

Illinois Student Veterans Leadership Day
Thursday, April 12, 2018
Howlett Building (501 S. Second Street), State Capitol Complex, Springfield Illinois

- 9:00-10:00 Social – Hosted by Road Home Program
Invite Sent to All State Legislators and Constitutional Officers for Social
(Hall of Flags – Howlett Building)
- 10:00 Opening Ceremony/Welcome
Moderator/Introductions: Dan Wellman, Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs,
Veterans Education and Training Section, Administrator
Welcome: Erica Jeffries, Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs Director
Opening Ceremony Speaker: Roman Ortega, SVA-IL, Executive Director
- 10:30 Illinois Legislative Panel Discussion:
Moderator: Kevin Smith, Governors State University
State Representative Linda Chapa LaVia
State Representative Jerry Costello
State Representative David Harris
State Representative Stephanie Kifowit
State Representative Daniel Swanson
- 11:15 Move to State Capitol
- 11:45 Photo at State Capitol
- 12:00 Lunch: (Provided) (Hall of Flags – Howlett Building)
- 1:00 Keynote Speaker
State Senator Michael Hastings
United States Army, 2003-2008
United States Military Academy, B.S. in Leadership and Management
University of Illinois, MBA
John Marshall Law School, JD
- 1:30 Illinois Public Policy Panel Discussion:
Moderator: Dr. Kathy Meyers, Western Illinois University
Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Illinois Community College Board, Director
Erica Jeffries, Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Director
Eric Zarnikow, Illinois Student Assistance Commission, Executive Director
- 2:15 Open Discussion/After Action Review on SVLD/Future Events Announcements
- 2:30 Adjourn/Meet with State Legislators

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