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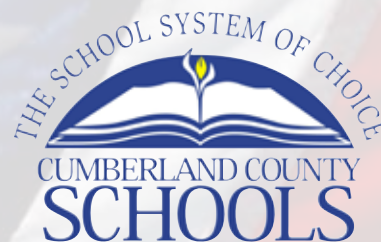
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Dates and Times

October 13, 2011 and October 14, 2011
9:00 am - 4:30 pm 9:00 am - 2:15 pm

Fee

\$99

Location

Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
701 Westmont Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28305

Description

As our men and women in uniform so bravely face the intense demands of serving a nation at war, so too do their children. We recognize that in supporting our troops, we must acknowledge and address the challenges faced by military children and families. Your participation in the **Second Annual Forward March: Moving Families Forward During Challenging Times** is a great way to help support military families faced with the realities of “Living in the New Normal” of multiple concurrent conflicts.

Forward March is a collaboration between the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County, Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Southern Regional Area Health Education Center (in affiliation with Duke University Medical Center), and other sponsors. This conference promotes empowerment by building and continuing to strengthen and support ties amongst the “helping professionals” that serve military families throughout the region.

The 2010 Forward March conference brought together a target audience of over 200 mental health professionals of those working or volunteering with military communities. Mental health professionals include: behavioral health clinicians, school guidance counselors, clergy, veterans groups, military personnel, substance abuse professionals, psychologists, social workers, human service professionals, school personnel, educators, case managers and counselors.

Last year’s conference produced two important outcomes: the local Behavioral Health Association strengthened ties amongst professionals; and Womack Army Medical Center organized its first Community Behavioral Health Leadership Tour. Additionally, the conference inspired the creation of monthly Teaching Case Conferences led by two well-respected child psychiatrists. For the first time, these conferences brought together military and civilian mental health professionals, community and military leadership, and school counselors, with TRICARE representatives, Military Family Life Consultants, and Army Community Service personnel, to better serve military children and families.

These outcomes would not have occurred without **Forward March**. The conference was made possible through our generous sponsors: the Association of the U.S. Army, Cape Fear Valley Health System, Cumberland County Schools, Cumberland County Local Management Entity and the Junior League of Fayetteville.

This year’s conference promises to deliver the same far-reaching impact with nationally known speakers as well as local experts.

For more information about the conference please contact:

John Bigger, MS, LPC, Southern Regional AHEC
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For additional information about the conference or about “Living in the New Normal” please contact:

John Freudenberg, Government & Military Affairs Liaison with the Partnership for Children
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AGENDA

Thursday, October 13, 2011

9:00 am Welcome to Snyder Memorial Baptist

Church *(Fellowship Hall)*

*Rev. John Cook, MDiv., MS, Pastor
(To include recognition of dignitaries.)*

Welcome and Housekeeping

*John Bigger, MS, LPC
Administrator of Mental Health CE
Southern Regional AHEC*

Fayetteville Mayor Tony Chavonne

9:30 am Welcome and Remarks

*COL Stephen Sicinski
Garrison Commander, Fort Bragg*

10:00 am Introduction of Army Surgeon General

*COL Brian Canfield
Commander, Womack Army Medical Center*

10:05 am Opening Plenary *(Fellowship Hall)*

*Meeting the Needs of Military Families in a
Community Setting
LTG Eric Schoomaker, PhD, MD
Surgeon General of the United States Army*

Objectives:

- a) Identify the needs of military families to include mental and behavioral health needs;
- b) Describe the efforts of the military to integrate families into a community setting; and
- c) Discuss the importance of linking military families to community resources.

11:00 am Introduction Second Plenary

*Hank Debnam
Area Director
Cumberland County Mental Health Center*

11:05 am Secondary Plenary *(Fellowship Hall)*

*Meeting the Needs of the US Army Reserves
BG William J. Gothard
Deputy Commanding General / Chief of Staff
U.S. Army Reserve Command*

Objectives:

- a) Describe how the needs of the US Army Reserves differ from active military;
- b) Identify strategies that a helping professional might use with US Army Reserves to provide assistance; and
- c) Discuss resources available for assistance through the US Army Reserves.

12:00 pm Lunch (on-site)

12:30 pm Lunch Plenary *(Fellowship Hall)*

*Introduction
GEN Dan McNeill (Ret.)*

*The Comprehensive Soldier Fitness
Program (CSP): Helping Soldiers Move
Forward
BG Rhonda Cornum, PhD, MD
Director, Comprehensive Soldier Fitness*

Objectives:

- a) Describe the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program and the benefits to soldiers;
- b) Discuss how the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program integrates with community resources; and
- c) Identify the impact that local service providers can have on helping with the success of the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program.

1:30 pm

(Parlor)

Breakout Sessions

A) Understanding the Combat Brain
*Jerry D. Powell, DMin, LPC, LMFT, NCC
Director, Fayetteville Family Life Center*

Objectives:

- a) Differentiate between Combat/Operational Stress Reaction and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD);
- b) Recognize how the "Three Prime Directives" that sustained veterans in combat contribute to emotional disconnection and difficulties in personal life and relationships; and
- c) Discuss the differences between PTSD and mild traumatic brain injury and how these differences must be handled through very different approaches in understanding and treatment.

(Chapel)

**B) Communicating with Others About the
Death of a Parent for Children in Schools**
Mark Pisano, EdD

Objectives:

- a) Explain the importance of openly discussing death with children;
- b) Give examples of how to make the child feel connected to the deceased parent;
- c) Describe the importance of emotional resilience in families and transitioning back to school; and
- d) Discuss the importance of grieving families sharing memories and moving them forward.

(B1045)

**C) Fort Bragg and Womack Army Medical
Center Resources for Military Families**
*LTC Jay E. Earles
Chief, Department of Behavioral Health
Womack Army Medical Center*

*David Amos
Director and Market Manager
TRICARE, North Carolina*

*Tom Hill
Program Manager
Fort Bragg Family Advocacy*

Objectives:

- a) List behavioral health resources available on Fort Bragg and at Womack Army Medical Center for military families;
- b) Describe how military families can access resources through Fort Bragg Army Community Service and Womack Army Medical Center; and
- c) Discuss efforts made on behalf of the military to encourage use of these resources.

(Fellowship Hall)

**D) Unique Needs, Access and Treatment
Issues Among Reserve Component
Members and their Families in the Course
of the Deployment Cycle (Part I)**
*Harold Kudler, MD
Duke University Medical Center*

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Objectives:

- a) Describe key aspects of military service and family life that distinguish the Reserve Component of the Armed Forces from the active duty component;
- b) Describe three best practices in addressing the unique mental health needs and issues of the reserve component in the course of the deployment cycle; and
- c) Describe the importance of a public health approach in addressing deployment mental health for all service members/veterans and their families.

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Breakout Sessions

(Chapel)

- A) Families and Faith: How the Clergy Can Help
*John Cook, MDiv, MS, Pastor
Snyder Memorial Baptist Church*

Objectives:

- a) Explain the role of military chaplains in providing for the spiritual needs of soldiers and their families;
- b) Discuss the role civilian clergy and churches play in supporting military families; and
- c) Provide information on other local agencies and organizations that focus on meeting spiritual needs.

(Parlor)

- B) School Crisis Intervention
Mark Pisano, EdD

Objectives:

- a) Discuss how to create a crisis team;
- b) Discuss how to prevent and prepare for psychological trauma within a school setting; and
- c) Discuss how to conduct psychological triage.

(B1045)

- C) The Community's Resources for Military Families
*John Lesica, MD
Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
Cumberland County Mental Health Center*
*Mark Hessenthaler, MD
Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
Cumberland County Mental Health Center*

Objectives:

- a) Describe current clinical needs of military families in the community; and
- b) Explore potential interventions and actual resources in the community.

(Fellowship Hall)

- D) Unique Needs, Access and Treatment Issues Among Reserve Component Members and their Families in the Course of the Deployment Cycle (Part II)
*Harold Kudler, MD
Duke University Medical Center*

Objectives: Continued from Part I

4:30 pm Adjourn

Friday, October 14, 2011

9:00 am

(Chapel)

Breakout Sessions

- A) Being a Dependent is NOT Being Dependent
PANEL: Adrian Reeder, Teresa Sicinski, Crystal Cavalier and others including Air Force, Reserve, National Guard

Objectives:

- a) Describe how to mentor military spouses;
- b) Discuss how to advocate for soldiers, veterans, military spouses, veteran spouses and military families;
- c) Identify how to assist family members to see their strength versus their weakness; and
- d) Describe how to encourage family members to be more self-reliant and more resilient.

(Parlor)

- B) Suicide Prevention and Awareness
COL Chad McRee

Objectives:

- a) Describe the efforts to recognize suicidal symptoms in a member of the military;
- b) Identify intervention techniques utilized by the military when suicidal ideation is presented; and
- c) Discuss the military's efforts to prevent suicide.

(Fellowship Hall)

- C) Not Done Yet: Women Veterans Leading Lives of Courage and Resiliency
Barbara Summey Marshall, DMin

Objectives:

- a) Historical glance at the service of women veterans;
- b) Social challenges, personal issues, chronic health concerns for a woman veteran; and
- c) Cultural shift for women veterans - recovery and reintegration.

(B1045)

- D) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
Valorie King, PhD

Objectives:

- a) Describe symptoms consistent with the diagnosis of PTSD;
- b) Identify strategies clinicians can utilize to enhance resilience; and
- c) Discuss how resilience can be of assistance in dealing with PTSD.

10:30 am

Break

Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of Plenary *(Fellowship Hall)*

*COL Stephen Sicinski
Garrison Commander, Fort Bragg*

10:45 am

Plenary Session

Resiliency Through Loss

PANEL: Wesley Bauguess, Teresa Priestner, Breanne Priestner, Kim Felts and Casualty Assistance Officer, SFC Darnelle Hailey

Objectives:

- a) Describe real life experiences and the toll a military death takes on the family;
- b) Discuss question they would not normally ask a survivor;
- c) Identify key support organizations for survivors such as SOS, TAPS, etc;

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- d) Describe the challenges and successes of serving a family who has lost an active duty soldier;
- e) Discuss personal struggles faced by a CAO when tasked such a duty; and
- f) Identify how the Army takes care of family members of the military by providing someone to assist with the military process.

11:45 am **Lunch (on-site)**

12:15 pm **Introduction of Lunch Plenary**
Tammy Laurence
United Way of Cumberland County

12:30 pm **Lunch Plenary** (*Fellowship Hall*)
Debt Ceilings, Super Committees, and Belt-Tightening: What Do Budget Discussions in Washington Have to Do With Military Families?
Joyce Raezer, MA
Executive Director
National Military Family Association

Objectives:

- a) Gain an understanding of the budget issues facing the Department of Defense and of the process put in place with the August 2011 agreement on raising the Nation's debt ceiling; and
- b) Discuss key priorities regarding support for military families.

1:30 pm **Introduction of Wounded Warrior**
SFC Joseph Healey
U.S. Special Operations Command Care Coalition

1:35 pm **Wounded Warrior Closing Story**
MAJ Kenneth Dwyer

2:00 pm **Closing Remarks**
COL Brian Canfield
Commander, Womack Army Medical Center

2:30 pm **Adjourn**
John Bigger, MS, LPC

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Lieutenant General Eric Schoomaker, MD, PhD

LTG Eric Schoomaker, currently the Surgeon General of the United States Army, has held a wide variety of assignments. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1975 and completed his PhD in Human Genetics in 1979. LTG Schoomaker was appointed Chief of the Army Medical Corps when he assumed command of the Southeast Regional Medical Command/Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center in June 2002. He served as Corps Chief until Sept. 2006. Prior to commanding the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command, he was the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, Md., from July 2005 - March 2007.



Brigadier General Rhonda Cornum, PhD, MD

BG Rhonda Cornum is the Director of Comprehensive Soldier Fitness in the Army G-3/5/7. She was commissioned into the Army and began a research career in 1978 after receiving her PhD in nutrition and biochemistry from Cornell. She attended medical school at the Uniformed Services University, received her MD and completed a General Surgery Internship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Dr. Cornum has written or coauthored one book, four book chapters, and numerous scientific articles. She sits on numerous committees and advisory boards, including the Secretary's POW Advisory Committee for the VA.



Brigadier General William J. Gothard

BG William J. Gothard was commissioned into the Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry branch in 1978 after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Dayton, Ohio. He went on to earn his MA in Management from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri and an MSS from the U.S. Army War College. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Air War College.

Lieutenant Colonel Jay E. Earles

LTC Earles is the current Chief of the Department of Behavioral Health at WAMC. Board certified Clinical Health Psychologist. Among previous assignments was the former Army Clinical Health Psychology Fellowship Training Director, Tripler Army Medical Center and Clinical Internship Training Director, Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

Colonel Chad B. McRee, MA

COL McRee is the Director of Emergency Services and Commander of the 16th Military Police Brigade at Fort Bragg. He is a graduate of MP Officer Basic and Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, 82nd Airborne Division's Jump Master Course and the Army War College. He holds a BA in Business Administration from Stephen F. Austin State University, an MA in General Administration from Central Michigan University and an MSS from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks.

Colonel Stephen J. Sicinski, MA

COL Stephen J. Sicinski, Garrison Commander, is a 1986 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. COL Sicinski holds a BS in Latin American Studies from USMA, an MA in Political Science from the University of Kansas and an MA in National Security Studies from the National War College. During the course of his 23 year service, COL Sicinski has graduated from the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations courses, the Command and General Staff College at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, the National War College, US Air Force SERE course, Airborne and Master Parachutist courses, and Ranger School.



Major Ken Dwyer, MA

MAJ Ken Dwyer graduated from Furman University in 1998 and received his commission into the US Army as an infantry officer. In August 2006, on his third tour in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, during a combat reconnaissance patrol in the Oruzgan province, Afghanistan, MAJ Dwyer was severely injured by an enemy RPG. The injury resulted in the loss of his left hand, severed nerves in his right arm, significant facial and neck trauma, and the removal of his left eye. In June 2011, MAJ Dwyer completed his MA in Defense Analysis at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA. His current assignment is as the Chief of Readiness at USASFC (A) G-3 Training. His combat awards and decorations include the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Silver Star.

Sargeant First Class Darnelle Hailey

SFC Hailey joined the Army in 1986 and is currently serving with 18th Fires Brigade as a Chief Survey. He has had 22 cases as a Casualty Assistance Officer.

Mark Hessenthaler, MD

Mark Hessenthaler received his MD from Central American Health Sciences University in Belize City, Belize in 2001. He has received training in Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Family Therapy Training, and is a graduate of the Department of Psychiatry at the Medical College of Georgia. He is also a codeveloper of a start up program for telepsychiatry treating undergraduates from Georgia Southern University and a member of the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He is currently a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist for the Cumberland County Mental Health Center in Fayetteville, NC. He conducts outpatient assessment and treatment of children and adolescents. He is also an active participant in community education.

Harold S. Kudler, MD

Dr. Kudler trained at Yale and is Associate Clinical Professor at Duke. From 2002 to 2010, Dr. Kudler coordinated mental health services for a three-state region of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and from 2000 through 2005 cochaired VA's Special Committee on PTSD which reports to Congress. He founded the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies'

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(ISTSS) PTSD Practice Guidelines task force and serves on the ISTSS Board of Directors. He co-lead development of a joint VA/Department of Defense guideline for the management of post traumatic stress. Since 2006, he has co-lead the North Carolina Governor's Focus on Returning Military Members and their Families. Dr. Kudler is Associate Director of the VA's Mid-Atlantic Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) for Deployment Mental Health and Medical Lead for the VISN 6 Rural Health Initiative.

John J. Lesica, MD

John Lesica serves as a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist for the Cumberland County Mental Health Center in Fayetteville, NC. He conducts outpatient assessment and treatment of children and adolescents. He is also an active participant in community education and is the Director of the Child Psychiatric Program. He received his MD from Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington D.C. and is Board Certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Child Psychiatry.

Valorie King, PhD

Dr. Valorie King is a licensed clinical psychologist who has over nine years of experience providing therapy to individuals with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She earned her BS in Psychology from the University of Houston and her MS and PhD from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Her pre-doctoral internship was completed at the Albany Psychology Consortium in Albany NY, where part of her training included providing treatment to veterans in the Vietnam Veteran's Readjustment Program. Currently, Dr. King serves as the PTSD Clinical Team Coordinator at the Fayetteville VA Medical Center and is working diligently to build a program worthy of our veterans' service.

Mark C. Pisano, EdD

Dr. Pisano has been a school psychologist in Fort Bragg Schools for 28 years and in private practice as a psychological associate for eighteen years. He earned his BA in psychology from Clemson University, his MA and Certificate of Advanced Study in school psychology from Western Carolina University and his EdD degree from Campbell University. During his years at Fort Bragg, he has coordinated crisis management activities and presented seminars on the details of a successful crisis management plan. Dr. Pisano is currently certified as a Trauma and Loss School Specialist through the National Institute for Trauma and Loss. He currently is the Military Families Interest Group chair for the National Association of School Psychology and has presented across the country on the plight of the military family and how to best meet their needs.

Barbara Summey Marshall, DMin

Barbara earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. She currently serves as the Volunteer Executive Director and Founder of Steps & Stages: Disabled Veterans Resource Agency Inc. This agency provides transitional and permanent housing for homeless women veterans and their children. The agency also organizes weekly women support groups and provides mentoring and

life coaching for the veterans. Barbara was recently widowed following the death of her husband, a member of the United States Marine Corps who served during the Vietnam War.

Rev. Jerry Powell, DMin, MS

Rev. Jerry Powell is currently the Executive Director of the Fayetteville Family Life Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He has been an ordained minister for 36 years and is a retired Army chaplain with 20 years of service in military ministry. Dr. Powell is a Licensed marriage and family therapist and a Licensed Professional Counselor and National Certified Counselor. He is also a clinical member and approved supervisor for the American Association for Marital and Family Therapy (AAMFT), an NC LPC Supervisor and an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS). He is a specialist in working with military personnel and families, and he has extensive experience serving soldiers and families when the soldier has returned from deployment. Dr. Powell holds a Master of Divinity degree, an MS in Community Counseling, and a Doctor of Ministry.

John J. Cook III, MDiv, MS

After graduating from West Point in 1979, John served 26 years on active duty as both a line officer and a chaplain. He served as a battery commander in Grenada in 1983 with the 82nd Airborne Division, two additional combat tours as a chaplain in Desert Shield/Storm from 1990 to 1991, and again in Kuwait from 2004 to 2005. He retired in 2009 as the senior chaplain at the United States Military Academy to serve as pastor of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. John has ministered for over 20 years to soldiers deployed to combat as well as to their families back home.

Joyce Wessel Raezer, MA

Joyce became the Executive Director of the National Military Family Association in 2007. In that position, she guides the management of the Association's programs and initiatives that serve the families of the seven uniformed services and that promote improvements in their quality of life. She has represented military families on several committees and task forces for offices and agencies of the Department of Defense and military Services, including the Department of Defense Education Activity, the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, the Defense Commissary Agency, and the TRICARE Management Activity.

Adrian K. Reeder, BS

Adrian Reeder earned her BS in Interior Design at Kansas State University. As an Army spouse for almost fourteen years, Adrian has devoted herself to volunteer work in the schools and community, served as a Girl Scout leader at the Brownie, Junior and currently Cadette level, and has held various roles in Family Readiness Groups. She continues her work with spouse development initiatives, among other military family programs and priorities. Adrian currently serves on the Cumberland County Partnership for Children's Living in the New Normal Steering Committee, a Military Child Education Coalition initiative.

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David Amos

David retired from the Army Medical Service Corps with 26 years of service. He is currently the Director and Market Manager for TRICARE activities in North Carolina. He is responsible for service centers at Fort Bragg, Camp Lejeune, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and Cherry Point Naval Air Station. Previously, he was the Market manager for TRICARE for Oklahoma.

Wesley Bauguess

Wesley met her husband, Major Larry J. Bauguess Jr., at Appalachian State University when they were cadets in the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Program. They served in the Army together as Lieutenants and Captains. Wesley was serving as the Battalion FRG leader when Larry was killed in Pakistan in 2007. She has remained involved in Army programs and currently volunteers with the Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) office, assisting with Care Team and Casualty Assistance training.

Crystal Cavalier

Crystal graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a BA in Political Science and earned an MA in Public Administration from UNC-Pembroke. She serves as a military and veteran consultant to advocate for the military, particularly spouses dealing with employment, education and PTSD. Crystal volunteers with Blue Star Families, Operation Free by the Truman National Security Project, Operation Homefront, Support Our Arthritic Kids Inc., Red Cross, the Young Democrats of North Carolina and the NC Women's Political Caucus. Currently Crystal is employed with CSC in the Engineering Solutions & Technologies Department.

Kimberly W. Felts

Kimberly is currently a Family Readiness Program Specialist for the US Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC. She encourages support of all ACS programs to help families stay resilient during times of continued deployment. Kimberly also volunteers for ACS and has had a positive influence on the development of the current ACS SOS program throughout the Army. She continues to volunteer as a Care Team training guest survivor and has also briefed her experiences at pre-command courses for ACS and USASFC(A).

Tom Hill

Tom been the Program Manager of Fort Bragg Family Advocacy Program since 2005. He is a licensed clinical social worker. He retired from the Army in 2005, where worked most of his twenty-two years of service as a social worker in the areas of combat and operational stress, behavioral health, family advocacy and medical social work.

Teresa Priestner

Chief Warrant Officer Four John R. Priestner was born in Patterson, New Jersey on July 8, 1964. He died on November 6, 2006 near Balad, Iraq while flying his Apache helicopter. After the death of her husband of 18 years, Teresa was asked to join a support group. Ever since, she has been very involved and devoted to helping other widows and family members. As of March 2010, she was voted Gold Star Wives President of the local Tar Heel Chapter by Vietnam War widows and OIF (Operation Iraqi

Freedom) and OEF (Operation Enduring Freedom) widows. She is involved in TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) and the SOS (Survivor Outreach Services). Currently, Teresa is attending college to get her degree in Psychology to continue work with families who have lost loved ones.

Breanne Priestner

Breanne, eldest daughter of John R. Priestner, was born in Fort Hood, Texas on February 5, 1992. She was a freshman in high school when her father was killed in Iraq. Like her mother, she has been focused on helping other families and through that has found healing. She is also involved with TAPS and the SOS. She is in her second year of community college and will be transferring to a university next August. Breanne's educational plan is to get a Doctorate in Psychology.

Teresa Sicinski

Teresa retired as a Chief Warrant Officer Three of the United States Army in 2003 after serving 21 years. Teresa volunteers in various positions both on and off the installation. She serves as a board member for Fort Bragg Schools, she is a member of the Patient and Family Advocacy Council with Womack Army Medical Center, and serves in various positions in support of her role as an Honorary Advisor with Army Community Services, Fort Bragg. She is a United Way of Cumberland County board member and Second Harvest Food Bank board member. She assists where needed with Partnership for Children.



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