

August 6, 2009



**Pennsylvania Disabled Veterans Rehabilitation/  
Vocational Retraining Project (PDVR/VRP)**

**Community Response Symposium IV**

*Welcoming Returning  
Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)/  
Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) Veterans*

**Addressing Returning Veterans Needs**



**Sponsored by:**

*Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc (VCI)*

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*University of Pittsburgh, Department of Rehabilitation Science & Technology*

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Under-Served Areas (CERMUSA)*



## A Community of Practice



This symposium will identify best practices for providing for the needs of service members returning from Operation Iraqi and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The focus is upon what works, for whom and with what specific resources and supports.

Our community has committed to implementing recommendations and ideas identified in this meeting.

**It is our goal to put these action steps into operation.**

### AGENDA\*

- 08:00 Welcoming Remarks - Don Rullman and Tom Caulfield *{National Anthem—Adia Dobbins}*  
Master of Ceremonies - Rory A. Cooper
- 08:15 Introductory Remarks - Congressman John P. Murtha
- 08:30 Providing Quality Care to Our Wounded, Injured and Ill Service Members  
MG James Gilman, U.S. Army Medical Research & Materiel Command
- 09:15 Meeting the Needs of Our Wounded, Injured and Ill Service Members and Families  
Colonel (Dr.) Donald L. Noah, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection & Readiness
- 10:00 An Overview of the Federal Recovery Coordination Program  
Sheila C. Blackstock, RN, BSN, JD; CAPT (Sel), United States Public Health Service
- 10:45 BREAK
- 11:00 Returning Veterans Perspective  
Phillip Selleh, OIF/OEF Veteran  
Jeremy Feldbusch, OIF/OEF Veteran
- 11:45 USOC Paralympic Military Sports Program  
Charlie Huebner, US Olympic Committee
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12:15 LUNCH
- Pennsylvania National Guard - It's Share Plus for our Nation (LUNCH SPEAKER)  
MG Jessica L. Wright, PA Dept of Military & Veteran Affairs
- Overview of Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center  
COL Michael Jaffee, MD, MC, FS, USAF—National Director, DVVIC
- 13:15 Easter Seals Military and Veteran Initiatives  
Brett Nila, Easter Seals
- 13:45 University of Pittsburgh - Research and Education Experience for Veterans  
Mary Goldberg, University of Pittsburgh
- 14:15 National Veterans Wheelchair Games - 2011  
William Leuthold; Games Coordinator, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
- 14:45 Community Initiatives Update  
*Veterans Court in Allegheny County*  
Al Mercer, Executive Director, Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA  
*Pennsylvania Disabled Veterans Rehabilitation/Vocational Retraining Project update*  
Tom Caulfield, Director, VLP/VCI  
*Update on Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center - Johnstown*  
John DaVanzo, PhD, Director, DVVIC - Johnstown  
*Saint Francis University's Center of Excellence for Remote & Medically Under-Served Areas (CERMUSA)*  
Jay Roberts, CERMUSA Director  
*Combat Stress Intervention Program*  
Barb Duryea, Conemaugh Health Systems/Washington & Jefferson College
- 15:45 CLOSING REMARKS and RECEPTION

\* Subject to change

# Symposium Registration Form

*Location:* Commonwealth Technical Institute  
at Hiram G. Andrews Center;  
727 Goucher Street; Johnstown, PA 15905

*Date:* August 6, 2009

*Fee:* \$50.00 per person (includes continental breakfast, lunch and  
refreshment breaks)

Mail, Fax or Email registration form to:

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Email: [vvlp@surfshop.net](mailto:vvlp@surfshop.net)

**Pre-registration Required-RSVP by July 31st**

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Continuing education credits provided by **the University of  
Pittsburgh, Department of Rehabilitation Science and  
Technology**

CRC – 6 Hours

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CME– 6 Hours



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