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## *Media Alert*

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**Volunteers of America of Illinois will host A Moral Injury Convening: A Deeper Conversation.**

This event will take a deeper dive into what moral injury is, the effects it has on Veterans, and the work being done in the community to support Veterans afflicted by moral injury

**WHAT: A Moral Injury Convening: A Deeper Conversation**  
**WHERE: DePaul's Cortelyou Commons 2324 N. Fremont St., Chicago, IL 60614**  
**WHEN: March 19, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Attendees will hear from professionals in the field, content experts and learn about our Hero to Hero Program; a comprehensive, highly individualized program delivered by Veterans for Veterans who are struggling or in crisis in any number of life domains and hear from the following content experts.

**Speakers and panelists include:**

Director Erica Jeffries (veteran), the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs  
General James Mukoyama (veteran), Military Outreach USA Director  
Victor LaGroom (veteran), Office of Veterans Affairs for the City of Chicago  
Reverend Oluwatoyin Hines LPC, NCC, Road Home Program at Rush  
Dr. John Mundt, Jesse Brown VA  
Dr. Walidah Bennett, Multi-Faith Veterans Program at DePaul University  
Rev. Dr. Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Rev. Dr. Rita Brock, Senior Vice President of Moral Injury Programs, Volunteers of America  
Lisa Goodale, Consulting Services Vice President, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
Michael Desmond (veteran), Hero 2 Hero, Volunteers of America of IL

Volunteers of America of Illinois serves more than **500 Veteran households** every year who are struggling, in crisis or at-risk of serious instability. In addition to our services, Volunteers of America of Illinois also developed and manages Veteran-headed housing developments: Hope Manor I and Hope Manor II in Chicago and Hope Manor Joliet in Joliet, Illinois.

\*\*Media wishing to cover & attend the event should contact Liliana Scales at 312-564-2332 or [lscales@voail.org](mailto:lscales@voail.org).

**About Volunteers of America of Illinois:** Volunteers of America of Illinois is dedicated to helping people of all ages create positive and lasting change in their lives through programs that support, empower and transform. This tradition calls us to seek out and restore hope to those who have been forgotten or left behind. We re-build shattered families and broken communities by bringing real solutions to the most vulnerable populations in Illinois – including veterans in crises, the elderly and children in foster care. Bringing real solutions means creating positive and lasting change to more than 1,000 people each year.

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