

August 18, 2010



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

**Community Response Symposium V**

*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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## 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.**

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### AGENDA\*

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| 08:00 | Welcoming Remarks - Don Rullman and Tom Caulfield <i>{National Anthem—Adia Dobbins}</i><br>Master of Ceremonies - Rory A. Cooper  |
| 08:10 | Tribute to John Murtha Video - Mrs. Joyce Murtha <i>(invited)</i> , COL John Hugya, USMC (Ret)  |
| 08:25 | Introductory Remarks - <u>Congressman Mark S. Critz</u>   |
| 08:55 | Care of Wounded, Injured or Ill Warriors from Down-range to the Community and How Communities Can Help<br>BG William B. Gamble, EAMC Commander  |
| 09:35 | PA Department of Military & Veteran Affairs<br>Col. John Wing, Flight Surgeon/Consult Army Guard Surgeon,<br>Lt. Col. Doug Etter, Executive Officer Office of Deputy Adjutant General |
| 10:15 | Army Wounded Warrior Support Services and Community Involvement<br>Scott Cox, Army Wounded Warrior  |
| 10:55 | <b>BREAK</b>  |
| 11:10 | University of Pittsburgh - Programs for Veterans<br>Ann M. Rairigh, University of Pittsburgh  |
| 11:50 | Vision Regeneration and Rehabilitation<br>MG (Ret) Gale Pollock, Private Consultant (Prior Position-Executive Director, Vision Regeneration Center, University of Pittsburgh)         |
| 12:30 | Lunch/Networking/Tour of the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center   |
| 13:30 | Veterans Court and Homeless Veterans Programs<br>Al Mercer, Executive Director, Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA   |
| 14:00 | Van Zandt (VA) Altoona Programs/Initiatives<br>Tony Bennett, Director James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center  |
| 14:30 | DVBIC-Johnstown Experience<br>Troy Van Scoyoc, Interim Director (DVBIC-Johnstown)   |
| 15:00 | PDVR Local Veteran Initiatives<br>Conemaugh Hospital/Washington & Jefferson CSIP Program<br>Laurel Highlands Support Programs, Lecture Series, VAOP, Murtha Scholarship               |
| 15:20 | CLOSING REMARKS - Rory A. Cooper, PhD   |

Reception to Follow

\*subject to change

# Symposium Registration Form

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

*Date:* August 18, 2010

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

Mail, Fax or Email registration form to:

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727 Goucher Street  
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Fax: 814-255-7892

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

**Pre-registration Required-RSVP by August 11th**

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

CRC – 6 Hours

CEU – 6 Hours

CME– 6 Hours



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Symposiums I, II, III, and IV see [www.vciinc.org](http://www.vciinc.org)

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