

# **The Illinois Attorney General invites you to attend webinars from the Military & Veterans Rights Bureau**

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce an upcoming webinar series offered by my office's Military and Veterans Rights Bureau. These webinars will share important information on the rights and benefits that our service members, veterans, and their families have earned. I recognize that the physical and psychological effects of military duty often continue after the tour of duty ends. Likewise, our state's and our country's support for the troops does not stop when they come home. To compensate veterans for the hardships they have suffered in service to our country, the state and federal governments provide them with protections and benefits.

My Military and Veterans Rights Bureau is dedicated to ensuring that veterans and active duty military service members receive the benefits they have earned. The bureau provides men and women with assistance, including case advocacy, outreach, and public advocacy forums. These webinars will provide valuable information to support our service members and veterans and those that work with these individuals.

The **Illinois Military Veterans Assistance Act (MVAA) Webinar** will provide an overview of the Military Veterans Assistance Act (330 ILCS 45) and the changes that became effective February 10, 2023, including the role of Veterans Assistance Commissions and county boards in the administration of benefits for military veterans and their families. Veteran service organizations, County Veterans Assistance Commissions, and County Board Members are encouraged to attend. The MVAA webinar will be held on April 23, 2024.

The **Illinois Service Member Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (ISERRA) Webinar** will provide an overview of ISERRA (330 ILCS 61), including the types of qualifying military service, the employment protections and reemployment rights for members of the National Guard, Reserves and Federal Auxiliaries while completing their military requirements, and the health insurance and pension protections included in ISERRA. Human Resources professionals, advocacy organizations, service members and their families are encouraged to attend. The ISERRA webinar will be held on May 7, 2024.

The **Veteran Service Organizations State Charter Act Webinar** will provide an overview of the Veteran Service Organizations State Charter Act (330 ILCS 46) that became effective January 1, 2024, including the Act's applicability to the Military Veterans Assistance Act and the process whereby a veteran service organization may apply for state charter status. Veteran service organizations, County Veterans Assistance Commissions, and County Board Members are encouraged to attend along with veterans organizations. The Veteran Service Organizations State Charter Act webinar will be held on June 26, 2024.

The **What to Know About Veteran Consumer Scams Webinar** will provide an overview of common veterans scams, how to spot them and what to do if you may have encountered one. Service members, veterans, their families, and advocacy organizations are encouraged to attend. The webinar will be held on July 12, 2024.

I encourage service members, veterans, their families, employers, Veterans Assistance Commissions, and county boards to participate in one or more of these free webinars. To RSVP, please register via the links below or contact [special.events@ilaq.gov](mailto:special.events@ilaq.gov). I also encourage you to email questions in advance so we can be responsive to the issues you are facing.

Very truly yours,

Kwame Raoul  
Illinois Attorney General

**How to enroll:**

To register for a webinar, scan the QR Code or click on the Zoom registration link and you will be directed to the registration site. Once you are registered, you will receive the log in information. If you need assistance registering or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Theresa Geary at [special.events@ilag.gov](mailto:special.events@ilag.gov) or 1-866-376-7215. Individuals with hearing or speech disabilities can reach us by using the 7-1-1 relay service.

**Illinois Military Veterans Assistance Act (MVAA) Webinar Registration Link:****Tuesday, April 23, 2024****11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://ilattorneygeneral-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_UGok3cV\\_Qm-InJI7h6WP6A](https://ilattorneygeneral-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UGok3cV_Qm-InJI7h6WP6A)**Illinois Service Member Employment & Reemployment Rights Act (ISERRA) Webinar Registration Link:****Tuesday, May 7, 2024****10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://ilattorneygeneral-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_OUvDHLdDRG6Wkkkwc8OCXw](https://ilattorneygeneral-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OUvDHLdDRG6Wkkkwc8OCXw)**Veteran Service Organizations State Charter Act Webinar Registration Link:****Wednesday, June 26, 2024****11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://ilattorneygeneral-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9hkLLeWXRciGrgK9HUZ6Xg](https://ilattorneygeneral-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9hkLLeWXRciGrgK9HUZ6Xg)**What to Know About Veteran Consumer Scams Webinar Registration Link:****Friday, July 12, 2024****11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

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For questions on the content of the presentations or to reach our Military and Veterans Rights Bureau, please call 1-800-382-2000 or email [mvrb@ilag.gov](mailto:mvrb@ilag.gov).