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SPEAKER'S BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

TOPIC: CARE AND OUTREACH TO VETERANS

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFERING:

In addition to advocating for Post-9/11 veterans and families on a case-by-case basis, Connie has been providing community awareness and education presentations since 2005 to faith-based and other community stakeholders in Wisconsin and Maryland. These presentations focus on ways to improve outreach to veterans and families, and provide communities with a beginning look at recovery and community reintegration challenges facing many 21st century combat veterans and families, to include: physical, psychiatric, and moral injury; substance abuse and addiction; unemployment; homelessness; and family and caregiver issues.

This is a 90-minute special education presentation with time for questions and answers.

Intended audiences, in addition to veterans and families: inter-faith pastoral leadership and church communities; urban and rural community and education leaders and stakeholders (e.g.; health and human services, non-VA health / mental health care providers, two and four year colleges, prospective employers); and members of the public who want to know more about these issues and ways they can help. Goals of this offering are increased awareness, improved outreach, and improved support by faith communities and non-VA community stakeholders and partners.