

The Welcome Johnny and Jane Home Coalition's mission is to depathologize war trauma (stop saying that those troubled by war are therefore mentally ill) and increase the use of nonpathologizing, low-risk ways to help veterans heal emotionally, morally, and spiritually.

We have been doing this by meetings with key people in the Pentagon, on Capitol Hill, in veterans' organizations, and in community and other groups, as well as by writing (from the *Washington Post* to blogging on a special website about this subject to blogging about it for *Psychology Today*), speaking (including to veterans' groups, the American Legion Auxiliary, professional associations, and groups of activists across the political spectrum), and readings and productions of plays about veterans.

On November 2, 2011, at Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance, we organized a conference called "A Better Welcome Home" that consisted of 29 5-minute presentations by people in and out of the military and the VA, in nonprofits, or doing work as individuals that spanned a wide range of approaches, including but not limited to using physical exercise, the arts, meditation, community involvement, education, political action, and the use of service dogs. An Emmy-winning director filmed these brief presentations, and they can be seen [here](#). We are disseminating information about this website throughout the country and using it both to educate civilians about the vast array of nonpathologizing, low-risk ways that any citizen can help. Each brief video includes the contact information for the speaker, and viewers are urged to get in touch. Each video is accompanied by a list of three to five ways that to help with that particular approach.

The Coalition currently includes the Military Officers Association of America, the National Veterans Foundation, International Society for Ethical Psychology and Psychiatry, Soldier's Heart, and the Women in Military Service to America Memorial Foundation, with other organizations soon discussing joining at their respective Board meetings.

Joining the Coalition does not commit member groups or individuals to providing financial support, time, or energy but simply involves a statement of endorsement of the mission of the Coalition. Of course, suggestions and support of any kind would be gladly accepted.