ARRM Presents:

PERSPECTIVES: The World of the Returning Vet

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Join ARRM and service providers from across Minnesota for an enlightening day to help us gain a better understanding of the returning war veteran and what he/she faces in daily life.

This colloquium will be an opportunity to get our wheels turning regarding this emerging service need; and to figuratively stand in the shoes of the returning vet.

This colloquium is recommended for managers and decisions-makers in your organization who are interested in developing services for returning war veterans.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Perspectives Explored:

- Military culture
- The challenges of reintegration
- Available resources
- Current research regarding TBI/PTSD
- Poetic insights
- Practical and theoretical issues regarding this emerging service area

Wrapping Up:

What did we learn? Dr. Karol joins us to facilitate a discussion of “What do we know? What did we learn? Where do we go from here?”

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Rose Collins, PhD., is the lead psychologist at the Minneapolis Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center at the Minnesota Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She provides psychological assessment and treatment for individuals with traumatic brain injury and polytrauma, including those who have combat-related TBI and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Dr. Fred Foote is a neurologist/poet who lives in Bethesda, MD. His work has appeared in numerous national magazines and his poems from the Iraq war have received considerable media attention. Foote served on Navy hospital ship Comfort in the early days of the Iraq war with about 1,000 medical personnel. Army personnel usually took care of the U.S. casualties, so many of Foote's patients were wounded Iraqis.

Dr. Robert Karol, Program Director of Brain Injury Services and Director of Neuropsychology and Psychology at Bethesda Hospital, in St. Paul. He co-founded the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota, served on its Board of Directors as well as on the Board of Accessible Space, Inc. He is an author, consultant and heads a group private practice.

Chaplain Major John Morris is a Methodist pastor and has been an Army chaplain since 1984. He’s based in Fort Snelling with the Minnesota Army National Guard, and works for a program that he helped found called Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. It supports the reintegration to civilian life of members of the National Guard.

A representative from the MN Veteran's Affairs office will provide information about available benefits for returning vets through the VA system and the process for obtaining those benefits.
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**WORKSHOP DETAILS**

- **Registration begins:** 8:30 am
- **Session start:** 9:00 am
- **Session end:** 4:30 pm
- **Wrap-up and questions:** 4:15 - 4:30 pm

Breaks and lunch are provided.

**REGISTRATION FEE**

- ARRM members - $109
- Non ARRM members - $159
- Late fee - $25

Go to ARRM’s website at arrm.org and click on the “Perspectives: The World of the Returning Vet” link under “Dates to Remember”.

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**DATE AND LOCATION**

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- **Wildwood Lodge**
  - 8511 Hudson Boulevard
  - Lake Elmo, MN 55042
  - 651/714-8068

**DIRECTIONS**

Wildwood Lodge is east of downtown St. Paul on Interstate 94: take 94 east past 694/494 ring to the next exit which is Inwood Avenue/CR-13/Radio Drive, turn left (north) at the light, go over freeway and turn right on the N Frontage Road.

The Lodge is attached to the Machine Shed Restaurant, visible from the freeway.

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Wildwood Lodge, guest room rate of $119 for single and double occupancy.

Make your reservations by January 26th to receive this rate. Call 651/714-8068, mention that you are with ARRM.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact an ARRM Staff!

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