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MICHIGAN VETERANS EDUCATORS

4th Annual Conference
Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

**Collaboration, Connection, Community:
Critical Elements to Student Veteran Success**

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

1-2pm **Registration Open** Upper Concourse E
Refreshments Available

2-3pm **Opening Remarks** Rooms 201-202
Philip Larson, Program Director, Veteran & Military Services, UM – Ann Arbor; Chair, CMVE
Major General Michael R. Lehnert, USMC (Retired), Vice Chair, SVA Board of Directors

**Keynote Address: Where's Willie Gillis Jr. on my campus? Data Collection and
Collaboration to Locate and Serve Student Veterans On Campus**

Dr. Chris Cate, Vice President of Research, Student Veterans of America (SVA)
Willie Gillis, Jr. was created by Norman Rockwell for a series of World War II paintings for The Saturday Evening Post representing the World War II era veteran, from going off to war then returning and finally enrolling in college. Identifying and tracking student veterans after WWII was relatively simple because of their large numbers on-campus. In recent times, the ability to identify and track today's student veterans has become more difficult and challenging. But, where there's challenge there's also opportunity. The address will share some of the successes in data collection and collaborating Student Veterans of America research has done in the previous five years to help identify student veterans and track their post-secondary academic outcomes.

3:15-4pm **Concurrent Sessions Group I**

- ✦ Through the Looking Glass: An In-Depth Look and Discussion on Data Collection, Collaboration, and Tracking Room 203
- ✦ Veterans Compliance Reporting Re-Engineering Project Update Room 204
- ✦ Get Out and Get Active: Activity-Based Veteran Groups Room 205
- ✦ Finding Purpose: Exploring the Purpose of the Modern SVO Governor's Room

4-5pm **Break** Rooms 201-202
Kognito Resource Table Available from 4-6PM

5-6pm **Networking Reception** Rooms 201-202
Beer, wine, and light appetizers

6pm **Dinner on your own**

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Wednesday, September 28, 2016

8-9am	Registration	Mainstreet Concourse
8-9am	Breakfast Buffet <i>Kognito Resource Table Available On-Site</i>	Banquet Halls 1-4
9-9:45am	Concurrent Sessions Group II <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Improving Veteran Services: How to Assess Current Services and Proactively Implement Changes✦ Connection to Military Culture Makes Collaborating for a Veteran-Friendly Community Stronger✦ Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA): VA Education Benefits✦ Connecting the Student Veteran to Michigan's Veteran-Friendly Employers	Banquet Hall 5 Banquet Hall 6 Banquet Hall 7 Banquet Hall 8
10-10:45am	2016 Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency Update James Robert Redford, Director, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency	Banquet Halls 1-4
10:45-11:30am	Concurrent Sessions Group III <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Veterans and the Michigan Workforce: Information and Tools from the MI Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives✦ Breaking Down Barriers to Student Veteran Success✦ Creating a Model for Veteran Success through Collaborations✦ Transition Support: The Whole Student Concept	Banquet Hall 5 Banquet Hall 6 Banquet Hall 7 Banquet Hall 8
11:30-1pm	Lunch & CMVE Business Meeting	Banquet Halls 1-4
1-1:45pm	Knowledge Community Roundtable Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Academic Credit✦ Outreach & Recruitment✦ Post-Military Career Success✦ School Certifying Official Support✦ SVA/Student Support	Banquet Hall 5 Banquet Hall 6 Banquet Hall 7 Banquet Hall 8 Governor's Room
2-3:00pm	Conference Closing Activities Katie Giardello, Director of Veteran & Transfer Initiatives, Michigan Center for Student Success	Banquet Halls 1-4