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The Invisible Wounds of War

facilitating the spiritual and
psychological care of returning war
veterans and their extended families

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Agenda

Time	Speaker	Topic
:45	Peter McCall	Review what CareForTheTroops is and does www.CareForTheTroops.org Review how congregations can participate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congregations can start Military Ministry Programs • Explain the role of a VFC* and Lead Congregation • Describe and ask for VFC* Approval Letters
:15	All	Open Discussion and Concluding Remarks

* A VFC is a Veteran Friendly Congregation

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CareForTheTroops, Inc.



Who Are We – ‘Big Picture’

- CareForTheTroops is working to help the military and their extended family members receive mental health services and support from within the civilian elements of our society in the State of Georgia.
- CareForTheTroops is attempting to equip the civilian elements of society e.g. congregation leadership teams, with the capacities to be helpful.
- We are working toward “building a better net” to catch those that need help before they fall too far and reach moments of desperation.

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Organization



501c3 status has already been approved by the IRS

Current Board of Directors:

President	Rev Robert Certain, Rector, Episcopal Church of St Peter and St Paul (USAF)
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Member	Bill Harrison, Partner, Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins LLP (USAF)
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Current Partners:

The Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (GAMFT)
 The EMDR Network of Clinicians in Georgia
 Pathways Community Network, Inc
 Fraser Counseling Center, Hinesville, Georgia (nearby Fort Stewart)
 Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta
 Presbytery of Atlanta and the Presbyterian Women of Atlanta
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Causes for Concern



As of 12/1/2008

- 1.7M troops deployed
- 4207 US Military killed in Iraq (excludes civilians)
- 627 US Military killed in Afghanistan (excludes civilians)
- 65,000+ US Military wounded
- 54% deployed are Reserve / Guard (4/08)
- 1% of US population is directly touched by military service; more if you consider civilian contractors
- Deployed as of 09/2009:
 - ~ 130K troops in Iraq
 - ~ 160K civilian contractors in Iraq
 - ~ 65K troops in Afghanistan (more are being sought as of Oct 2009)



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1. Multiple deployments are common causing stress and family attachment issues
2. An April '08 Rand Study reported 37% have either PTSD, TBI, or significant Mental Stress (5% all 3). Some estimate >50% return with some form of mental distress
3. Suicide, alcoholism, domestic abuse and violent crimes rates are rising. Suicide is 33% higher in '07 over '06, 50% higher in '08, and almost equal to '08 by May of '09
4. Military Sexual Trauma (MST) is running at 16%-23%
5. In 2008, military children and teens sought outpatient mental health care 2 million times, a 20% increase from '08 and double from the start of the Iraq war ('03)
6. DoD and VA facilities are stretched ... the Aug 2009 VA claims backlog is 900,000
7. Many more Reservists & Guard than previous wars (54% as of mid '08) and they and families are more distant from DoD and VA support facilities
8. Other mental health, marriage, and family problems often occur with or leading up to PTSD requiring attention so they don't get worse
9. Rand Study estimates that PTSD and depression among service members will cost the nation up to \$6.2 billion in the two years after deployment. The study concludes that investing in proper treatment would actually save \$2 billion within two years

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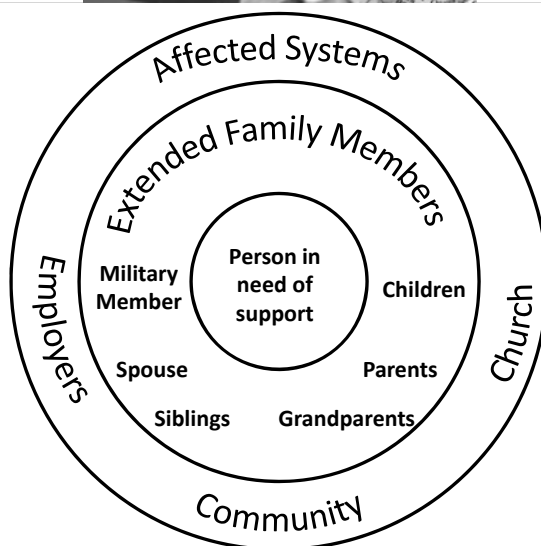
Mission of CareForTheTroops.org



- Work to improve the ability of the civilian mental health infrastructure in the State of Georgia, then nationally, to work with military family members
- Facilitate connecting military families to providers of spiritual and psychological services familiar with the military culture and trauma
- Focus on addressing combat stress recovery as well as other spiritual and mental health related problems impacting the marriages and families of military veterans
- Educate and train clinicians, congregation and community leaders, extended family, and civilian groups about the military culture and trauma associated with military deployments in order to better assess and treat mental health symptoms, and provide more effective referrals and care
- Provide opportunities for additional trauma treatment training to clinicians
- Operate in an interfaith, non-political manner, focusing on the humanitarian interest that benefits the veterans and their extended family members

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Approach



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Why Congregations



- "...With research consistently showing that clergy - not psychologists or other mental health experts - are the most common source of help sought in times of psychological distress..." based on a Baylor University study Oct 2008

The results were published in *Mental Health, Religion and Culture*.

- Congregations already know their local community which is important if we are to address the needs across the entire State (and Nation).
- Often they already belong to a local interfaith community, e.g. the local Covenant Churches of East Cobb
- There is the opportunity to access the existing "networks" within the larger faith communities, e.g. the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta with the help of the Catholic Charities Atlanta network.

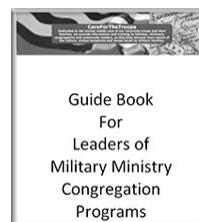
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We urge you to link to their web site and take advantage of their training and support activities. CareForTheTroops is inclusive and believe that by working together we can best support the returning veterans and their extended family members.

OUR GOAL for this web site? ... We want this website to be a resource you can rely upon and trust to help better understand the mental health issues of US military and their extended families resulting from the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. By better understanding the issues, more will recognize the symptoms and triggers and this will result in a better quality and quantity of referrals to mental health professionals.

Today's News Reports

TOPICS: PTSD - Military Veteran Mental Health

Health

White House blasts insurance sector report

Reuters - 45 minutes ago

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By Alison Lighthall, RN, MS

Item Number 9: How do returning veterans think of themselves?

need some extra assistance with issues affecting them from the conflicts in Iraq or Afghanistan?

Want to know more?--[click here](#)--

HIGHLIGHT - Interesting website on PTSD and Trauma for ALL family members

A very informative site filled with all kinds of resources about PTSD and Trauma. It is not just focused on military trauma so it might be useful for other members of military families. Go to the [Gift From Within](#) website.

HIGHLIGHT - Check Out VA Vet Centers, Now 5 in Georgia

Vet Centers (232 so far) provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available for their family members for military related issues. Veterans have earned these benefits through their service and all are provided at no cost to the veteran or family. The five centers in Georgia are in Atlanta, Lawrenceville, Marietta, Macon, and Savannah

HIGHLIGHT - New, free training material for Vets, Clinicians and Congregation Leaders

A Quick Guide for Returning Veterans (pocket-sized booklet) and Clinicians's Guide for counselors. Written by Pamela Woll, MA CADP from the ATTC Network. Read more about this material on our [Training Material Page](#)

HIGHLIGHT - New Partner: Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Atlanta

(June) We are pleased to announce that Joe Krygiel, CEO of Catholic Charities, will join our Board. CareForTheTroops continues to make outreach to all faiths and denominations. We expect to announce additional partnerships in the near future. See our other Partners listed on the left side of each web page.

HIGHLIGHT - A new pamphlet on Suicide Awareness and Prevention for Leaders

2009 is proving to be a critical year to address this issue. [Read and heed](#) this important information.

What should clinicians and therapists consider doing?

It has already started, but certainly over the next couple of years, more and more clinicians with military backgrounds will be seeking mental health support from civilian, non-VA clinicians.

1. Consider enrolling in the CareForTheTroops program
2. Consider some training to treat patients with trauma using EMDR
3. Consider becoming part of the CareForTheTroops Training Cadre. Over time our training needs will increase and we will need more and more trainers
4. Consider speaking with the leadership at your current congregation or the congregation nearby your home and office, encouraging them to begin a military ministry and to work with the CareForTheTroops initiative

Want to know more? [click here](#).

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Introduction:

Congregation-based Military Ministry Programs are a step toward supporting active military and veterans of the current and past conflicts. These programs are fundamental to the success of the CareForTheTroops effort as they represent the primary participation vehicle for Congregations to participate in the CFTT Initiative and also an important element in qualifying as a **Veteran Friendly Congregation**. It is a very key way for spreading the word and connecting with military family members in need on a local level.

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Related Articles of Interest

An overall guide book is available which helps a Congregation Leader set up a military ministry in their congregation, access, print, and download this Guide Book you should click on the image on the left

This Guide Book is designed to help leaders of congregation-based military ministries and also leaders of Lead Congregations. The workbook-style was used to make it as easy and simple to understand the steps to follow and the elements to consider when bringing CareForTheTroops to the local congregation level and to the surrounding communities.

The following individual programs are suggested in the Guide Book. However, these are just suggestions. We are welcome any new ideas and suggestions and certainly do not want you to give up any programs which your congregation may already have started. In fact, be sure to tell us about any!

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To give you an idea of what this guidebook contains and how it can be helpful to you, we are showing below the Table of Contents as well as the opening introduction letter to the reader.

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Part 2 – Congregation Program Templates

Program 1: Prayer List Identification - Spiritual Support and Care

Moving down the same page gets you to the Guide Book info we have introduced in this presentation. It also shows the TOC and the Intro Letter in the document

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Veteran Friendly Congregation (VFC)



Program Requirements

Any congregation that meets the following criteria qualifies on an annual basis. Once qualified, a certificate will be sent to the Congregation Leader which is suitable for framing and should be displayed in a prominent location such that it can be seen by visitors, members, and leaders of the congregation alike.

Annual Criteria

- Agree to adopt one or more of the Military Ministry Programs suggested by CareForTheTroops or approved and agreed to in writing by the CareForTheTroops organization. CFTT Board Members and also Lead Congregations can provide this approval.
- Agree to advertise the existence of the Military Ministry Program(s) in one or more of your congregation publications (service bulletins, newsletters, etc) at least twice a month, all year long so that their existence is easily visible to visitors, members, and leadership of the congregation.
- Annually, renew your agreement with the provisions above by sending a letter to the CareForTheTroops office address shown on the web.

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Lead Congregation



Program Requirements

Lead Congregations are the **LEADERS** in their geography and become the organization responsible for spreading the word about this help. We can't rely on a group in Atlanta to spread this across the State and the Nation.

Annual Criteria

- Be an overall advocate and emissary of the CareForTheTroops initiative
- Recruit congregations of all faiths on the merits of developing a military ministry
- Providing feedback to CFTT on how the programs are being used and any improvements that are needed to the documentation
- Feedback on new ideas and programs discovered while speaking with other congregations that they have already implemented
- Assistance to the Regional Trainers with scheduling presentations and events
- Help with fundraising if local foundations or private benefactors are involved. They would not be asked to participate in other parts of the State where other Lead Congregations exist.

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VFC vs Lead Congregation Responsibilities



Responsibilities	VFC	Lead Congregation
Establish a Military Ministry Team within the congregation	X	X
Establish at least 1 program approved by CFTT or LC (more desired)	X	X
Advertise the programs in your congregation all year	X	X
Provide an annually signed VFC Commitment Letter to CFTT	X	X
Agree that we can list congregation information on the CFTT site	X	X
Be an advocate and emissary of CFTT in an agreed to geography		X
Recruit congregations of all faiths in the community		X
Advise VFCs on how to get started		X
Communicate with established VFCs and CFTT quarterly		X
Assist Regional Trainers in scheduling training		X
Help with fundraising within the geography agreed to with CFTT		X

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A key piece of the web site is the Resource Library with the 4 selections shown. This material is updated periodically. The reference material is weekly.

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Finally, an important aspect of our mission is to connect you to others that can help.

The Find a Therapist menu item discusses how one might choose a therapist and then allows you to search many ways.

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This shows the first 4 search results for Fulton County in the database.

This is intended for use by congregation sources, clinicians, and people in need searching for a therapist who wants to work with military families.

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Therapist "Search County" Results

LIST ORDER filtered by county, then zip
Therapists with multiple addresses will be listed multiple times
Therapists with no military culture training, experience or background in their profile will not be listed

<p>ID: 140 NAME: Ms Nina M Lalreello, LMFT ADDRESS: 3534 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30005 COUNTY: Fulton (north) REGION: NW PHONES: O: 770-905-7391 C: 770-908-7391 F: 678-624-0258 SPECIALTIES: PTSD, Marriage/Couples, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, Family, Addiction OTHER SPECIALTIES: Certified Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor INSURANCE PANELS: not on any panels</p>	<p>EMAIL: nina_lalreello@hotmail.com DEGREES: Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Family Therapy OTHER LANGUAGES: MILITARY CULTURE TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED: MILITARY CULTURE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE: Bosnia/Joint Endeavor/Guard Era</p>
<p>ID: 136 NAME: Seymour Shaye, LMFT ADDRESS: A Southside Center for Counseling 1308 N. Morningside Dr, Suite 2, Atlanta, GA 30306 COUNTY: Fulton (north) REGION: NW PHONES: O: 678-595-6116 C: 678-595-6116 SPECIALTIES: PTSD, Family, Children/Play Therapy, Addiction OTHER SPECIALTIES: Vocational, Career, educational counseling INSURANCE PANELS: Cigna, Humana</p>	<p>EMAIL: seymour.shaye@optumhealth.com DEGREES: BS, MA OTHER LANGUAGES: MILITARY CULTURE TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED: MILITARY CULTURE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE: Vietnam Era</p>
<p>ID: 123 NAME: Karen L McCarty, LMFT, LPC ADDRESS: The Link Counseling Center 348 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Atlanta, GA 30328 COUNTY: Fulton (north) REGION: NW PHONES: O: 404-256-9797 C: 404-213-6172 SPECIALTIES: PTSD, EMDR, Marriage/Couples, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, Family INSURANCE PANELS: We do not take any insurance at The Link</p>	<p>EMAIL: kgm@mindspring.com DEGREES: psychology, Community Counseling OTHER LANGUAGES: MILITARY CULTURE TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED: MILITARY CULTURE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE:</p>
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Many will come in contact with military personnel and their family members connected to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts at churches, synagogues, mosques, schools, medical offices, places of employment and where social services agencies are operating.

Congregation Leaders should start a Military Ministry. We describe how to do that here.

Community Leaders should learn about the military culture and signs of trauma & PTSD.

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EMDR TRAINING
Weekend 1 (Part I)
January 15-17, 2010
Athens, Georgia
Weekend 2 (Part II) - TBA



The EMDR HAP (Humanitarian Assistance Program) Training organization (www.emdrhap.org) will conduct Weekend 1 (Part I) training Friday through Sunday, Jan 15th to 17th in Athens, Georgia. The training facilities used in Athens are at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, 598 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30605.

Weekend 2 (Part II) training will be scheduled 3-6 months later with details TBA.

This training is jointly sponsored by the The Samaritan Counseling Center of Northeast Georgia (www.samaritannegea.org), GAMFT-The Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (www.gamft.org), and The CareForTheTroops, Inc. non-profit organization (www.CareForTheTroops.org).

- ✓ AUDIENCE: This training is for licensed (and some licensable) counselors working in a non-profit environment. Specific details are available at the following web location: www.emdrhap.org/training/.
- ✓ COST: \$350 for each weekend. Lodging and meals are the responsibility of the participant.
- ✓ SCHOLARSHIPS: A limited number are available to cover the full HAP Fee for Weekend 2 (Part II) for those that meet the criteria below. So please apply early if one is needed.

ENROLLMENT:
 TRAINING: Enroll for the HAP Part I training is done on-line through the HAP website: www.emdrhap.org/training/toregister/listEvents.php. Look for this events' description on the web page.
 SCHOLARSHIPS: Apply for the CareForTheTroops scholarship at www.careforthetroops.org/emdrent.php. Download the Application Document, complete and email or mail it to the address shown on the document.

Additional information about this weekend such as schedule, lodging, restaurants, etc. can be found at the following web location: www.CareForTheTroops.org/emdrent.php.

HAP Participant Requirements	CareForTheTroops(CFTT) Scholarship Criteria
<p>EMDR PART I AND PART II are available for licensed mental health clinicians at the masters degree level or above, or for masters level clinicians on a licensure track, with permission of their licensed clinical supervisor. In keeping with its mission, HAP normally trains only clinicians working 30 or more hours per week in community based, non-profit settings. Exceptions have been made for private practice clinicians who have made a substantial commitment to pro bono service in the community.</p>	<p>It is the intent of CFTT to incent attendance of both EMDR Training Weekends (Part I and Part II) in order to increase the number of fully qualified EMDR Therapists to treat trauma in Georgia. Participants must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practice in Georgia 2. Attend and successfully complete both Part I and Part II EMDR training by HAP 3. Enroll in the CareForTheTroops Therapist Database at the completion of Weekend 1 and stay enrolled at least 2 years. More Info about this is available at www.careforthetroops.org/clinician_cftt_enroll.php 4. Be willing to work with military clients and their extended family members 5. Pay the HAP Training Fee for Part I. CareForTheTroops will pay the HAP Training Fee for Part II which means you must attend a Part II by HAP 6. Attend and complete Part II within 12 months of completing Part I 7. Be responsible for all other costs, fees, and expenses associated with the training weekends.

Chapter Workshops

Military Culture 101-Clinical Treatment Issues

Chapter	Chair / Contact Person	Co-Presenter	Date	Time	Location
Coastal	Kathryn Klock-Powell	Alan	Nov 6th	10am-1pm	Hinesville
Middle	Bruce Conn	Alan	Nov13th	10:30-1:30	Macon
Northeast	David Fowler/Dennis Cain	Blaine	Nov 20th	11am-2pm	Athens
South	Jeff Bickers	Blaine	Nov 21st	9am noon	Valdosta
Southwest	Elaine Gurly/Lori Ann Landry	Blaine	Jan 8th	1pm-4pm	Albany
Metro Atl	Licia Freeman	Alan	Jan 15th	11am-2pm	Decatur
Northwest	Joan Robinson	Blaine	Jan 22nd	11:30-3:30	Sandy Springs
East	John Hill/Sid Gates	Blaine	Feb ??	TBD	Augusta
West	none		TBD		Columbus

NOTE: The latest information and details about these workshops can be found at http://www.careforthetroops.org/training_militaryculture101.php

What did we cover? NEXT STEPS ...

Reviewed CFTT's plans for congregations

- Congregations to start Military Ministry Programs
- Explained the role of VFCs* and Lead Congregations
- Described and asked for VFC* Letters
- Next Steps ...
 1. Gain Agreement from the Parish's Leadership for the Ministry
 2. Assign a Ministry Leader
 3. Recruit and Form a "team", "group", "committee"
 4. Decide which Programs to begin and/or enhance
 5. Sign-up as a CFTT VFC* – connect with the Lead Congregation
 6. Consider being a Lead Congregation and work with CFTT

* A VFC is a Veteran Friendly Congregation

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