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## **UWF CENTER FOR APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY PRESENTS “THE HIDDEN CASUALTIES OF WAR: MOVING TO SOLUTIONS”**

**PENSACOLA** - The University of West Florida Center for Applied Psychology and Naval Hospital Pensacola will co-sponsor the second “The Hidden Casualties of War: Moving to Solutions” Symposium May 7 and 8 at the UWF Center for Fine and Performing Arts, Building 82. The symposium is recommended for community-based mental health professionals, government and uniformed health care providers and those who have an interest in deployment mental or behavioral health. The cost of the symposium is \$185 for early registration, Dec. 1 to Feb 1, 2009, \$205 for regular registration, Feb. 2 to May 1, 2009 and \$60 for full-time student registration.

“It’s been a very exciting opportunity for the UWF Center for Applied Psychology to collaborate with the Naval Hospital Pensacola in particular, their Department of Deployment Health and Wellness,” said Laura Koppes, chair of the Department of Psychology. “Through this symposium, military and civilian experts will provide to community professionals the knowledge needed to help military members and their families.”

The two-day event will include tools and strategies to assist providers in diagnosing and treating trauma and stress that occur during and after the deployment cycle. Mental health experts will share their tools and strategies for diagnosing and treating military members and their families who have been adversely impacted by the Global War on Terrorism. Deployment related topics will include post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, insomnia, spirituality, substance abuse, coping with loss, parent-child relationships and pain management.

Presenters for the symposium are: **Frank Andrasik**, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of West Florida; **Lt. Edmund Clark**, M.D., Mental Health Clinic, Naval Hospital Pensacola; **Jason Demery**, Ph.D., North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System; **Kent Drescher**, M.Div., Ph.D., National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder – VA Medical Center, Palo Alto; **Todd Farchione**, Ph.D., Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders, Boston University; **Anne Germain**, Ph.D., Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic; **Robin Gurwitch**, Ph.D., Department of Pediatrics, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical

Center, National Center for School Crisis; **Elizabeth Hembree**, Ph. D., Training Center for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety, University of Pennsylvania; **Capt. Robert Koffman**, M.D., M.P.H., U.S. Navy, Combat and Operational Stress consultant, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; **Maj. David Linkh**, Ph.D., M.S.W, L.C.S.W.-R., U.S. Air Force, Mental Health Flight Commander, 579th Medical Operations Squadron, Bolling Air Force Base; **Maj. Alan Ogle**, Ph.D., BSC, U.S. Air Force, Postdoctoral Fellow, Applied Psychological Science, University of West Florida, Air Force Institute of Technology; **Patricia Resick**, Ph.D., Women's Health Sciences Division, National Center for PTSD, VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston University School of Medicine, Department of Psychology, Boston University; **Michelle Sherman**, Ph.D., Family Mental Health Program, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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