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Media Advisory

IDVA Director Erica Jeffries at VSO Office in Harrisburg

WHAT: The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs **Director Erica Jeffries** will present to the media the many benefits of the Veteran Service Officer (VSO) to all Veterans in Illinois.

The VSO assists veterans in navigating the complex web of services and benefits available. IDVA runs 46 full-time and 35 part-time (itinerant) offices in 80 out of the 102 counties. These offices are staffed by more than 60 individual Veteran Service Officers, fellow veterans who are experts on federal, state and local veteran resources.

Our VSO's are trained and accredited by the US Department of Veterans Affairs to provide free assistance to veterans and their dependents and survivors. This includes not only applying for federal and state benefits but also providing resources related to the following: Compensation and Pension, Health Care, Education & Training, Employment, Burial & Survivor, Housing, Permits, Transportation, Military Records and more.

The Harrisburg Office ranks in the top 10 of VSO offices concerning number of veterans using the office for assistance.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

WHERE: IDVA Office, 320 E. Raymond, Harrisburg, Illinois

TIME: 10:00 a.m.