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**Notice and Agenda for the Meeting of the
DISCHARGED SERVICEMEMBER TASK FORCE**

Monday, March 31, 2014, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Village of Hall (Village of New Lenox)
Community Room
1 Veterans Parkway
New Lenox, IL 60451

All of the below listed agenda items are for review and discussion by the Task Force:

1. Call to Order, Roll Call of Members and Introduction of Guests
2. Progress Report on Policy Recommendations from DSTF's FY 2014 Summary Report on Challenges Facing Women Veterans – IDVA Assistant Director Rodrigo Garcia
3. Introduction and Overview of Meeting Focus Area: **ECONOMIC VITALITY: EMPLOYMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EDUCATION** – IDVA Director Erica Borggren
4. Overview of Employment, Entrepreneurship and Education Challenges in the Veteran Community – Asst. Director Rodrigo Garcia
5. Roundtable Discussion –
 - a. Employment
 - i. Resources for Job-Seeking Veterans
 - Hiring Events
 - Training Programs
 - State Programs/Service Outlets
 - ii. Employer Resources
 - Illinois Hires Heroes Consortium
 - Tax Incentives
 - HR Training
 - iii. Veterans Preference

- b. Entrepreneurship
 - i. Programs for Veteran Entrepreneurs
 - Mission: Veterans 2 Entrepreneurs
 - Women's Vetpreneurship Program
 - Veterans2Ventures
 - ii. Procurement and Government Contracts
 - Illinois Veteran Business Program
 - c. Education
 - i. Applying Military Experience toward Licensing Requirements
 - NGA Licensing Initiative
 - Bridge Programs
 - ii. Awarding Credit for Prior Military Training
 - iii. Illinois Veterans' Grant (IVG)
 - iv. University Support Policies and Programs
 - Priority Registration
 - Cultural Awareness Training
 - Veteran Coordinators/Career Centers
6. Policy Recommendations
7. Closing Remarks and Announcements – Asst. Director Rodrigo Garcia
8. Adjournment