

WHEN VETERANS COME HOME: A Workshop for Working Journalists

How to improve coverage of returning veterans, their families, and their communities

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have taken a heavy toll on every segment of American society, but none more so than returning veterans, their families, and their communities. Given the economic constraints on many of today's newsrooms, journalists struggle to adequately report on the psychological impact of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars on returning veterans—many of whom have served multiple tours of duty and are struggling to reintegrate into the families, schools, and communities they left behind.

In response, the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, in collaboration with the Carter Center's Mental Health Program, has organized a three-day conference "When Veterans Come Home: A Workshop for Working Journalists." The workshop will address the special challenges facing local and regional news organizations seeking to improve their coverage of critical issues facing returning veterans, with a special emphasis on journalists in communities with high concentrations of veterans or military families.

The workshop will take place January 7-9, 2010 at the Carter Center in Atlanta, GA. Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter will be the opening speaker. The workshop will feature a wide range of leading mental health and policy experts, award-winning journalists, and veterans' advocates. It will include background briefings as well as specialized reporting skills workshops aimed at enhancing the practical ability of local journalists to report on veterans knowledgeable, ethically, and effectively.

All selected participants will receive a full scholarship to attend the workshop. The workshop is made possible by generous grants from the McCormick Foundation and the Carter Center's Mental Health Program.

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE WORKSHOP?

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Thank you for your interest in "When Veterans Come Home," a workshop for working journalists organized by the Dart Center for Journalism & Trauma and the Carter Center, and generously funded by both the Carter Center and the McCormick Foundation.

To apply, submit the following:

Complete the form below

Resume or CV

Work Samples

One relevant sample
(print, online, audio, video)

Supporting Letter

From your editor or supervisor

Letter of interest

Describing how and why this workshop is relevant to your work; identifying two issues concerning returning veterans that are of greatest interest to you; discussing a challenge you have encountered while pursuing stories about veterans.

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APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

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