



# International Armed Forces, Veterans and their Families Research Conference

## CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

University of Chester,  
Queens Park Campus,  
Queens Park Road,  
Chester,  
England  
CH4 7AD



**Tickets:  
£125**



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We are pleased to announce and invite papers to be submitted to an international armed forces, veterans and families research conference. This collaborative event is being delivered in the UK at the University of Chester in partnership with USA and international colleagues. The intent is to bring together international experts in military and veteran's research, education, practice / health and social care, and showcase advances designed to meet the needs of Veterans and their families.

## Target Audience

This event is particularly relevant to researchers, educators, clinicians, and welfare personnel involved in caring for armed forces, veterans and families. These include nursing, mental health and primary healthcare clinicians, charities, welfare and psychological support services personnel and Veterans. Also academics working in areas aligned to armed forces, veterans and families research.

# Conference Themes and Objectives

## **THEMES**

A number of key issues will be addressed under the themes of transition, trauma, clinical and mental health interventions and Veterans families.

These include:

- Innovative interventions for conditions such as depression, PTSD, alcohol misuse, and other military related mental health disorders. This will also include associated outcomes of MH problems such as self-harm and suicide and MH disorders associated with mTBI.
- Transition: military, veterans and their families.
- Challenges facing tomorrow's veterans and their carers.
- Care of the older veteran and their families.
- Physical injuries including musculoskeletal disorders and amputations.
- Networking opportunities.
- Workforce challenges and innovations, educational strategies and clinical support.

## **OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this international conference and educational activity, the participant will be able to:

- Better understand the physical and psychological health issues of military veterans and their families.
- Recognise the unique challenges and opportunities faced by Veterans and their families upon military discharge.
- Gain an insight to the new challenges that the current armed forces face in support of humanitarian operations.
- Identify best available evidenced based practice to address veterans' healthcare issues.
- Identify and evaluate current, relevant research strategies to integrate knowledge of veterans health clinical practice.
- Describe national pioneering research including new treatments in armed forces, veterans and the families' mental health problems.
- Evaluate the role of practitioners in supporting armed forces, veterans and their families' health, education and research.

# Opportunities

## Papers

Main Auditorium - these sessions will include high quality research presentations centred on the conference themes.

Plenary Sessions - attendees will have a choice of plenary sessions from UK, USA and international speakers.

Poster Presentations - these sessions are available to both experienced and novice conference attendees. Posters can focus upon key challenges and opportunities or challenges within the field of armed forces, veterans and their families care. An award will be presented to the best poster.

**Successful applicants will be required to register for the event and purchase a ticket.**

## Abstracts

Please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words, to include the following information: Title / Background / Aim / Method / Results / Discussion.

UK submission should be admitted by email to **WCVeterans@chester.ac.uk**

USA submission should be submitted to **kelleyp@duq.edu**

The subject line of the email should clearly state International Armed Forces, Veterans and their Families Conference, and you should state whether you are submitting a paper or a poster.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the conference committee.

**Deadline for abstracts is 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020.**

## Further Information

### Conference Dinner

There will be a conference dinner on the evening of **17<sup>th</sup> September** at Senate House (Parkgate Road, CH1 4BJ) and the cost for this is **£40**. There is a limited capacity for the dinner, so for those that wish to attend, we ask that you annotate this when submitting your application.

### Submit abstracts, register Interest and buy tickets

Please submit **UK and International (non USA)** abstracts to:

Email: **WCVeterans@chester.ac.uk**

Please submit **USA** abstracts to:

Professor Patricia KELLEY

Email: **kelleyp@duq.edu**

Tickets cost **£125**. You can register / purchase tickets for the conference and the dinner at: <https://www1.chester.ac.uk/events/international-armed-forces-veterans-and-their-families-research-conference>

Other enquires to the conference administrator: Lauren West  
**l.west@chester.ac.uk**

Some detail on the University of Chester is at:  
<https://vimeo.com/364276948>



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