

The **South Central MIRECC** hosts  
a *Bringing Science to Practice* web-based presentation

***Combat Psychiatry: From the Battle Front to the Home  
Front***

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This presentation will focus on treating mental health problems in active duty service members, including combat stress management and pharmacotherapy. The presenters will discuss the meaning of “combat readiness” and the mental health needs of service members transitioning to civilian life.

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**12:00 PM (noon) – 1:00 PM CT**

The PowerPoint presentation will be available **December 14, 2005** at

<http://vaww.visn16.med.va.gov/mirecc.htm>

**VANTS #: 1-800-767-1750, access code 45566#**

Learning objectives:

1. Describe current combat stress control efforts in the combat theatre
2. Describe appropriate psychotropic medication use in a combat theatre
3. Discuss needed mental healthcare for military service members after returning from combat, including an update on post deployment screening

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