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**Understanding War Trauma:  
A Six-Part Webinar Series from the American Psychoanalytic Association**

**New York, NY – October 17, 2016** – The Service Members and Veterans Initiative of the American Psychoanalytic Association (APsAA) is offering a six-part webinar series aimed at introducing healthcare professionals to psychoanalytic understanding and treatment of war trauma. This free program is especially relevant to clinicians working with veterans and service-members but is open to anyone interested in this important issue, including veterans and their families.

“Today most in the mental health field, as well as the general public, have an understanding of PTSD. Portrayals of PTSD are featured in movies, television shows, documentaries and discussed in the news with varying levels of expertise and knowledge,” said Dennis Shelby, Ph.D. member of the Service Members and Veterans Initiative and director of this webinar series. “These webinars are not designed to add further contributions to the list of symptoms of PTSD, but rather offer valuable insight into the impact war has on the human mind and perspectives in psychoanalytically informed treatment.”

The first three webinars have been scheduled:

- [Session 1 – Afterwar: Healing the Moral Wounds of our Soldiers](#). Nancy Sherman, Ph.D Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Philosophy at Georgetown University, author of *Afterwar*, *The Untold War* and *Stoic Warriors*  
**Date:** October 25th, 7:30pm (CT)  
Register [here](#).

- [Session 2 – A Veterans Day Presentation](#)  
**Part 1: Pathodynamics of psychological disability among soldiers serving in Vietnam: How deployment stress reactions dramatically eclipsed combat stress reactions.** Norman M. Camp, MD, FACPsA, Colonel, Medical Corps, US Army (Ret)

**Part 2: The Interpersonal Approach to Working with Veterans with PTSD.** Andrew S. Berry, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP with special discussant, Nate Emery, MS, Captain, US Marines (Ret).  
**Date:** November 11, 7:30pm (CT)  
Register [here](#).

- [Session 3 – Part 1: Trauma and Stressor Related Disorders](#). Robert Ursano, MD., Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, Maryland.

**Part 2: The Intimacy of Trauma: Reintegrating Returning Warriors and the Subtleties of Subthreshold Posttraumatic Stress.** COL Jeffrey S. Yarvis, PhD, MSW, M.Ed., adjunct faculty for University of Southern California military social work program.

**Date:** December 6, 7:30pm (CT)

Register [here](#).

- The next three sessions will be announced soon.

For further information and to register visit [www.apsa.org/war-trauma-series](http://www.apsa.org/war-trauma-series).

### **About APsaA**

The American Psychoanalytic Association is a professional organization of psychoanalysts with approximately 3,300 members. The Association is comprised of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, educators, researchers and students who have an interest in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic therapy. Visit [www.apsa.org](http://www.apsa.org) for more information.

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