

# KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION AND INTEGRATION OF VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS: A COMMUNITY SYMPOSIUM

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

### GOALS

- Bring attention to the needs of Veterans in Southeastern Ohio by presenting the most current ideas and treatment options for Veterans, their families, and the larger community.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

#### AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Demonstrate increased awareness of the transitional needs of returning service personnel.
- Gain useful insight about the numerous strengths that Veterans may bring to the community and the therapeutic relationship.
- Discuss the evolving justice system in response to the treatment needs of justice-involved Veterans and citizens.
- Integrate fresh, new diagnostic perspectives and clinical skills into practice.

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Saturday, September 22, 2012

7:30 am to 4:30 pm (Full agenda on second page)

### COST TO ATTEND:

\$40 for all attendees

Fee includes breakfast and lunch

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**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Physicians, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Chiropractors, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Nurses, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Chaplains, Mental Health Providers, Licensed Independent Chemical Counselors, First Responders, Law Enforcement Personnel and any other professionals caring for the Veteran community.

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## AGENDA

- 7:30-8:00 AM **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**
- 8:00-8:30 AM **OPENING REMARKS »** JEFFREY MONTGOMERY, LISW-S, BCD
- 8:45-10:35 AM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS [A]**
- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY » ELIZABETH TREIBER, MSN, CRRN, CNP // JEREMY BOTTOMS, PsyD
  - WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH » TAMARA GRIMM, MSW, LISW-S
  - VETERANS JUSTICE // JAIL DIVERSION » DAVID MALAWISTA, PhD // BOBBY PERKINS, LISW-S
  - SUICIDE PREVENTION » BEN STARK, LISW-S // JEREMY KAUFMAN, PsyD
  - BLAST AND OTHER INJURIES » CPT EDOUARD TASSY, MT, MLS, MPAS, PA-C
- 10:45-12:00 PM **LUNCHEON PLENARY - MIND // BODY // SPIRIT // VOCATION**
- USMC WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT » CAPT GUY ZIERK
  - SPIRITUALITY AND MORAL INJURY » CHAPLAIN (MAJ) NICHOLAS CHOU // LTC ERIK CHEN
- 12:00-12:50 PM **KEYNOTE »** JUSTICE EVELYN LUNDBERG STRATTON, SUPREME COURT OF OHIO
- RECOGNIZE DEPLOYMENT INJURIES (TBI, PTSD) THAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT
  - DISCUSS JAIL DIVERSION CONCEPTS, INCLUDING SPECIAL DOCKETS COURTS; DRUG COURTS; MENTAL HEALTH COURTS; AND VETERANS COURTS
  - DISCUSS THE NEED FOR A MORE COORDINATED SYSTEM OF RESOURCES AS EXPLAINED THROUGH THE WRAPAROUND PROJECT THAT CAN BE ACCESSED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
- 1:00-2:50 PM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS [B]**
- PTSD // EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTION // COGNITIVE PROCESSING THERAPY » CARRIE ROBINSON, PhD
  - SUBSTANCE ABUSE // MENTAL HEALTH // SPECIALIZED DOCKETS » CHRISTINE RAFFAELE, ESQ
  - MILITARY, VETERAN AND FAMILY CULTURE » COL DAVID TOWLE, DO // TERRY MCQUIRT
  - HOMELESS PREVENTION » JAMES KENNELLY, MSW, LISW-S // AMY COMBS, LISW-S
  - PSYCHIATRY AND MEDICATION » WILLIAM RESCH, DO
- 3:00-4:00 PM **VETERAN FAMILY PANEL**
- 4:00-4:30 PM **COMMUNITY AND PROVIDER FORUM // CLOSING »** JEFFREY MONTGOMERY, LISW-S, BCD
- Q&A // ROUND TABLE



### JUSTICE EVELYN LUNDBERG STRATTON

Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, of the Supreme Court of Ohio, came to the bench by a very different route. Born to missionary parents in Bangkok, Thailand, she spent her childhood in Southeast Asia at the height of the Vietnam War. At age 18, she returned to America alone, with only a few hundred dollars in her pocket. In 1989, she became the first woman to be elected judge of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. It was there that she earned her reputation as “The Velvet Hammer” for her approach to sentencing in serious felony cases. She has served on the Supreme Court of Ohio since 1996.

Justice Stratton’s efforts in the community and her commitment to family have led to major changes in adoption law and significant mental-health reforms in the courts, both in Ohio and nationally. She focuses on trying to divert persons with mental illness from the court system back into care in the mental-health system. This reduces costs, improves public safety and helps people regain their lives. Her latest focus in Ohio and nationally is on establishing Veterans courts to help those returning Veterans with PTSD and other issues, whose problems may lead to involvement in the criminal justice system.

She also is a wife and a mother who enjoys painting, Thai cooking, and fly fishing with her husband.



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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### **[A]** TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

- ADEQUATELY SCREEN AND OR REFER FOR DIAGNOSIS, THOSE PATIENTS WHO MAY HAVE MILD AND EVOLVING TBI, AND HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF DIFFERENTIAL AND CO-MORBID DIAGNOSES
- DESCRIBE KINDS OF FORCE THAT PRODUCE BRAIN INJURY INCLUDING IMPACT, PENETRATION, BLAST FORCE AND PRESSURE WAVE AND DISCUSS COMMON AREAS OF BRAIN AFFECTED BY TRAUMA
- DISCUSS RESOURCES FOR RECOVERY, REHABILITATION AND SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT OF MILD TBI

### WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH

- IDENTIFY THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS OF TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICE DELIVERY
- DISCUSS THE UNIQUE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS FACED BY FEMALE VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS
- IDENTIFY ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF GENDER-SENSITIVE HEALTHCARE PRACTICES

### VETERANS JUSTICE // JAIL DIVERSION

- DISCUSS THE PURPOSE OF CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS (CIT) AND JAIL DIVERSION
- ILLUSTRATE POTENTIAL MODELS OF CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND IDENTIFY POSSIBLE JAIL DIVERSION ADVISORY MODELS
- ASSESS BENEFITS AND POSSIBLE EXPENDITURE OF RESOURCES FOR CIT AND JAIL DIVERSION

### SUICIDE PREVENTION

- CHALLENGE CURRENT MYTHS ABOUT SUICIDE
- RECOGNIZE SUICIDE'S HIGH RISK INDICATORS AND HIGH RISK POPULATIONS
- UTILIZE BEST PRACTICE REGARDING SUICIDE INTERVENTION STRATEGIES TO REDUCE RISK AND PROVIDER LIABILITY

### BLAST AND OTHER INJURIES

- EXPLAIN THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE COMBAT EXPERIENCE AS SACRED
- IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS VARIOUS MORAL AND ETHICAL DILEMMAS OF THE COMBAT VETERAN OR PROVIDER IN-THEATER
- IDENTIFY VARIOUS EFFECTS OF BLAST INJURIES ON THE HUMAN BODY

### **[B]** POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER // EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTION // COGNITIVE PROCESSING THERAPY

- ADEQUATELY SCREEN AND DIAGNOSE PATIENTS WHO SHOW SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF PTSD AND HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF DIFFERENTIAL AND CO-MORBID DIAGNOSES
- DESCRIBE HOW BENZODIAZEPINES MAY DELAY THE RECOVERY PROCESS EVEN FURTHER AND COULD RESULT IN ABUSE OR ADDICTION AND DESCRIBE ALTERNATIVE MEDICATIONS
- INCREASE BASIC AWARENESS OF EVIDENCED BASED THERAPY INCLUDING COGNITIVE PROCESSING THERAPY AND REFERRAL RESOURCES

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE // MENTAL HEALTH // SPECIALIZED DOCKETS

- ADEQUATELY SCREEN PATIENTS WHO SHOW SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION INCLUDING THE MORE COMPLEX DUAL DIAGNOSIS WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF POST-TRAUMA CONDITIONS
- DESCRIBE HOW BENZODIAZEPINES MAY DELAY THE RECOVERY PROCESS EVEN FURTHER AND MAY RESULT IN ABUSE, ADDICTION AND LEGAL ISSUES
- DESCRIBE THE CRITICAL ROLE AND POTENTIAL OF SPECIALIZED DOCKETS COURTS IN THE RECOVERY PROCESS

### MILITARY, VETERAN AND FAMILY CULTURE

- EXPRESS AN AWARENESS LEVEL UNDERSTANDING OF MILITARY CULTURE
- RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT OF MISSED OPPORTUNITIES IMPACTING THERAPY OR RELATIONSHIPS
- DISCUSS THE DIVERSITY OF OUR SERVICE MEMBERS/VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY

### HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

- REVIEW CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS
- IDENTIFY THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM IN SOUTH CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN OHIO
- IDENTIFY COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND CURRENT COORDINATED EFFORTS TO ADDRESS AT-RISK OR HOMELESS FAMILIES
- DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE OF THE TREATMENT NEEDS AND RESOURCES FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES AT RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS

### PSYCHIATRY AND MEDICATION

- BRIEFLY REVIEW FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD OPTIONS FOR TREATMENT INCLUDING NON-MEDICATION OPTIONS WHEN POSSIBLE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OEF/OIF/OND COMBAT VETERANS WITH PTSD, BIPOLAR DISORDER, DUAL DIAGNOSIS INVOLVING SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR ADDICTION, DEPRESSION, PSYCHOTIC DISORDERS
- RECOGNIZE VARIOUS CLASSES OF MEDICATIONS USED TO TREAT THESE DISORDERS
- IDENTIFY SEVERAL DRUGS "IN THE PIPELINE" SHOWING PROMISE



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## SPEAKERS

### **JEREMY M. BOTTOMS, PsyD**

Dr. Jeremy Bottoms earned his Doctorate of Psychology from the School of Professional Psychology at Wright State University in 2006. He completed a pre-doctoral internship at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center in 2006, and a two year post-doctoral fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA, in 2008. He has worked for the Chillicothe VA Medical Center since 2008. His duties include neuropsychological assessment, overseeing the training of interns and practicum students, and chairing the facility's Dementia Committee.

### **MAJOR NICHOLAS A. CHOU, CHAPLAIN**

Chaplain (Major) Nicholas Chou has served in the Army National Guard for 20 years. He enlisted as a mechanic and achieved the rank of sergeant before receiving his commission as a chaplain candidate. Chaplain Chou received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Cedarville University in 1999, and a Masters of Divinity with a Counseling Emphasis from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary in 2004. He is endorsed by the National Association of Evangelicals. Chaplain Chou was deployed to Kuwait from 2006-2007, where he served as the Camp Navistar Base Camp Chaplain. Chaplain Chou is currently assigned to the Special Troops Command Brigade Chaplain at the Joint Force Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

### **AMY COMBS, MSW, LISW-S**

Amy Combs received her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Wright State University in 2000. She was awarded a Graduate Assistantship with the Ohio University Department of Social Work where she conducted a study of the effects of bullying and violence exposure in rural schools. Mrs. Combs has continued her work in rural Ohio since receiving her Master of Social Work from Ohio University in 2002. She has served as the primary therapist for the Vinton County Juvenile Drug Court, and as the Drug-Free Workplace Program Manager for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Civilian Conservation Corps. She provided counseling and intensive case management services to severely mentally ill children and their families while working for Tri-County Mental Health and Counseling Services. At present, Mrs. Combs is the Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program Coordinator, in which she oversees the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD-VASH) Program, and assists with locating transitional or permanent housing through local means. Mrs. Combs also serves as co-chair of the Ross County Continuum of Care. She is a life-long resident of rural Ohio.

### **TAMARA GRIMM, MSW, LISW-S**

Tamara Grimm is a clinical social worker. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Comparative Religion, with a minor in Women's Studies, from Miami University in 2003. She received her Master of Social Work from the University of Cincinnati in 2006. Ms. Grimm completed her master's level internship with the Leadership Council of Human Services Executives, an association organization comprised of Hamilton County, OH, based CEOs of non-profit organizations. She has worked in the field of community mental health, serving as supervisor of a mental health court team in Hamilton County. Ms. Grimm is currently the Lead Women Veterans Program Manager for the VA Healthcare System of Ohio (VISN 10), which is comprised of four major medical centers, one ambulatory care center and thirty outpatient clinics. She is responsible for increasing market share and overall growth rate of women Veterans enrolled, ensuring privacy and safety for women in VA facilities and eliminating gender related disparities in the delivery of healthcare services to women Veterans. Ms. Grimm also continues to see patients for therapy at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center.

### **JEREMY KAUFMAN, PsyD**

Dr. Jeremy Kaufman is a clinical psychologist. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from The Ohio State University in 2000, and a Master of Arts (2005) and Doctorate of Psychology (2005) in Clinical Psychology from the Georgia School of Professional Psychology. He completed his internship at Oregon Health and Science University, and completed his post-doctoral training at Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University. Dr. Kaufman is the Director of Psychological Health for the Ohio National Guard, which involves performing behavioral health assessments and case management for service members in the Ohio Army and Air National Guard. He assists in commander consultations, crisis intervention, training and program development for statewide programs such as Victim Advocate training, suicide prevention, and family readiness. Dr. Kaufman consults with OHIO CARES, a state-wide partnership of behavioral health providers and organizations designed to meet the behavioral health needs of service members in the Ohio National Guard and beyond.

### **JAMES KENNELLY, MSW, LISW-S**

James Kennelly is the Network Homeless Coordinator (NHC) for the VA Healthcare System of Ohio (VISN 10). As the Network Homeless Coordinator, Mr. Kennelly is the primary contact within the Network for VHA homeless programs. His responsibilities and duties include coordination and oversight of VISN-wide and national VHA homeless program initiatives for the Network. Mr. Kennelly has a VISN-level responsibility of oversight of the Grant and Per Diem Programs (GPD), HUD-VASH, Healthcare for Homeless Veterans outreach and residential contracts, Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Programs (MHRRT), Healthcare for Re-Entry Veterans (HCRV) Program and Vocational Rehabilitation Services in VISN 10. He serves in an advisory capacity to the Network Director through the VISN 10 Mental Health Care Line Manager regarding service needs, resource allocation, proposed program development and enhancement to meet the needs of homeless Veterans across Ohio. Mr. Kennelly received his Master of Social Work from The Ohio State University in 1997, and his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from The Ohio State University in 1992. He has been a recognized Licensed Independent Social Worker - Supervisor in the state of Ohio since 1999.

### **DAVID MALAWISTA, PhD**

Dr. David Malawista, Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Oberlin College and his Master of Science in Psychology from Ohio University. He worked thirty-one years as a psychologist at what is now Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare, with fourteen of those years as the Director of Psychology. His work in law enforcement has included full-time employment as a patrolman in Oberlin, OH, and evening shift supervisor, and later Chief Deputy at the Athens County Sheriff's Department. Over the last thirty-eight years, he has been a Reserve Officer with the Athens Police Department and currently serves at the Reserve Unit's Commander. Dr. Malawista also has served as Forensic Evaluator for court systems in twenty-four counties for the past forty years. He has consulted with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs nationwide on rural CIT models and was recognized as National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) CIT Officer of the Year in 2004.

### **TERRY MCQUIRT**

Terry McQuirt has worked at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center since 2007 and is currently the OEF/OIF/OND Transition Patient Advocate, assisting combat Veterans as they transition from the military to the VA. Mr. McQuirt also provides community outreach to Veteran Service Officers, colleges, universities, National Guard and Reserve units in southeastern Ohio. He is currently pursuing a masters degree in Healthcare Leadership. Mr. McQuirt was an U.S. Air Force dependent as his father spent 21 years in the service, leading to Mr. McQuirt serving from June 1998 to June 2006 with the 388<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, 34<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, UT. Mr. McQuirt served a tour in Iraq from 2004 to 2005.

### **JEFFREY A. MONTGOMERY, MSW, LISW-S, BCD**

Jeff Montgomery has been with the Chillicothe VA Medical Center since October 2010 serving as the OEF/OIF/OND Mental Health Point of Contact. In this position, Mr. Montgomery provides individual, marital counseling and case management to Veterans and their families as well as providing in-service and outreach education on military and Veteran culture issues including PTSD, Military Sexual Trauma, Suicide Prevention and Traumatic Brain Injury. Mr. Montgomery also has assisted in the development of a Veterans Justice Outreach Program throughout southeastern Ohio. Mr. Montgomery is a Licensed Independent Social Worker-Supervisor by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board; a Certified Trauma Therapist; trained in Cognitive Processing Therapy; a Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work by the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work; and a member of the National Association of Social Workers.



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## SPEAKERS

### **BOBBY L. PERKINS, MSW, LISW-S**

Bobby Perkins has been with the Chillicothe VA Medical Center since 2010 and has served as the medical center's Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist since January 2011. Mr. Perkins previously has worked as a case manager for a foster care and adoption agency in northwest Ohio and as a Social Work Supervisor for the National Youth Advocate Program in Columbus, OH, for six years which peaked his interest in the judicial system. In 2009, he accepted a supervisory position with the Department of Youth Services, where he worked on program development and served as the lead for the department's Strengths Based Cognitive Behavior Treatment initiative. Mr. Perkins also represents the Chillicothe VAMC on the Ross County Re-entry Coalition. He received his Master of Social Work from the University of South Florida in 2003, and his Bachelor of Arts from The University of Findlay in 1999. Mr. Perkins is a recognized Licensed Independent Social Worker - Supervisor in the state of Ohio.

### **CHRISTINE L. RAFFAELE, ESQ**

Christine Raffaele earned her Bachelor of Arts from John Carroll University in 1990 and her Juris Doctor from The University of Akron School of Law in 1994. She is admitted to the bars of Ohio and the United States District Court of the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio. Mrs. Raffaele previously has worked in private practice and as a staff attorney at Southeastern Ohio Legal Services in Steubenville, OH. She primarily practiced in the areas of family law and consumer protection. Mrs. Raffaele joined the Supreme Court of Ohio in 2005 and currently serves as a Program Manager in the Specialized Dockets Section of the Judicial and Court Services Division. She provides technical assistance to juvenile courts in planning, implementing, and operating specialized dockets. She also provides staff support to the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on Specialized Dockets. Mrs. Raffaele has presented on specialized docket issues at the local, state and national levels, and is an attorney contract writer for the American Law Reports. She is married to a Staff Judge Advocate with the 182<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing of the Illinois Air National Guard.

### **WILLIAM J. RESCH, DO, FAPA**

Dr. Resch is the Consult Liaison Psychiatrist and Psychiatry Residency Program Director at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center. He received his medical degree from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and completed his residency in Psychiatry at The Ohio State University Medical Center. Dr. Resch serves on the VA Pharmacy Residency Advisory Committee, Interdisciplinary Pain Management Committee, and is the Physician Utilization Management Advisor for the Chillicothe VAMC. Dr. Resch has a Drug Enforcement Agency License, a Certification for Outpatient Treatment of Opiate Dependence with buprenorphine, and is Board Certified in Psychiatry and Neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

### **CARRIE H. ROBINSON, PhD**

Dr. Carrie Robinson has been with the Chillicothe VA Medical Center since September 2007 serving as a Clinical Psychologist and the Local Evidence-based Psychotherapy (EBP) Coordinator. She recently became the Cognitive Processing Therapy Regional Training Consultant for the VA Healthcare System of Ohio (VISN 10). Dr. Robinson received her Doctorate of Psychology (Counseling) from The Ohio State University, is VA Certified as Prolonged Exposure Therapy Provider and Cognitive Processing Therapy Provider, and is a member of the VISN 10 PTSD Experts Group.

### **BENJAMIN STARK, MSW, LISW-S**

Benjamin Stark is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Chillicothe VA Medical Center. He is responsible for coordinating efforts to reduce suicides among Veterans. Mr. Stark received his Master in Social Work from The Ohio State University in 1998, and his Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1997. He is an Ohio Licensed Independent Social Worker - Supervisor. Prior to his current position, Mr. Stark worked in the community mental health system as a case manager, therapist, and team leader. He also has extensive experience in emergency mental health services as both a crisis clinician and an emergency room social worker. Mr. Stark has presented extensively on issues of suicide prevention and treating those at risk for suicide, and has been interviewed by local media about suicide and suicide prevention.

### **CAPTAIN EDOUARD J. TASSY, MT, MLS, MPAS, PA-C**

Edouard Tassy is the Chief Physician Extender for the Primary and Preventive Care Line at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center with over twenty-five years of experience in the medical field and twenty-eight years of military service. He received his Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. He holds a Physician Assistant Certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistant (NCCPA); Medical Laboratory Scientist Certification by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP); and a Medical Technologist Certification by the American Medical Technologist (AMT). He has specialized in clinical laboratory sciences, global medicine, detainee healthcare, and internal medicine for both the U.S. Army and the Department of Veterans Affairs. CPT Tassy has earned two Bronze Star Medals from combat tours in Iraq.

### **COLONEL DAVID W. TOWLE, DO**

Colonel David Towle received his commission into the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps from the University of Connecticut ROTC program in 1977. He received his medical degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, IA, and completed his residency in Family Practice at the Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA. He is board-certified in Family Medicine from both the American Osteopathic Association and the American Medical Association. COL Towle has held virtually every leadership position available to an Army Medical Officer throughout the United States, Central and South America, Europe, and Southwest Asia. He is currently serving as the Command Surgeon for the U.S. Army Legal Command and as the Public Health Medical Advisor to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. COL Towle has earned numerous military awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Medical Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, and Diving Medical Officer (SCUBA) Badge.

### **ELIZABETH A. TREIBER, MSN, CRRN, CNP**

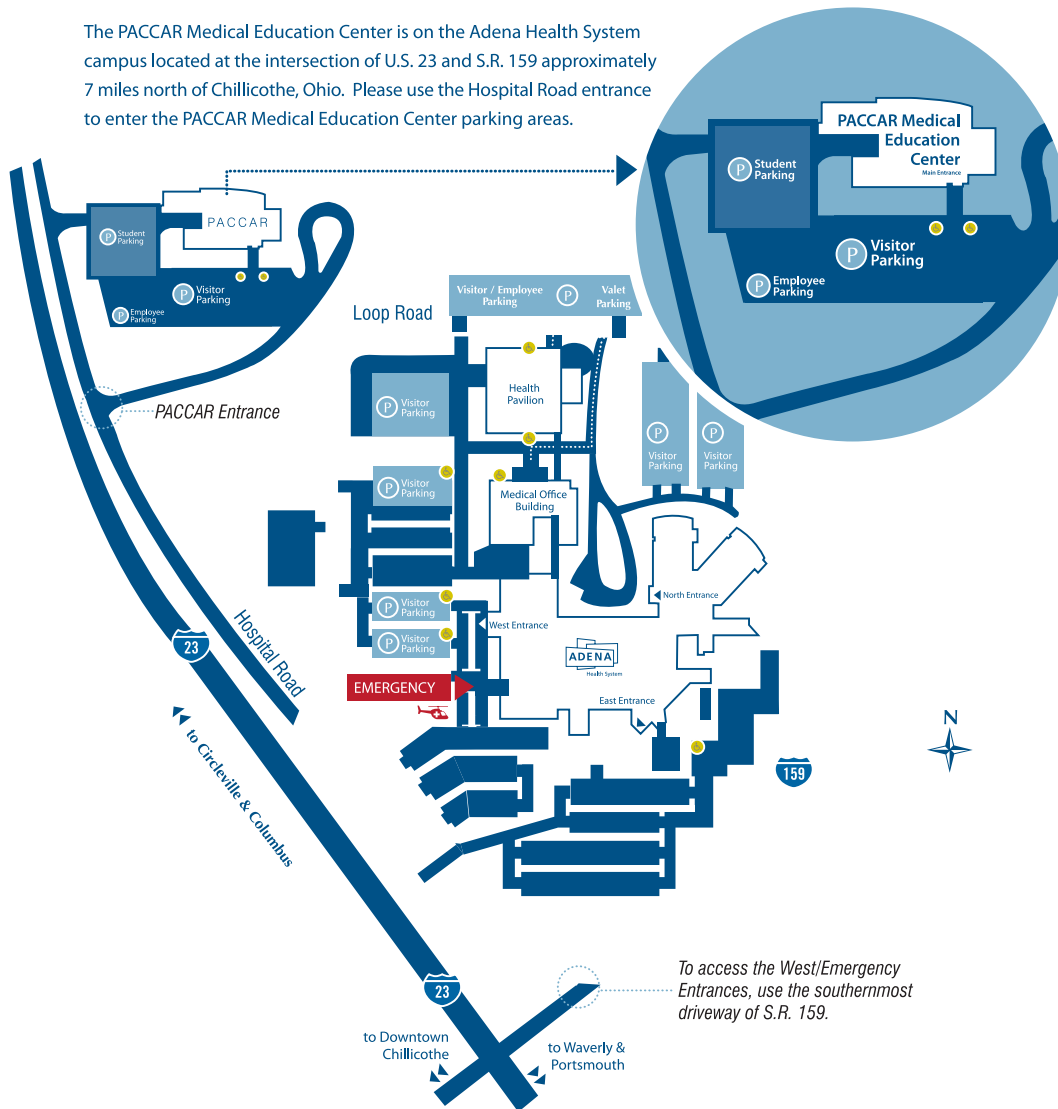
Elizabeth Treiber earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Akron in 1980. She has worked in a variety of acute care and home care settings. Ms. Treiber returned to school and graduated from Kent State University in 2005 with a Master of Science in Nursing degree as an Adult Nurse Practitioner. She has worked at the Cleveland VA Medical Center since 2005 in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department. Her duties have included working on an eight bed CARF accredited acute rehab/polytrauma inpatient unit, managing the care of Veterans with a wide variety of diagnoses, including orthopedics, vascular, amputations, strokes, TBI, and polytrauma injuries. In 2011, Ms. Treiber became the Polytrauma Network Coordinator at the Cleveland VA Medical Center, and currently coordinates interdisciplinary care for Veterans with traumatic brain injuries or polytrauma injuries on an outpatient basis.

### **CAPTAIN GUY A. ZIERK**

Captain Guy A. Zierk enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in September 1994 and later received his commission in November 2007. Capt Zierk has nine deployments, three of which were combat tours. He is the recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Bronze Star Medal both with Combat Distinguishing Device (Combat "V"), and the Purple Heart. He currently serves as a District Injured Support Coordinator for the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment, covering VISN 10 and portions of VISN 11. Capt Zierk, in his current billet, is responsible for aiding and assisting Marines and Navy Corpsmen successfully transition from active duty into the civilian sector. In order to do this he has developed a network within the VA and with state, regional, and local Veteran Service Officers/Organizations. Capt Zierk also has volunteered his time as an advisor for the development of both a Veterans Community and Veterans Employment Program.

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## MAP



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