

SEP 12 2016

REQUEST FOR AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

Submission Deadline - Tuesday, 12:00 PM before Court Dates

SUBMITTED BY: K. Fasci

TODAY'S DATE: 8-18-2016

DEPARTMENT:

X_ Veteran Services Office

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD:

X *Kathryn Fasci*

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE:

X_ 08-29-2016 or 9-12-16

SPECIFIC AGENDA WORDING:

*Courtesy Notification
Reminder.*

State Training/Conference for Veterans Office- 9-5-2016 to 9-9-2016 (State Official Announcement Attached)

PERSON(S) TO PRESENT ITEM:

K. Fasci will be available to answer any questions regarding this training.

SUPPORT MATERIAL: Attached (State Notification)

TIME: As long as needed for Com. Court Questions

ACTION ITEM: _____

Com. Court was previously notified by the state re. this Training (6-18-16) (see attached)

WORKSHOP: _____

CONSENT: XX

EXECUTIVE: _____

STAFF NOTICE:

COUNTY ATTORNEY: _____

ISS DEPARTMENT: _____

AUDITOR: _____

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT: _____

PERSONNEL: _____

PUBLIC WORKS: _____

BUDGET COORDINATOR: _____

OTHER: _____

*****This Section to be Completed by County Judge's Office*****

ASSIGNED AGENDA DATE: _____

REQUEST RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE _____

COURT MEMBER APPROVAL _____ Date _____

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TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION CLAIMS REPRESENTATION AND COUNSELING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Veterans County Service Officers and Assistants (VCSOs)

FROM: Victor Polanco, Interim Director *VP*
Claims Representation and Counseling

DATE: July 1, 2016

SUBJECT: 69th Annual Statewide Training Conference
Initial, Certification and Accreditation Training

The 69th Annual Statewide Training Conference, conducted by the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), will be held at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio, 123 Losoya St., San Antonio, Texas 78205. Hotel information is attached.

TVC sent a letter on June 28, 2016, via email, to your County Judge/Commissioners Court informing them of the conference and encouraging support for your attendance. Section 434.038(a), Texas Government Code, requires VCSOs to attend Commission Training to maintain certification in order to remain in office. Certification is also required for those wishing to participate in the Commission's Accreditation Program.

What You Need To Know:

- The designated travel day is Monday, September 5, 2016, which is Labor Day. **If you are unable to travel on county business on a holiday, please arrive no later than Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 1:00 pm.** This will reduce their annual training by 4 hours. If you decide you cannot arrive on Monday but have already secured your reservation, it is YOUR responsibility to cancel Monday night's reservation. **If you do not cancel, you will be responsible for the expense. TVC will not reimburse for a no-show.**
- Opening Session will begin 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 6, in the Regency Ballroom on the Ballroom Level (2nd Floor). Classroom training will begin immediately following the opening session and continues throughout the week with adjournment around noon on Friday, September 9, 2016.

HOTEL RESERVATION DETAILS

- All VCSOs attending the Certification or Accreditation Training (not Initial) are responsible for securing their own hotel reservations. **Newly appointed VCSOs who plan on attending initial training, please DO NOT contact the hotel.** Contact Nancy Gamroth at TVC Headquarters at nancy.gamroth@tvc.texas.gov as soon as possible.
- Hotel reservations are available on a **first-come, first-served** basis by calling (210) 222-1234 and using Event Code **TXVET2016** or online **HERE**. Click on the "Hotel Reservation" button. We encourage you to reserve your rooms and register as soon as possible.
- The room rate for single or double occupancy, which includes complimentary Wi-Fi and a refrigerator in each guest room, is as follows:

\$ 120 ⁰⁰	\$	115.00	Room Rate	See enclosed state Corresp. for change in Cost.
		+ 19.26	City & State Tax	
		+ 14.00	Parking Fee	
	\$	148.26	Total per night	
		\$ 153.26		

- The Government rate will NOT be available prior to opening or anytime following adjournment.
- Self-parking is at a minimum and we encourage carpooling. While valet parking is available, TVC will not reimburse for valet parking. **We encourage you to carpool if possible.**
- For those of you who will be flying into San Antonio, the hotel does provide hotel shuttle service at a cost of \$32/round trip. TVC will be researching the availability of a less expensive service and will notify you of our findings. Either way, you will be responsible for making your own reservations for shuttle service through the hotel. Shuttle service is not a reimbursable expense.
- Check-in at each facility begins at 3:00 p.m. and check-out at each facility is 11:00 a.m. Please note that you may need to present a credit card upon check-in to cover incidentals, even if you do not plan on having extra expenses (room service, etc.).

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DETAILS

- **Conference Registration** is necessary whether you are staying at the Hyatt, choose to stay elsewhere or are local to the area. Registration should be done as soon as possible online **HERE**. Click on the "Conference Registration" button. **Monday, August 8, 2016, is the absolute cut-off date for both the hotel reservation and conference registration.**
- When you register, be sure to note in the area provided any special needs you require in your hotel room and/or classroom to include auxiliary aids or services, e.g., roll-in shower, room on lowest floor available, room near elevator, interpreter for hearing impaired, reader, large print or Braille, etc. TVC will review your requests and make every effort to accommodate them, including king/queen/double beds, etc., however we cannot guarantee it. Remember, each room is equipped with a refrigerator. Make sure you request these needs when you secure your reservation as well.

CONFERENCE CHECK-IN UPON ARRIVAL

- Conference check-in will be held in the Los Rios Foyer on Monday, September 5, 2016, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. and begin again on Tuesday morning at 6:45 a.m. The registration desk will remain open throughout the Conference.

PLEASE NOTE

- Only coffee and water will be provided in the mornings. No afternoon refreshments. There are kiosks in the hotel for snacks and additional beverages and restaurants available on the River Walk that do serve breakfast.
- If members of your staff or members of veterans' organizations or other agencies wish to attend the TVC training, please have them contact Nancy Gamroth at **nancy.gamroth@tvc.texas.gov** prior to securing a hotel reservation or registering for training. There is a form they must complete prior to training.
- During this year's conference, you will be given the opportunity to attend sessions that you believe will assist you in providing services to veterans. In the coming weeks, you will be provided with a session schedule, be asked to select the sessions you wish to attend, and return those selections to us so that we can ensure you have seat available.

This year's conference will be very informative and beneficial. The knowledge gained will enable you to better serve veterans, survivors and dependents residing in your county. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gamroth at **nancy.gamroth@tvc.texas.gov** or by calling (512) 463-7302.

To: CSO; Steven Austin-Titus-Franklin Counties CSO; Hunter Grazin-Tom Green County CSO; Travis County (olieLpope@traviscountytx.gov); Travis County Asst1 (susan.lewis@traviscountytx.gov); Travis County Asst2 (mark.burger@traviscountytx.gov); Travis County Asst3 (frederick.jones@traviscountytx.gov); Gene Prater-Trinity County CSO; Ellen Craig-Tyler County CSO; Carl Absher-Upton County CSO; Everardo Zamora-Uvalde County CSO; Val Verde County (gsosa@valverdecountry.org); Harry Fontenot-Van Zandt County CSO; Victoria County (madam@vctx.org); Gerald Norwood-Walker County CSO; Garrett Nemece-Waller County CSO; Thomas Kuhn-Ward County CSO; Kenneth Mueller-Washington County CSO; Webb County (dgarza@webbcountytx.gov); Olga Ramirez-Webb County CSO; Sergio Hernandez-Webb County CSO; Wharton County (don.montoya@co.wharton.tx.us); Harry Garrison-Wheeler County CSO; Wichita County1 (mandy.patlan@co.wichita.tx.us); Alejandro Figueroa-Willacy County CSO; Williamson County (dharrell@wilco.org); Valeria Zimmerman-Williamson County CSO; Jayson Swetnam-Williamson County CSO; Williamson County Asst4 (wmolidor@wilco.org); Richard Krueser-Wilson County CSO; Winkler County (montoyam@hotmail.com); Laura Spain-Wise County CSO; Patsty Harris-Wise County CSO; Regina Alexander-Wise County CSO; Terri Meeks-Wise County CSO; Melissa Laurent-Wood County CSO; Gerald Baker-Yoakum County CSO; Wayne McCallum-Young County CSO; Manuel Uribe-Zapata County CSO; Pablo Aguillon-Zavala County CSO

Subject: Conference Room & Parking Rates

Importance: High

Dear Veterans County Service Officers and Assistants,

Due to the increase in the GSA rate after we contracted a the \$115 rate, the hotel rate will not be \$120 per night. We do not have control over this rate as we must actually contract at the current rate according to GSA.

Also, the parking is contracted with Central Parking across the street from the Hyatt at \$14/night. This is separate from the hotel contract. You may be quoted \$39/day (which is Hotel's valet rate, by the way) but the rate will be \$14 and the garage will be accessed by your hotel room key and billed to your room. In and out privileges are included, however space is limited!!!

We do encourage you all to carpool if possible!

Sincerely,

Nancy J Gamroth, Program Specialist
Texas Veterans Commission
Claims Representation and Counseling

Kathryn M. Fasci

From: Nancy Gamroth <nancy.gamroth@tvc.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 2:46 PM
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Subject: RE: Conference Room & Parking Rates

Oh my – I am sorry!!! Thanks, James Henderson, Dallas County!! I guess I cannot blame this on auto text!! I typed the word NOT instead of NOW...below is the corrected first paragraph of me email:

Due to the increase in the GSA rate after we contracted a the \$115 rate, the hotel rate will **NOW** be \$120 per night. We do not have control over this rate as we must actually contract at the current rate according to GSA.

PLEASE NOTE: TVC does not reimburse for parking when it is NOT included in the room rate unless you are attending Initial Training. The reason you were informed of the rate is because some of you were quoted \$39 a night when you made your hotel reservation. You **WILL** get our contracted rate at the Central Parking Garage of \$14/night as opposed to the \$39 rate.

TVC also will not cover shuttle service expenses unless you are attending Initial Training.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Gamroth, Program Specialist
Texas Veterans Commission
Claims Representation and Counseling

Training / Seminar Approval Form

Department Name: Johnson County Veteran Service Office

Seminar Name: TVC State Training Conference

Purpose: Professional Training- Military

Place: Hyatt Regency San Antonio, Texas

Date: September 5, 2016 until September 9, 2016

Who Will Be Attending:
Kathryn Fasci

Cheryl Moore

(Note: Commissioners
Court was notified by
the state 6-28-16)

This Training/ Seminar is necessary for the following reasons:

X X Required continuing education

XXX Job training

XXX Improve work performance

X X Required certification

Attach Registration Form and Complete the following information:

Amount of registration \$ 0

Date registration is due

Return check to department head

Request Treasurer to mail check with registration

If an advance is requested, attach a completed Johnson County Travel Form.

Department Head Signature: _____

Kathryn Fasci

SEND FORM TO COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

DATE: _____

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT: _____ DATE: _____