

# Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Mental Health, and & Acute Stress Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Mental Health

Community Reintegration (CR) in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) veterans

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**Statement of Purpose:** Community reintegration (CR) describes the process of an individual's adjustment and return to participation in their major social roles at home, work and in the community. Estimates suggest of the 2.3 million Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) US service members deployed, over 300,000 have mild TBI and at least 300,000 have PTSD. Negative consequences for CR in Veterans associated with mild TBI have included increased rates of apathy, depression, anger and disinhibition and increased risk of being victims of violence and abuse. The negative consequences for CR associated with PTSD have included decreased quality of life, increased self-reported medical and physical symptoms, increased substance use and suicide. PTSD also has negative economic and interpersonal consequences for Veterans including decreased work performance, increased homelessness and impaired family relationships.

**Methodology & Objectives:** This talk will be based on a synthesis of the presenter's work completed over the past five years and will highlight associations and points of clinical relevance among TBI, PTSD and CR.

**Findings:**

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