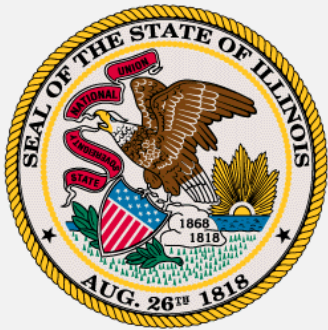


# MILITARY **PRIOR** LEARNING **ASSESSMENT** TASK FORCE



Illinois Board of Higher Education  
Dr. James Applegate, Executive Director

## **MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (MPLA) TASK FORCE**

Orientation / Meeting

February 3, 2016

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Dr. Arthur Sutton, Task Force Chair



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# Members of the MPLA Task Force

Your service and commitment guarantees a thorough and enduring success of our objective!

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- **Representative Linda Chapa LaVia**,  
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Southwestern Illinois College
- **Dr. Adam Tournier**,  
McKendree University



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# TODAY'S AGENDA

(as provided in your handout)

- Welcome . . . . . Dr. James Applegate  
*Executive Director, IBHE*
- Introduction . . . . . Dr. Arthur Sutton  
*Deputy Director, IBHE Diversity & Outreach;  
Task Force Chair*
- Presentation #1 . . . . . Ms. Amy Sherman  
*Associate VP of Innovation and Policy  
Council for Adult & Experiential Learning (CAEL)*
- Presentation #2 . . . . . Dr. Dan Cullen  
*Deputy Director, IBHE Academic Affairs*  
  
Ms. Amanda Winters  
*Assistant Director, IBHE Academic Affairs*
- Discussion, MPLA T/F  
Meeting Schedule . . . . . Task Force members
- Closing Comments . . . . .



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# Role and Purpose of the Task Force

- **To objectively examine** current Illinois and national Military Prior Learning Assessment activities, models and practices.
- **To make recommendations** that will improve postsecondary outcomes for Illinois veterans and military personnel.
- **To share those recommendations** with institutions of higher education and government officials.





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# Final Outcome of the Task Force

A final report of the  
research and  
recommendations  
to the **Illinois**  
**General Assembly**  
due December, 2016







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# Considerations of the Task Force

- **DISTINCT DEFINITION:** What is meant by prior military learning assessment?
- **PURPOSE:** What purposes do prior military learning assessments serve?
- **VISION:** What is our ultimate vision for Priority Military Learning Assessment in Illinois? What will best serve our students?
- **NATIONAL PEERS:** How is prior military learning being assessed in other states?
- **OBSTACLES:** What are the known and/or potential obstacles to achieving: **1)** accurate PMLA, **2)** Implementation of PMLA, and **3)** Success as a task force?
- **STATE GOALS:** What state goals can prior military learning assessment serve? What can the State do to advance prior military learning assessments?
- **DATA, TECHNOLOGY:** Do we have the data necessary to answer the essential questions about prior military learning assessment? What are the best ways to use PLA scan results?





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# Activity of the Task Force

- Will convene approximately five times from February, 2016 to November, 2016
- Examine research, reports, etc., and review landscape of prior military learning assessments.
- Prepare, present and consider various issues and developments pertaining to prior military learning assessments.
- Discuss preliminary recommendations and Report format.
- Discuss final recommendations and Report.
- Submit final report to General Assembly in December.

