



OPERATION ENGAGE AMERICA

A PTS & TBI Support, Education, & Awareness Event
A P T S & T B I S u p p o r t , E d u c a t i o n , & A w a r e n e s s E v e n t

Join organizations and agencies in a day of support, awareness, education and resources for Veterans and their families living with post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury, and for those in the community who want to be part of the solution.

20 JUNE 2015 | 10:00am to 4:00pm

Liberty Station Conference Center

2600 Laning Road, San Diego, CA 92106

10:00am – 10:30am **Welcome**

Welcome

Bob Lawrence, EMCEE

Air Force Staff Sgt. 1970-1976 and Military and Veterans Reporter San Diego 10News

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Remarks

Congressman Scott Peters, U.S. House of Representatives

Chairman Bill Horn, County of San Diego

Supervisor Greg Cox, County of San Diego

10:30am – 4:30pm **Resource Fair and Workshops**

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS:

10:30 – 11:15am AND 1:30 – 2:15pm

Combat-Related Moral Injury Larry Taylor, M.A., D Min, B.C.C.,
Lead Mental Health Chaplain, VA San Diego
Healthcare System

Coaching Into Care Carie Rodgers, Ph.D, ABPP,
VA Center of Excellence-Stress and Mental Health,
UCSD Associate Director of Education,
CESAMH-Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry

11:15 – 12:00pm AND 2:15 – 3:00pm

Post-Traumatic Stress A personal view by Drew Lucas, Veteran

Traumatic Brain Injury Angela Basham
Defense and Veteran Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)

3:00 – 4:00 **Closing**

GET INVOLVED and PARTICIPATE!

Learn more about this effort, the Resource Fair or
to sign up to be a vendor go to

www.operationengageamerica.org

or call (619)500-2454

OUR STORY A COMMUNITY STORY

Daniel Somers was a CA Army National Guardsman who returned to civilian life from the Iraq war as so many of our warriors do, suffering from invisible wounds. For Daniel it was not only Post Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury, but also Gulf War Syndrome. His transition to civilian life ended June 10, 2013 when he took his own life, unable to cope any longer with multi-system health issues.

Daniel's parents, Jean and Howard Somers, have made it their mission to address the multiple barriers that kept Daniel from receiving the proper treatment he so desperately needed. In that process we hope to ensure that no other veteran or family suffers as ours has.

Let's start putting those organizations together with America now. Let's engage America in the process of helping to heal our service members, our veterans and their families. We have named the effort Operation Engage America (OEA). Our goal is to have a grassroots event every June (PTSD Awareness month) in as many communities across America as possible.

Join the effort!
As an attendee, YOU could
be the resource that saves
the life of a Veteran.