Preference Coordinator, FDVA	All (Combined Session)
4:30pm – 5:30pm	B&A Supervisor's Meeting FDVA File Planning	Athena Room	B & A Director, Claims and FS Staff Guest: Guest: Cindy Carmichael, Executive Assistant, Homes Program	Selected Personnel
4:30pm – 5:30pm	CVSOA General Membership Meeting	Baranoff Ballroom	CVOSA President	All CVSOA Members

**\*VAMC Room Assignments:**

Bay Pines, Tampa, Orlando will be in Bayshore A.  
 Gainesville and Lake City will be in the Athena Room.  
 Pensacola, West Palm Beach, Miami will be in the East Room.

**WEDNESDAY May 8, 2019**

TIME	EVENT	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR	REMARKS
8:00am – 9:00am	Hospital Breakout: Updates on VA Health Care (Miami, West Palm Beach, Tampa, Bay Pines, Orlando, Lake City, and Pensacola)	*See Room Assignments below	Andy McCormick, Field Services Bureau Chief, Orlando VAMC and Field Services Supervisors, FDVA	All (Combined Session)
9:00am – 10:00am	Jeopardy	Baranoff Ballroom	Reggie Fujimoto, Supervisor, FDVA	All (Combined Session)
<b>10:00am – 10:15am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
10:15 am – 11:30am	Appeals/ BVA	Baranoff Ballroom	Nina Tann, Assistant Director, Program Administration, AMO	All (Combined Session)
<b>11:30pm – 1:00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Recertification Test	Baranoff Ballroom	FDVA	All (Combined Session)
<b>2:30pm – 3:00pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Review of Recertification Test	Baranoff Ballroom	FDVA	All (Combined Session)
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Banquet and Travel Preparation		Banquet and Travel Preparation	All
5:30pm – 10:00pm	CVSOA Membership Banquet	Four Springs Ballroom	CVSOA President & Guests	All

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**THURSDAY May 9, 2019**

TIME	EVENT	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR	REMARKS
8:00am – 9:00am	Claims Process for Secondary Issues	Baranoff Ballroom	Reggie Fujimoto, Supervisor, FDVA	All (Combined Session)
9:00 am –10:00am	Virtual VA Medical Center	Baranoff Ballroom	Brian James, Associate Director eLearning, Dept. of Veteran Affairs	All (Combined Session)
10:00am – 10:30am	Best Practices: CVSOA	Baranoff Ballroom	Tommie Maldonado, CVSOA President	All (Combined Session)
<b>10:30am – 10:45am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
10:45am – 4:00pm	CVSOA Executive Committee Meeting	Baranoff Ballroom	CVSOA President	CVSOA Executive Committee