COMMON GROUND: 
THE MEDIA, MILITARY, AND 
POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS (PTS)

WHAT: To help journalists learn how better to cover PTS—and how better to cope with their own PTS—the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas will host a day–long workshop funded by the McCormick Foundation. The workshop will include:

- An update from medical experts on what we know about PTS today;
- A panel discussion with military officials on their experiences with PTS and suggestions on how journalists can improve coverage of this issue; and
- A panel discussion with journalists who will discuss their own PTS and offer suggestions and resources for journalists coping with PTS.

WHO: This workshop is recommended for both reporters who have covered combat, as well as reporters who have not covered combat but are interested in the topic of PTS. Health care reporters are welcome to attend. We encourage editors to attend also. Workshop enrollment is limited to 35 journalists. However, observers are welcome.

WHEN: November 16, 2012

WHERE: The National Press Club
529 14th Street Northwest
Washington, DC 20045

WHY: The war in Iraq is over, and the war in Afghanistan is winding down. Stories about the military will now focus on the home front—veterans and their families adjusting to life post-deployment. The Veterans Administration estimates at 30 percent of men and women who have been in combat experience PTS, and an additional 25 percent will experience partial PTS at some point in their lives. Journalists, too, can suffer from PTS. The goal of this workshop is to help journalists learn to tell stories that are both accurate, authentic, and sensitive.

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