

**Friday, June 8, 2007**

Registration 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Program: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

6 Credits

The Impact of War: Treating the Families of our Soldiers

*Featured Speaker:***David S. Riggs, Ph.D.****Executive Director of the Center for Deployment Psychology**

The Workshop

The impact of stressful and potentially traumatic events often affects individuals persons well beyond those who experience the events directly. This presentation will focus on the impact of severe stress and trauma on families with an emphasis on the stress associated with military deployment and combat. The discussion will include reactions of families to different types of stress that occurs throughout the deployment cycle and will emphasize potential difficulties associated with the reintegration of deployed family members back into the normal family system.

In addition to the stress placed on families by military deployments, the potential that military personnel exposed to combat will develop trauma-related psychological problems including posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can also significantly impact the family. The presentation will include information on the impact of PTSD symptoms and other trauma reactions on the family members of those who have the symptoms.

Learning Objectives

1. To be able to identify potential family stressors associated with different points of the military deployment cycle.
2. To be familiar with the impact of PTSD symptoms on relationship and family functioning.
3. To understand the ways in which PTSD symptoms may impact on the family members of people with the disorder.
4. To be able to discuss various factors associated with PTSD that may place trauma exposed individuals at risk for perpetrating violence in their families.

The Speaker

David S. Riggs, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of the Center for Deployment Psychology. Dr. Riggs received his B.A. from the University of Kansas and earned his Ph.D. at the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1990 after completing an internship at the Medical University of South Carolina. Subsequently, he held clinical research positions at the Center for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety and the National Center for PTSD at the Boston VA Medical Center as well as academic appointments at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, Tufts University, Boston University and the University of Pennsylvania. As a clinical and research psychologist, much of his work has focused on the impact of PTSD and other anxiety disorders on the families of those directly affected.

Dr. Riggs has published over 60 articles and book chapters and has presented over 100 papers and workshops. He has trained numerous student and mental health professionals in techniques for treating PTSD. As the Director of the Center for Deployment Psychology, Dr. Riggs oversees the development and delivery of training seminars to behavioral health professionals to prepare them to provide for the needs of deployed Service members and their families.

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, Warwick, RI (click [here](#) for directions)

Cost: \$99.00 for RIPA Members, \$119.00 for non-members
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Late registration fee: \$20 (postmarked after Friday, June 1, 2007)

Cancellations/refunds: a handling fee of \$30 is deducted for cancellation prior to Friday, April 8, 2007. No refund will be made thereafter.

Parking and Lunch: The fee includes refreshment breaks and parking. Lunch is on your own.

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