



June 8, 2020

Sent to: AVECO members and education colleagues

Dear AVECO Members and Friends,

Due to challenges brought on by COVID-19, it is with a heavy heart that the AVECO Board must announce the cancellation of our 2020 annual conference which was to take place July 13th – 16th in Cleveland, OH. After monitoring the lifting of health restrictions on the federal and state levels, listening to comments from our members on new budget restrictions, considering the travel restrictions placed on our Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) colleagues and lengthy discussions with the hotel, the board felt it best to cancel this year's week long training.

We will not leave Cleveland behind though, as AVECO will return to the Cleveland Renaissance Hotel in 2024!

Many have expressed interest in participating in online training through AVECO, and we have heard you. Keep your eyes to your email and our website for announcements on a 2020 web series to be announced at a later date.

If you were planning to use the AVECO conference VA lead sessions to satisfy your Section 501 training requirements we encourage you to redirect your efforts to completing your remaining hours online via the [SCO Online Training Portal](#). As announced by VA, certifying officials now have until August 31, 2020 to complete their required retraining. For questions on your training requirements please reach out to your [ELR of jurisdiction](#).

Refunds: We will work hard to issue refunds as soon as possible. Refunds will be issued via check for those registrants who have already paid their fee, and will be mailed to the address recorded on your registration form. Please review your registration confirmation email to ensure the billing address is correct. If correction is needed please email aveco.org@gmail.com with the subject, *Address Correction*, to have this revised no later than June 19, 2020.

Hotel: Please remember to cancel your hotel reservation no later than two days prior to your intended arrival date. Cancellations must be done over the phone by calling 1(866) 704-2411. This will not be done for you, so please update your reservation as soon as possible to avoid any unexpected charges.

The board will continue to work throughout the year to provide our members with valuable content in the current year, and for our 2021 conference as we return to St. Louis.

We hope you are doing well and staying safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Danielle Downs, President