



VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

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ACL Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly Administration for Community Living (ACL) update:

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/eNewsletter/CurrentNewsLetter.pdf>

NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) update where you can sign up or view the current and archived editions:

http://www.nasud.org/newsroom/friday_updates/friday_updates.html

2013 Vet Conference on Hearing Loss

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

[See Attachment](#)

Learn About Research on Elder Abuse and Neglect

Kathy Miller, Director of Programs

Anyone who serves elders can use this information!

In a conversational format, speakers discuss the following:

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- The importance of risk factors in explaining, identifying, and reducing elder abuse
- Research findings on types of elder abuse risk factors:
 - Forms of elder abuse
 - Settings of abuse
 - Relationship between victims and perpetrators

Access the two-part interview on [NCEA's YouTube Channel](#) and [iTunes University collection](#).

Learn more about [NCEA's webinars and podcasts](#).

These free recordings were created by National Center on Elder Abuse, National Adult Protective Services Association and National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse.

2013-2014 State Holiday Schedule

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

The Virginia Department of Human Resource Management has issued the holiday schedule for 2014. The DARS will be closed in observance of the following holidays for the remainder of 2013 and 2014.

2013

Monday, October 14 – Columbus Day and Yorktown Victory Day

Monday, November 11 – Veterans' Day (observed)

Wednesday, November 27 (Close at Noon)

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 29 – Day After Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 24 – Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas

2014

Wednesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Friday, January 17 – Lee-Jackson Day

Monday, January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 17 – George Washington's Birthday

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

Friday, July 4 – Independence Day

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day

Monday, October 13 – Columbus Day and Yorktown Victory Day

Tuesday, November 11 – Veterans' Day (observed)

Wednesday, November 26 – (Close at Noon)

Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 28 – Day After Thanksgiving



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AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 24 - (Close at Noon)

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas

Friday, December 26 - Offices Closed

The calendar can also be found at <http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov>. If you have any questions, please call let me know.

Soldiering on with Confidence & Independence: 2013 Veterans Conference on Hearing Loss

Who:

Veterans who are hard of hearing and their families

Where:

John F. Fick Conference Center, Fredericksburg, VA

When:

Saturday, November 9, 2013; 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Why:

To honor veterans for their service and give them a forum to share information, personal experiences, strategies and more about living with hearing loss.

Cost:

\$20 (includes lunch)

Highlights:

- Helpful presentations from leading physicians and audiologists
- Information about the latest hearing loss technologies, including implantable hearing aids and cochlear implants
- Opportunities to meet other veterans with hearing loss and share experiences and coping skills
- Service dogs presentation and live demonstration
- Variety of assistive communication devices on display, courtesy of Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Hamilton CapTel

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Soldiering on with Confidence & Independence: 2013 Veterans Conference on Hearing Loss



Saturday, November 9, 2013

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

John F. Fick Conference Center
1301 Sam Perry Boulevard | Fredericksburg, VA

Draft Agenda

9 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ronald L. Lanier, Director of the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Camilla Schwoebel, Regional Coordinator for the Virginia Wounded Warriors Program

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

“Veterans with Hearing Loss, Tinnitus and Balance Issues”

Presented by: Arnaldo Rivera, M.D., of the Cochlear Implant Program at Walter Reed National Medical Center

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

“Audiology for Veterans with a Hearing Loss” Presented by Gerald Schuchman, Ph. D., of the Army’s Audiology and Speech Center discusses hearing loss, evaluation and testing, diagnosis and treatments for Veterans.

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch provided by Virginia Relay

12:30 – 1:15 pm

“Veterans with Hearing Loss”

A panel of Veterans with hearing loss moderated by Don Doherty, Education Specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs. With hearing loss as the number one war-related injury affecting veterans returning from the Middle East, panelist share their experiences and explore resources that can assist them.

1:20 – 2:00 pm

“Independent Lives through Technology”

Presented by Melissa Oliver, Assistive Technology Program Manager at the McGuire VA Medical Center’s Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center and Marta Cagle, Virginia Outreach Coordinator for Hamilton Relay Services, who discuss and demonstrate available technology and devices for veterans with moderate to severe hearing loss and related disabilities.

2:05 – 2:50

“Miscommunications or Missed Communication? Living with Late-Onset Hearing Loss”

A mini-workshop presented by Bonnie O’Leary, Certified Hearing Loss Support Specialist with the Northern Virginia Resource Center, who discusses communication strategies for Veterans, families and caregivers.

2:50 – 3:05 p.m.

Break

3:05 – 3:50

“Service Dogs for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing” A mini-workshop lead by Cheryl Heppner, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons who answers frequently asked questions about the role, training, and qualifying for a Hearing Dog who can bring their human partners a greater feeling of security, independence and companionship. Includes demonstrations provided by Galaxy.

3:50 – 4:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

For More Information

Contact Arva Priola, Coordinator for Deaf and Hard of Hearing at The disAbility Resource Center

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Directions

John F. Fick III Conference Center
1301 Sam Perry Boulevard | Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401
Conference Center and parking are in the back of the building

From the South:

Take exit 130A towards Fredericksburg. Take Route 3 east to Route 1. Turn left on Sam Perry Blvd.

From the North:

From 95 S:

Take exit 133A towards Falmouth. Take Route 17 to Route 1. Turn right on Sam Perry Blvd.

From the West:

Take Route 3 east to Route 1 north. Turn left on Sam Perry Blvd.

From the East:

Take Route 3 west to Route 1 north. Turn left on Sam Perry Blvd.

Register Now

Cost: \$20

Registration opens August 1, 2013; reservations are limited to the first 200 received. Scholarships made possible by the Virginia Wounded Warriors Program are available to Veterans who may not be able to afford to attend. For more information, contact Arva Priola at (540) 373-5890.

How to Register:

Online: www.cildrc.org

By Mail: Complete form below and mail with check (made payable to: The disAbility Resource Center) to:
The disAbility Resource Center
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Accommodations requests:

I prefer the following:

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_____ Cued Speech _____ ASL Interpreter

_____ Other (please specify: _____)

Box lunch provided:

_____ Vegetarian _____ Regular

