

**“Bridging the Rivers:
A Family and Community Conversation with Returning Service
Men and Women”
May 1, 2008 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
American Legion Post 26, Main Street, White River Junction, VT**

Sponsored by
**The Vermont Military, Family and Community Network and
The New Hampshire National Guard**

For the first time in New England, two states are coming together to help returning combat service members from all branches of the military, members of their families, medical and social services providers in the civilian and veterans domains, educators, clergy, and other interested members of the community learn about the challenges facing citizen soldiers and their families as a consequence of service in a combat zone.

The impact of war is deeper, more widespread, and more long-lasting than most of us think about on a daily basis. We know that talking together, sharing experiences and wisdom, and learning what can happen helps build a stronger community.

This is a “Conference Plus”. When you send in your registration you will receive a resource and reading packet. This information will prepare you for the conference and be your tool for the future. On 1 May there will be an experienced and rich array of representatives from programs, organizations and other resources with whom you can make a personal contact.

The program itself includes:
Keynote Presenter Filmmaker Jay Craven
Creator of the documentary “After the Fog”

Presentations from Leaders in Vermont and New Hampshire services for combat veterans and their families.

A compelling presentation on deployed family members by **Kids on the Block**

A significant block of time will feature facilitated conversation in break-out groups for military members and families, service providers, clergy, educators and other community members.

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Register on attached form

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**\$15.00 payable to The Family Place
Cost covers materials, lunch, breaks
Please return registration and check to
AHS Field Services
226 Holiday Drive, White River Junction, VT 05001**

Name _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Role (check as many as apply)

- Returning service man or woman**
- Family member**
- Medical or human service provider including therapists**
- Educator or other school personnel**
- Clergy**
- VA or NCPTSD staff**
- National Guard Family Support staff**
- Other community member (specify) _____**

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