



2026 MID-ATLANTIC VOAD CONFERENCE

Cacapon State Park Resort Lodge · Berkeley Springs, WV



Regional Conference by the Mid-Atlantic Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) March 16 - 18, 2026



The Mid-Atlantic Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (DC VOAD, DE VOAD, MD VOAD, PA VOAD, and WV VOAD), invite you to join us for our 3rd Annual Conference. The theme of this year's conference is:

The Urgency of the 4C's: The Importance of State and VOAD Relationships

The conference, designed to be interactive, will focus on the 4C's (Collaboration, Cooperation, Communication, Coordination) as an important road map in the midst of shifting Federal policies, as States and VOAD's work together to identify the most critical service gaps and barriers to recovery, and how to address them.

Conference Date and Location: Noon on March 16 to noon on March 18, 2025, at the Cacapon Resort State Park Lodge, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

Getting There: Approximate distances are Baltimore – 100 miles; Washington, DC – 100 miles; Pittsburgh – 150 miles; Philadelphia – 165 miles; Charleston – 280 miles.

Conference Fee: \$150 includes conference registration as well as a break, and dinner on Monday; breakfast, lunch, dinner, and two breaks on Tuesday; and breakfast and a break on Wednesday. Spouses/significant others are welcome to participate in meals. Purchase a meals-only ticket for \$120 online during registration.

Registration: Please use the QR code or click [HERE](#) for the registration landing page.

Questions: Should you have any questions, please contact *Bruce Morgenstern*, Conference Registration Committee, at treasurer@marylandvoad.org



Tentative Conference Schedule

Plenary sessions are designed to elicit engagement from all attendees and to incorporate a mix of presentation-style content and guided discussions that reflect real-life experiences and potential solutions for impacted communities and disaster relief organizations in a rapidly changing landscape. Presenters and schedule updates will be added as we get closer to the conference date.

Monday, March 16

11:00 - 1:00

1:00 - 2:00

2:00 - 3:00

3:00 - 3:30

3:30 - 5:00

5:00 - 6:00

6:00

Registration

Session: Welcome

- Introduction of Special Guests and Sponsors

Session: Setting the Stage: Local, State and Federal Landscapes

- What difference did working with VOAD make in response and recovery for County and State Emergency Management
- Updates on FEMA and federal response frameworks
- Facing the Unknown: Navigating Federal Policy Changes

Networking & Break

Session: Setting the Stage continued

Networking/free time

Dinner

Tuesday, March 17

7:30 -8:15

8:30 - 9:45

Breakfast

Session: Diving Deeper: Strategies For Serving the Whole Community in the Midst of Changes

- Technology and innovative strategies for reaching everyone in the midst of dramatic changes.
- Data sharing
- Using technology to overcome gaps

Networking & Break

Session: Diving Deeper continued

Lunch

Session: Diving Deeper continued

Networking & Break

Session: Diving Deeper continued

Sponsor Product Demonstrations

Networking/Free Time

Dinner

Reception and Social

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 - 8:15

8:30 - 9:45

Breakfast

Session: Exercise: Scenarios for practical application of what we envision as we leave this time together.

Networking & Break

Session: Exercise continued

Conference Take-aways & Evaluation

Interested in Being a Conference Sponsor?

Be a sponsor! Your sponsorship funds student scholarships and underwrites the cost of the conference. In return, you get free conference registration(s), a display table, and recognition throughout the conference and the conference materials.

If you wish to discuss potential conference sponsorship, please contact Clifford Oliver, Ph.D., CEM, CBCP, the *Conference Sponsorship Chair* at coliver@nanticokeglobal.com or 302 470-0535

Conference Lodging Information



Cacapon Resort State Park Lodge

The newest lodge in the West Virginia State Parks system, Cacapon Resort's 120-room luxury lodge sits at the foot of Cacapon Mountain. With indoor and outdoor dining, a spa, indoor swimming pool and a view of the park's golf course, it is the perfect place for adventurers to wind down.

Positioned in the shadow of a folded mountain ridge in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, Cacapon Resort State Park is a 6,000 plus-acre, year-round destination. The park is frequented by both nature lovers and adventure seekers from around the state, as well as nearby cities such as Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Cacapon Resort is also a draw for history buffs due to its proximity to the historic town of Berkeley Springs and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

To receive the conference lodging rate, you must call the hotel at (304) 258-1022 to make a reservation. Ask to speak with the front desk or group services. The room block code is VOAD.

- ❖ The conference rate is **NOT** available if you book your room online.
- ❖ Registration closes and hotel reservations **MUST** be complete by 4pm eastern time on **March 2, 2026**. This is a hard deadline.

The rates below include the conference discount, but do not include the retail tax of 6% and hotel/motel tax of 6%.

Main Lodge

Single Queen Bed	\$99.99
Double Queen Bed	\$129.99
King Bed	\$149.99

Cabins

Two Bedroom Classic Cabin	\$145.99
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The address of the conference hotel is 818 Cacapon Lodge Dr, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

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