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THE COALITION FOR IRAQ + AFGHANISTAN VETERANS IS A GROUP OF MORE THAN 50 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY DEDICATED TO INCREASING ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE AND SERVICES FOR POST 9/11 VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND SURVIVORS THROUGH COLLABORATION AMONG SERVICE PROVIDERS AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS.

MAY 5 - 8 2ND ANNUAL CIAV CONFERENCE
Renaissance Mayflower Hotel | Washington, DC | Please visit our website: www.CoalitionforVeterans.com for complete details.

MAY 17 JOIN THE TAPS RUN AND REMEMBER TEAM!
Pay tribute to the brave men and women in uniform who gave the ultimate sacrifice and run in their memory at the Marine Corps Historic Half in Fredericksburg, VA.

WEDNESDAYS IN THEIR BOOTS ONLINE WEEKLY WEBSISODES
Visit www.InTheirBoots.org every Wednesday at 4pm PST/ 7pm EST to view the episodes in streaming video.

ONGOING MILITARY SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP
The National Military Family Association announces a scholarship for spouses of the Wounded and Fallen, the Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to spouses to obtain professional certification or to attend post secondary or graduate school. For further information or to apply for a scholarship, visit <http://www.nmfa.org>.

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WINTER 2009

Strengthening
Services for our
Military, Veterans,
Families, and
Survivors

IN ACTION

Moving Forward and Making a Difference

SAVE THE DATE - EXPERTS GATHER FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL COALITION FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS CONFERENCE.

Answering President Barack Obama's call to national service, "I ask all Americans to make a renewed commitment to serving their community and their country. We're going to have to take responsibility - all of us," the Coalition for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans (CIAV) will hold a public forum inviting military and veteran communities, OSD, DoD, and Congressional Office staff; non-profit organizations, civic groups, colleges, media, and others to share resources and strengthen our nation's commitment to our military, veterans, families, and survivors.

Those who attend the forum will have an opportunity to learn about important issues facing those who serve and solutions to offer in panel

discussions by CIAV organizations such as Disabled American Veterans, The Pathway Home, National Veterans Foundation, TAPS, National Military Family Association, and others. Attendees will have an opportunity to hear from service members, veterans, families, and survivors about their experiences.

With a goal of promoting partnerships between community and government entities, the CIAV hopes to create a platform for public, private, and community partnerships to deliver solutions and fill the gaps in care.

"This is an opportunity for everyone to learn about and utilize vital resources needed for this cohort and build an audience among those who can make a difference," states Amy Fairweather, Director of the Coalition for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans.

"It's important for us to work together and better inform our system of care. Our organizations are out there, on the ground, working to strengthen services.

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Pg 2: NEXT STEPS FOR THE COALITION
2009 Annual Conference and exciting year-round opportunities for you to get involved!



Pg 3: AIR COMPASSION IN ACTION
Since November 2006, ACV has flown over 8,200 flights with over 388 being for CIAV organizations.



Pg 4: SAVE THE DATE
Mark your calendars for all the great events the Coalition has to offer throughout the year.