



Conference Overview

The 2012 DoD/VA Suicide Prevention Conference will highlight a variety of speakers from the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs (VA) and numerous community organizations. Highlights will include:

- ▶ Keynote address by Navy Rear Adm. Mark L. Tidd, Chief of Chaplains and Defense Department/VA Senior Leadership
- ▶ Defense Suicide Prevention Office and service updates
- ▶ Chaplains panel session
- ▶ Suicide prevention efforts in the United Kingdom
- ▶ TAPS: Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

Registration

registration.experient-inc.com/showDSP121/

Lodging

Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth St., N.W., Washington D.C., 20001

Reservations must be made through the conference registration website.

Special Event

A variety of pre-conference training sessions will be available Tuesday, June 19, with registration available on the conference website. Additionally, a poster session will be held the evening of Thursday, June 21. Please note that these sessions will not provide continuing education credits.

Dress Code

Conference Attire: Service uniform of the day

Questions

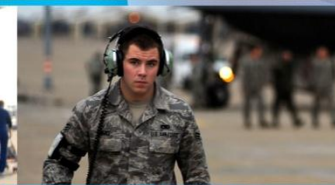
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Conference Website

For more information please visit www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/SuicidePreventionConference.aspx

Live Tweeting

Follow conference conversations live on Twitter using #suicideprevention



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Suicide Prevention Conference:
Back to Basics: Enhancing the
Well-Being of our Service Members,
Veterans and their Families
June 20 - 22, 2012
Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel

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June 20-22, 2012, Washington, D.C.

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The services and VA have found that a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention, which includes leadership, peer involvement and appropriate clinical care when needed, are vital to success. 'Back to Basics' emphasizes the value of and appreciation for good order, disciplined practices, strong clinical skills and service accountability. By reinforcing basic skills in suicide prevention training, leaders at all levels and in multiple settings can better support the force and enhance the quality of life for service members, veterans and their families.

Purpose

To reinforce basic skills and encourage peer interaction and appropriate clinical care to reduce the impact of suicide.

Conference Tracks

Clinical, Research and Practical Application

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in three breakout sessions during the conference. Session highlights include:

Clinical

Apply practical tools and solutions for implementing evidence-based assessment, management, treatment and after care approaches in clinical settings.

Research

Identify and interpret suicide risk and protective factors based on the latest evidence from research being conducted in the Defense Department and VA.

Practical Application

Build cooperative opportunities between and within the Defense Department, VA and the community at large to assist in implementing and making available effective suicide prevention strategies.

Conference Leads

Navy Capt. **Paul S. Hammer**, *Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Director*

Janet E. Kemp, RN, Ph.D., *National Mental Health Program Director, Suicide Prevention VA Office of Mental Health Services*

Objectives

Objective 1: Engage in a variety of educational opportunities focused on the current state of empirically supported research, clinical practice and prevention programs on the basics of suicidology for service members, veterans and families.

Objective 2: Apply evidence-based or informed approaches in suicidology to prevention, research and clinical practice within and across the Defense Department and VA communities.

Objective 3: Describe the current state of prevention approaches and practical applications in suicide programs within and across the Defense Department and VA communities.

Objective 4: Identify opportunities to enhance and incorporate suicide prevention and postvention strategies for service member and veteran populations by accessing resources available from caregiver and family organizations, community and faith-based organizations, educational institutions, professional societies or other sources.

Objective 5: Recommend strategies for increasing attention to and resources for suicide research, prevention, and treatment for service member and veteran populations.

