



Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

SAVE THE DATES: November 6 and 7, 2008

*Painting a Moving Train**

Working with Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan

(*taken from a talk by General Robert Magnus, USMC Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps)

Virginia Wounded Warrior Summit

Advances in medical technology are saving more lives on the battlefield than ever before. But, many of our warriors are coming home with invisible wounds: combat stress and traumatic brain injuries. Over the next 20 years, approximately 50,000 Virginia veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq may experience the effects of these invisible injuries. And, when you factor in the impact on spouses and children, Virginia's share of this serious mental health concern could reach 200,000 or higher.

These veterans and their families need help now! Don't miss "Painting a Moving Train."

Who should attend?

Behavioral health care, rehabilitation professionals, brain injury service providers, and other health care professionals including psychologists, social workers, counselors, case managers, psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, family therapists, substance abuse counselors, and pastoral counselors.

Four reasons to attend this summit:

1. Clinical training on combat stress injuries, working effectively in the military culture, diagnoses—definitions and distinctions, and injury assessment.
 2. An opportunity to meet and hear a briefing from Cathy Wilson, Executive Director of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. The Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be distributing community funding in early 2009 to expand the capacity of current providers to deliver behavioral healthcare, brain injury and rehabilitative services.
 3. Presentations and discussion with veterans who have experienced combat stress or traumatic brain injuries and their family members.
 4. Networking with your peers from across the state.
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Mark your calendar now!

- Thursday, November 6: 12:30 to 4:45 p.m. with a reception from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 7: 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Where?

Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center Auditorium

Fishersville, VA 22939-3407

[Directions to Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center](#)

The conference also will be available at remote video-conference sites around the state:

Bristol • Martinsville • Norfolk • Williamsburg • Fredericksburg
Chantilly • Richmond

Look for more information in mid-September

Check out www.virginiaforveterans.com

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