



Central East Region

Thursday, April 5, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

- 7:30 – 8:15** Registration – Tony Rand Student Center (TRSC) Common Area
- 8:00 – 8:20** Meet & Greet / Continental Breakfast
- Tony Rand Student Center (TRSC) – Staff Lounge
  - Visit Vendors in the TRSC commons area
- 8:20 – 8:50** Opening Ceremony Moderator – Dr. Samuel Strickland, Wake Tech, SVP for Military and Veteran Programs and Multi-Campus Support
- Color guard: Methodist University ROTC
  - National anthem – Lori Ann Martinez, FTCC student  
Darnel Marsh, FTCC student
  - Welcome by Dr. J. Larry Keen, President of FTCC
  - NC STRIVE background – Susan Watkins, DVAHCS
- 8:50 – 9:00** Breakout Sessions will be held in Multi-purpose Rooms 1 & 2
- 9:00 – 10:30** **Module 1 and 2 - Room 1**
- M1: Military Culture and Today's Veterans
    - *Melissa Fox and Wilfredo Davila, Fayetteville VAMC*
  - M2: Suicide Awareness and Substance Abuse Prevention
    - *Katrina Kilmartin, Prevention Coordinator*
    - *Ed Chavis, Ft Bragg Soldier Support Center*
- 9:00 – 10:30** **Module 3 and 4 – Room 2**
- M3: Student Veterans Centers / Green Zone
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  - M4: Educational Benefits
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**12:20 – 1:30**

Lunch: Tony Rand Student Center Cafeteria

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**1:30 – 3:00**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**1:30 – 1:45**

Fayetteville Vet Center – Susan Graham

**1:45 – 2:15**

Plenary: Opioids Dilemma

Guest Speakers: Michelle Louisville, Substance Abuse Treatment Program Coordinator, Fayetteville VAMC

**2:20 – 3:00**

Transition Challenges: Veteran Students Panel

1. *Jarett Vogler, USCG Veteran, Wake Tech*
2. *Armando Mejia-Alonso – US Army Veteran, UNC-Pembroke*
3. *Horatio Fox, US Army Veteran, FTCC*
4. *Emily Tanner, US Army Veteran, Methodist University*
5. *Natalie Nelson, USAF Veteran, Methodist University*

**EVALUATION SURVEY:** Please complete the evaluation survey and turn it in at the registration table.

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