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# CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



**Joining Forces Across the Atlantic to  
Restore Lives: Research, Education,  
and Practice for Military and Veteran's Health**

**International Military Veterans Conference**

**Friday 2nd October 2015**

Grange Hotel, Grange Over Sands, Cumbria, UK

*This collaborative event is a joint venture being delivered in the UK by the University of Central Lancashire in partnership with the University of South Florida in the USA.*

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## International Military Veterans Conference

We are pleased to announce and invite papers to be submitted to an international military and veterans conference. This collaborative event is a joint venture being delivered in the UK at the University of Central Lancashire in partnership with the University of South Florida in the USA. This conference builds on long established USF commitment to military and veterans. This is the first time the conference is being held in Europe. The intent is to bring together international experts in military and veterans 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 military and veterans. These include include nursing, mental health and primary healthcare clinicians, welfare and psychological support services personnel and Veterans. Also academics working in areas aligned to military Veterans research including armed forces personnel, young people's health and social needs and emergency services personnel.

### CONFERENCE THEMES

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

These include:

- Innovative and original treatments of PTSD and other military related mental health disorders with a focus on Accelerated Resolution Therapy.
- Transition: military, veterans and their families.
- Challenges facing tomorrow's veterans. The implications of providing humanitarian care. A Sierra Leone focus.
- International and armed forces collaborative veteran's research. Showcasing US and UK veterans and families research.
- The UKs College of Military Veterans and Emergency Services.
- Networking opportunities.
- Workforce transitions of military veterans: educational strategies and student support.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **Venue, Accommodation & Conference Dinner**

The conference venue is the Grange Hotel, Grange Over Sands [www.grange-hotel.co.uk](http://www.grange-hotel.co.uk)

Reduced accommodation fees are available for conference attendees. Please state that you are part of the conference when making a booking, to receive the reduced rate.

There will be a conference dinner on the evening of Friday 2nd October 2015, at the Grange Hotel, and the cost for this is £30. There is limited capacity for the dinner so we encourage those who wish to attend to annotate this requirement when submitting their application.

### **CONFERENCE FEE £120**

## **OBJECTIVES**

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

- Understand the physical and psychological health issues of military veterans and their families.
- Recognise the unique challenges and opportunities faced by Veterans 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 PTSD and other veterans mental health problems.
- Understand the role of the UK's College of Military Veterans.
- Evaluate the role of practitioners in supporting veterans health, education and research.

## **FORMATS**

### **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 both UK 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 veterans care. An award will be presented to the best poster.

### **Abstracts**

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

UK submission should be admitted by email to [healthconferences@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:healthconferences@uclan.ac.uk)

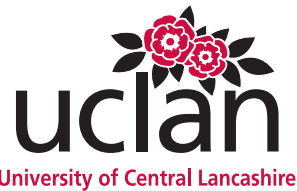
USA submission should be submitted to [cvisovsk@health.usf.edu](mailto:cvisovsk@health.usf.edu)

The subject line of the email should clearly state Military Veterans 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 Friday 29 May 2015.**

\* If paper presentations are over-subscribed; then you may be offered an alternative poster presentation.



## **REGISTER INTEREST**

To register your interest in this conference, or for further information, please contact:

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[www.uclan.ac.uk/conference\\_events/joining\\_forces\\_to\\_restore\\_lives.php](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/conference_events/joining_forces_to_restore_lives.php)

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