

**Assembly Higher Education Committee  
Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee**

**Joint Legislative Oversight Hearing**

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

1:30 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 437

**Serving Student Veterans**

*This hearing will examine state and federal programs that provide assistance to returning veterans seeking access to public postsecondary education and the challenges facing these students and review existing programs and best practices for serving student veterans.*

**I. Introductions**

**II. Overview of CalVet's Responsibilities**

Lindsey Wathen, Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Affairs, CalVet  
Phil McAllister, Legislative Consultant, CalVet

**III. Perspectives on the Needs of Student Veterans**

Megan Krause, Associate Director of Veterans Programs, American Council on Education  
Daniel Ayers, Student, Peer Mentor, Los Rios Community College District  
Richard Molina, Student, California State University, Sacramento

**IV. Perspectives of California's Public Higher Education Institutions**

Dr. Barry Russell, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, California Community Colleges  
Chancellor's Office

Michael Dear, Specialist, Student Services and Special Programs, California Community  
Colleges Chancellor's Office

Dr. Lisa Curtin, Director of Military Programs, San Diego Community College District

Nathan Evans, Director of Enrollment Management Services, California State University  
Chancellor's Office

Kate Jeffery, Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Financial Support, University  
of California Office of the President

**V. Public Comment**