

Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Providers of New York State's 9th Annual Veterans Summit

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



Embassy Suites by Hilton
86 Congress Street
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

Summit Description

Front Sight Focused: Healing the Past for a Successful Future is a summit of substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery services and other behavioral health providers and Veteran services agencies, organizations and coalitions from across New York State. Ensuring access and quality care specific to the needs of Veterans are at the forefront of this intensive day of training and networking.

Front Sight Focused: Healing the Past for a Successful Future offers attendees an opportunity join in on the conversation and be a part of the solution to help ensure our Veterans have access to vital substance use disorders and related services as they reintegrate into their communities.

Whether through strengthening and promoting existing efforts or developing new strategies on how best to collectively address these issues, this working summit will tackle the hard questions involving the effects of living with substance use disorders on our Veterans and their families, celebrate and support those living recovery and further unite and offer attending stakeholders a wide-scale round table discussion on the best approaches and solutions for Veterans in their communities.

Target Audience

The 200+ member audience expected at the **Summit** consists of professionals from the substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery services field and other behavioral health providers, program administrators and directors, medical, education and justice professionals, counselors, direct care staff and other community-based volunteers.

Summit Organizers

Front Sight Focused: Healing the Past for a Successful Future is a project of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of New York State's (ASAP) Veteran Committee. The committee consists of professionals from over ten substance use disorders services and/or medical providers servicing Veterans throughout New York State. The Veterans Affairs Committee seeks to help promote and educate service providers on best practices to ensure that the special needs for veterans are met. We also help coordinate and promote networking and collaboration opportunities between providers that offer veteran services.



ABOUT ASAP



Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of New York State (ASAP) represents the interests of the largest substance use disorders service delivery system in the United States. Through advocacy at the state and federal levels, ASAP champions the urgent message that addiction is a public health issue that, with adequate resources, can be effectively addressed. ASAP offers professional development, program development, technical assistance, and community education to strengthen and increase access to prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services. ASAP serves as a catalyst for cross systems collaboration with public health, mental health, criminal justice, juvenile justice, child welfare, and social services, policy makers and service providers. We represent the field on numerous policy development and implementation work groups with a regional, statewide and national focus.

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AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

8:45 am - 9:00 am	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Opening Keynote Presentation—To Be Announced
10:15 am - 11:15 am	<p>Navigating the Military Healthcare System” with Dr. Jamie Howard, LMFT-S:</p> <p><i>Jamie Howard, PhD, LMFT-S, LCAS, Co-Founder and Clinical Director, Mission Ready Counseling</i></p> <p>Dr. Howard will teach you the basics of navigating the military healthcare system. This will include how to become a TRICARE Certified Provider and have a good foundational understanding of the policies and procedures. In this session you will learn how to understand this complicated system as she will break it down into a few easy steps to get you going. She will also introduce you to how you can become a Community Care Network (CCN) Provider for the Veterans Health Administration and a CHAMPVA provider.</p>
11:15 am - 11:30 am	BREAK
11:35 am - 12:35 pm	<p>Veteran Supported Recovery: Veterans Supporting Veterans</p> <p><i>Malik Hutchinson, MBA, CASAC 2, Director Residential Services, Elmcors Youth and Adult Activities</i></p> <p><i>Ruth Riddick, CARC-RCP/f, ASAP Community Outreach & Communications, ASAP-NYCB</i></p> <p>Veterans transitioning to civilian life face unique challenges, and these challenges, including mental health issues are increasingly recognized as complicated by the effects of substance use disorder. Effective responses to these challenges include leveraging the special experience and expertise of fellow Veterans.</p> <p>This joint presentation is offered by a Veteran with both management and community expertise in substance use disorder (SUD) and treatment services and a nationally recognized expert in addiction recovery, recovery coaching and peer professionals. Malik Hutchinson and Ruth Riddick bring their separate and shared knowledge and experience to a discussion of the prevalence of SUD among Veterans and their partnership in the development of a peer recovery support model designed to add value to the formal SUD continuum of care.</p>

12:35 pm - 12:45 pm	Missing Man Table Presentation
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	<p>Keynote Luncheon</p> <p><i>Alan C. Mack, Author, RAZOR 03 – A NIGHT STALKER’S WARS</i></p> <p>The attacks of September 11, 2001, prompted the creation of a robust and deadly special operations force — Task Force Dagger.</p> <p>Alan C. Mack, Callsign Razor 03, led one of two teams of MH-47E helicopters and armed MH-60s. Their two-fold mission – Personnel Recovery (PR) and Unconventional Warfare(UW) involved flying in terrain and weather previously not thought possible.</p> <p>But, if that wasn’t enough, they pushed the flight envelope of their specially modified Chinooks to the limit and beyond.</p> <p>Alan shares his behind-the-scenes perspective of the Horse Soldier’s infil into Afghanistan. He discusses the hunt for Usama Bin Laden at Tora Bora and describes his shootdown during Operation Anaconda. Years later, he chased Bowe Bergdahl, rescued hostages in Iraq, and the Lone Survivor from the Kunar Valley.</p> <p>Alan’s near-death experiences and frequent deployments not only affected him but pushed his wife toward prescription opioids. Her developing addiction led to friction as he kept her secret and continued to deploy.</p> <p>He lived by his unit’s motto, Night Stalkers Don’t Quit! He wouldn’t quit on his unit – he couldn’t quit on his family. His story of success, tragedy, and ultimate happiness is as old as warfare itself.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every War has a human element — The untold story of a Night Stalker’s success, tragedy, and personal redemption. • Ten years of deployments brought Alan monumental success and crushing sadness — both provide intriguing accounts of War, love, determination, and emotional resilience.
1:45 pm - 1:55 pm	BREAK
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session 1: The Hidden Battle: Problem Gambling Among Veterans</p> <p><i>Jonathan Crandall, BSW, CRPA, VSR, New York Council on Problem Gambling</i></p> <p>Gambling has been a part of the U.S. military since the Civil War. Leaders of the Union and Confederate Armies spoke on the maleficence associated with gambling within its ranks.</p> <p>Although ingrained in military culture, gambling is associated with risk and co-occurring conditions linked to military service. One of these risks is suicide. As a population, Veterans are at an increased risk for suicide. Problem gambling behavior has the highest rate of suicidal behavior than other addictions. This is concerning, but help is available.</p> <p>Learn how screening and awareness can mitigate the Veteran population's risk for problem gambling and suicide.</p>

	<p>Breakout Session 2: Warrior to Civilian: Surviving Life's Daily Stressors "Emotional Well Being"</p> <p><i>James MacFarlane, LCSW, Senior Director, Hands on Health Associates</i></p> <p>The Social Determinants of Health are categorized under 5-Domains all of which will be touched upon. However, the workshop will focus specifically Social and Community Context . Drawing upon what is known to impact health (specifically mental health) in this domain, the workshop will make clear distinctions between mental health and mental illness (these terms are not interchangeable), as well as focus on a very critical component of mental health that requires more targeted and focused discussion-"emotional well-being."</p> <p>Self-harm within the veteran community, which remains one of the veterans' most serious health concerns, will be explored but only to contextualize the theme, which is the very critical and inextricable role of emotional well-being that often goes "underlooked."</p> <p>Lastly, the workshop will elicit ideas from the audience about how to engage in "wellness checks" of newly separated veterans and/or how to reach those who have seemingly adjusted to civilian life. The workshop will seek to draw attention to red flags, changes in demeanor/behavior, isolative behavior, and other indicators of changes in one's mental health and emotional well-being.</p>
	<p>Breakout Session 3: Trauma Informed Approach to Veteran's Treatment</p> <p><i>Jeremy Baumann, CASAC, Director, St. Joseph's Veteran's Residential Program</i> <i>Lindsay Mozdzier, CASAC, Deputy Director, St. Joseph's Veteran's Residential Program</i></p> <p>Through this training, we hope to provide insight into how we incorporate the commitments of the Sanctuary Model to help address and treat veterans with significant trauma. Specific attention will be given to the commitments themselves as well as how they can contribute to a trauma informed environment that offers a sense of safety as individuals address treatment issues.</p>
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	BREAK
3:20 pm - 4:20 pm	<p>Closing Plenary: Serving the Guardian Population Together</p> <p><i>Chris Masters, Executive Director, Access: Supports for Living</i> <i>Alex Othmer, Founder, Guardian Revival</i></p> <p>The upcoming presentation aims to highlight the importance of collaboration in providing comprehensive services to veterans and service providers. The focus will be on the core competencies of our clinical team, the utilization of canine support in our Mental Health (MH) school program, and the connections between Guardian Revival's non-clinical services and Access's clinical services. By leveraging these synergies, we aim to create a force multiplier or service stacking effect, where partnerships lead to a greater impact and increased access to services for individuals.</p>
4:20 pm—4:30 pm	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Shuren, ASAP Veterans Committee Co-Chair, Outreach • Malik Hutchison, ASAP Veterans Committee Co-Chair, Elmcour Youth and Adult Activities, Inc.

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