

CARE-NET: Caring Beyond the Yellow Ribbon  
Supporting West Virginia Military Members and Their Families  
Annual Conference  
August 10, 2009

2009 Conference Keynote Speaker and Panelists

**Introduction of Asst. Secy by The Honorable United States Senator Jay Rockefeller**

**Keynote: The Honorable L. Tammy Duckworth, Asst. Secy, OPIA**

Dr. Barbara V. Dahlen-“Give an Hour” Founder

Panelists:

- Merritt Moore, WV Dept. of Health and Human Resources, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Michel Michael, MSW: Huntington VAMC
- Tammy Miller, ACSW; LCSW: Huntington VAMC
- Chuck Weinberg, Recovery Coordinator: Huntington VAMC
- Pam Neal, Women Veteran Coordinator: Huntington, VAMC
- Mike Ellis, Peer Support Tech: Huntington, VAMC
- Barbara Schmidlapp, Military Sexual Abuse Trauma Provider
- Edward Young, Substance Abuse Education/Counselor: Martinsburg VAMC
- Samantha Blevins, MSW, CRC Team Leader Veteran Center Outreach Counselor: Morgantown Vet Outreach Center
- Frances Holland, BS: Outreach Specialist Women’s Addictive Services, Pretera Mental Health Services, Inc.
- Susan Izzo, MSW, West Virginia Army National Guard State Family Programs Staff

**Spiritual Healing**

Chaplain Lt. Col. Bruce Reed  
West Virginia Army National Guard State

**Telling their Own Story**

OIF/OEF Veterans and/or Family Member(s)

- Col. Thomas F. Young, U.S. Army Retired Father of OIF/OEF son suffering TBI
- Tom and Dianne Vande Burgt OIF/OEF Veteran

CARE-NET: Caring Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Community Social Services Agencies  
Mid-Ohio Chapter Red Cross of Parkersburg West Virginia  
Tyrand Ministries of Elkins, West Virginia  
Karen Allen- American Red Cross