

ADVOCATING THERAPEUTIC JUSTICE FOR VETS WITH PTSD
AND TBI IN THE COURTROOM

2015 ANNUAL BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE

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Outside Speakers

CDR Ray Nairn

Born and raised just outside of Detroit, MI

Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Notre Dame

Joined the Navy in 2003

Duty Stations: Cherry Point, Little Creek, Dam Neck, and Portsmouth Naval Hospital

Currently the Department Head of the Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program at Portsmouth

Deployments: Iraq 2005 for 7.5 months, 2010 Afghanistan for four months, 2012 Afghanistan for three months.

Wife and 11 year old triplets and live in Chesapeake

John A. Mason, Psy.D.

born in Suffolk, VA and completed his undergraduate degree at Virginia Commonwealth University. He earned a Master of Education degree in Counseling Education from VCU, and entered a doctoral program in clinical psychology at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology in Chicago. After internship at the Illinois Psychiatric Institute, Dr. Mason completed a residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital specializing in child abuse and neglect. He developed a solo practice providing assessment, therapy, consulting, and supervision services to public service agencies in and around Chicago.

Dr. Mason returned to Virginia in 1999 and accepted a position with the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board. His responsibilities for the Board progressed from staff psychologist, to manager of Evaluation Services and, in 2002, to the Clinical Administration of Child and Adolescent Comprehensive Outpatient Services.

Dr. Mason holds faculty status at Eastern Virginia Medical School, and he is a supervisor for VA Interns and practicum students. He is a Past-President of the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists, Past-President of the Tidewater Academy of Clinical Psychologists, and a member of the American Psychological Association, and the Virginia Psychological Association.

In 2006, Dr. Mason began a special project for HNNCSB to increase the provision of mental health services to active duty soldiers, Veterans, National Guard members, Reservists, and their dependents. This emerging interest led to his current position of Staff Psychologist at the Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center where since 2009, he has provided clinical services to Veterans returning from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

Lilia Adams

An employee at Veterans Affairs Medical Center since 2004 and has held several clinical positions. Most notably as Supervisor of the Housing and Urban Development/ Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH) Program. In April 2014, she was appointed the Senior Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist position. She provides services to veteran incarcerated in city jails located on the South side, comprised of approximately 13 of the 26 cities serviced within the VAMC catchment area. The program is designed to provide linkage to incarcerated and justice involved veterans who are eligible for VA benefits with services, including medical, mental health, housing etc.

Lilia holds a Masters of Social Work degree and is a Virginia Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Substance Abuse Counselor.

While serving as HUD/VASH Supervisor VAMC from Feb 2007 through May 2014, her commitment, dedication, enthusiasm in providing services to homeless veterans, lead her team of 25 employees comprised social workers, peer support specialist, Program Support Specialist, Addiction Therapist, to receipt of the prestigious 2011 4th Annual National Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievements in Service to Homeless Veterans".

Lilia welcomes direct contact from veterans and Attorney's requesting intervention to veterans with legal concerns, prior incarceration, during incarceration, and post incarceration. Lilia's brochures and business cards are available.

Mackenzie Shaw

Re-Entry Resource Specialist

Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

Region V, Hampton Roads-Tidewater Area

Prior to joining the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program in April 2012, Mackenzie worked at the Department of Human Services providing direct services to low-income, Hampton Roads/Tidewater area residents as an eligibility worker/case manager for public assistance. Along with six and a half years of experience in meeting the needs of low-income families she has provided leadership in various volunteer roles.

Originally from Ohio, Mackenzie's military service took her to the Hampton Roads/Tidewater area, where she now resides. She was active duty Air Force prior to taking on the role of stay-at-home mother and military dependent spouse. During these five years of working in the home, she completed her Bachelor of Science in Social Psychology at Park University. In 2013 Mackenzie earned her Master of Business Administration from Saint Leo University.

As the Re-Entry Resource Specialist, Mackenzie provides coordination of re-entry services to incarcerated Veterans. She has developed a model for the VWWP Eastern Region to provide re-entry services to those who have served our Country and to those who are currently serving time in state, regional, and city detention centers. Mackenzie helps communities collaboratively develop and enhance services for incarcerated veterans through partnership and support from Federal, State, Local, non-profit, and faith-based entities. Mackenzie has represented the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program at Re-Entry Council meetings, Cross-Systems Mapping Workshops, and Department of Correction events in her position that she has held with VWWP for over three years.