



## **2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### ***What is the 2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference?***

The 2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference is an event designed to celebrate successes and highlight specific challenges and issues experienced by the region's student veteran population. This grassroots event is coordinated by educators and Student Veterans of America chapters from across Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

#### ***When does the 2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference take place?***

The 2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference will be taking place April 19<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

#### ***Where is the 2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference taking place?***

The conference will be hosted at the University of Washington Tacoma campus.

#### ***Who are the host organizations?***

This year's conference is hosted by the University of Washington Tacoma Veteran & Military Resource Center and Student Veterans at UW Tacoma.

#### ***Where is the University of Washington Tacoma located?***

The University of Washington Tacoma is in downtown Tacoma, approximately 30 miles south of Seattle. Travel time from Seattle-Bellevue, Washington to the campus will vary around 45 – 60 minutes (depending on traffic).



### ***How to get to I get to the University of Washington Tacoma campus?***

#### *From Seattle/Bellevue/Seattle-Tacoma International Airport:*

Take I-5 South to Exit 133 (I-705 North/City Center Exit). Once on I-705, take the “WA SR 509/21<sup>st</sup> Street” exit. Turn left onto 21<sup>st</sup> Street, the university will be located on the right two blocks up the hill.

#### *From Portland/Olympia:*

Take I-5 North to Exit 133 (I-705 North/City Center Exit). Once on I-705, take the “WA SR 509/21<sup>st</sup> Street” exit. Turn left onto 21<sup>st</sup> Street, the university will be located on the right two blocks up the hill.

### ***Where can I find parking?***

There are many options for parking nearby the University of Washington Tacoma campus. Many of the lots are paid parking with limited free parking options off campus. You can find parking information on campus and community-partnered lots [here](#).

### ***Do I have to be a student veteran to attend?***

No. The conference is open to educators, community members, non-profit veteran organizations, and employers in addition to student veterans and SVA chapters.

### ***Is the conference limited to only student veterans in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington?***

No. We welcome all student veterans, SVA chapters, educators, community members, and employers from across the western United States if they wish to attend.

### ***How do I register?***

You can register for the conference by visiting our registration page [here](#).



***What are the registration prices?***

*General Attendees*

Student Veterans: \$25

Educators & Community Members: \$35

*Networking & Resource Fair Presenters*

Non-profit Veteran Organizations: \$25

Employers: \$100

***When can I register?***

Registration is open now, but space is limited. [Register today](#) to reserve your space.

***Will meals be served at the conference?***

Yes. There will be catering at the conference for attendees.

***I have a food allergy or dietary preference. Will there be food options to accommodate this?***

Yes. You will be asked if you have special dietary preferences when you fill out the registration form.

***Is there assistance for those individuals with disabilities attending the conference?***

Yes. There are disability services available at the University of Washington Tacoma for this event. Accommodations can be made to assist any individual with their disability needs. You can email the University of Washington Tacoma disability services office at [drsuw@uw.edu](mailto:drsuw@uw.edu) to coordinate those services.

***I would like to submit a proposal for a panel or breakout session at the conference. How can I do this?***

We are currently accepting proposals for breakout sessions. Proposals can be made by students, educators, SVA Chapters, companies, and veteran organizations. You may submit your proposal to our call for proposal page [here](#). The deadline for proposals is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



***How can my organization/company sponsor the 2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference?***

The 2018 Pacific Northwest Regional Student Veteran Conference is actively seeking sponsorship and community support for the event. You can contact Rosalynn Johnson at [rozjohn@uw.edu](mailto:rozjohn@uw.edu) or Chris Burd [cburd82@uw.edu](mailto:cburd82@uw.edu) if your organization is interested in sponsorship.

***I am a member of a SVA chapter arriving from outside the greater Seattle-Bellevue-Tacoma area, where should I/we stay?***

There are several lodging options located near the campus. We have negotiated blocks of rooms at government rates with two hotels for SVA chapters and educators in attendance. You can follow the links below for those hotels.

[\*Holiday Inn Express – Downtown Tacoma\*](#)

[\*Hotel Murano\*](#)

***I'm attending as a Community Member or Employer/Non-Profit Veteran Organization representative for the Networking & Resource Fair. Where can I find lodging?***

There are several options for hotels within walking distance to the University of Washington Tacoma campus. You can find lodging options at Holiday Inn Express – Downtown Tacoma, Hotel Murano, and Courtyard Marriot Tacoma Downtown.

In addition, there are other hotels located within a 15-minute drive from the University. Some recommended options are Silver Cloud Inn – Tacoma Waterfront, La Quinta Inn & Suites Tacoma, Emerald Queen Casino & Hotel in Fife. You can find other options through travel sites such as [expedia.com](http://expedia.com) or [priceline.com](http://priceline.com)<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The 2018 PNW Regional Student Veteran Conference, University of Washington of Tacoma, and Student Veterans at UW Tacoma does not receive monetary support or in-kind services from, nor is affiliated with the listed travel sites or hotels. These are only suggestions for planning purposes.



***What is the dress code for the conference?***

The preferred dress code for the conference is business casual attire. It is recommended that you wear comfortable shoes as the locations of some sessions are in different buildings on our campus.

Additionally, we would recommend you bring clothes you would not mind getting dirty as there is an opportunity for conference attendees to participate in a community service project during the early afternoon on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and group breakout sessions on the morning of April 21<sup>st</sup>.

***I've noticed there will be a networking and resource fair taking place at the conference. Should I bring a resume with me?***

Yes. We recommend you bring an updated copy of your resume and business cards (optional) as you will have an opportunity to meet with potential employers for future employment and internships.

Additionally, this is a great time to meet with other student veterans, community members, and industry professionals from across the region to begin building out your professional network.

It is highly recommended you meet with your campus career development services to revise and update your resume and LinkedIn page.

***I have a license for a concealed weapon, may I carry a personally owned weapon with me at the conference?***

No. University Washington policy and Washington Administrative Code strictly prohibits the concealed carry of personally owned weapons on campus. It is highly recommended that you leave those at home or in your hotel room.

***Where can I find out about any changes to the conference schedule, information on potential guest speakers and/or organizations attending the event?***

You are welcome to visit our [Facebook page](#) for the most up-to-date information or view the conference agenda.

For additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rosalynn Johnson at [rozjohn@uw.edu](mailto:rozjohn@uw.edu) or Chris Burd at [cburd82@uw.edu](mailto:cburd82@uw.edu).