OEF/OIF/OND Briefing
Outline

- What does OEF/OIF/OND mean?
- Who are the OEF/OIF/OND team members in Oregon?
- What is the purpose of this program?
- Who is eligible and for what?
- Issues OEF/OIF/OND Veterans Face
What is OEF/OIF/OND?

- **OEF** = Operation Enduring Freedom, Operations in and around Afghanistan
- **OIF** = Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operations in and around Iraq
- **OND** = Operation New Dawn
  
  New name for OIF
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The OEF/OIF/OND Program is designed to serve our returning severely injured and/or seriously ill combat Veterans as they transition into the VA from either a military treatment facility or through standard discharge from their respective service back into the community. Our purpose is to provide services to OEF/OIF/OND Veterans that augment existing services and bring the existing services together in an effort to limit and reduce service gaps. These services include assistance with the transition into VA care, advocacy across all services, and case management.

All OEF/OIF/OND Veterans that can benefit from any of the services listed above are encouraged to contact us.
OEF/OIF/OND Veterans

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The VA’s OEF/OIF/OND Program provides exclusive personal service to veterans returning from Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other “hostile fire” areas.

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Please call one of the individuals above to learn more about the OEF/OIF/OND Program and the benefits & services available to you through the Department of Veterans Affairs

Department of Veterans Affairs
Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics
Not to guide them away from the war and its effects, but to support and accompany them through it...

We do not come home *from* war. We come home *with* war.
Overall Purpose

- Our number one priority is to help bridge the gap for healthcare for the OEF/OIF/OND severely injured and ill.

- All other OEF/OIF/OND veterans are prioritized accordingly.
Program Manager

- Direct Traffic
Case Managers

- Severely Injured and ill Case Management
**Transition Patient Advocate (TPA)**

- First point of contact for severely injured and ill / discusses needs with team
- Transports veterans / service members
- Helps patients navigate thru VHA system
- Protects veterans against system abuses and safeguards & insures their constitutional rights
- Educate veterans and staff as needed
- Community events / outreach (PDHRA’s)
- Split position
Who’s Eligible?

- Veterans, including activated Reservists and members of the National Guard, are eligible if they served on active duty in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, and have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

- The minimum active duty service requirement is the shorter of the following two periods:
  1. The full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty, or
  2. Twenty-four months of continuous active duty.
What are they eligible for?

- 5 years of free healthcare after separating from military service if the VA finds the veteran’s medical illness:
  - Is clearly related to service based on a VA clinician’s judgment

~ Otherwise there will be a co-pay, unless they fall into one of the other eligibility categories ~
What are they eligible for?

- Dental exam within 180 days from discharge if one was not performed prior to leaving military service

“Lots of Room”
Oregon Service members crammed in the back of a Helicopter
ISSUES OEF/OIF/OND VETERANS FACE

Medical Diagnosis
- PTSD
- Depression
- Musculoskeletal Pain
- Blast Exposure TBI

Impairment in Function and Social Reintegration
- Relationship Stress
- Vocational Challenges
- Financial Stress
- Deficits in Social Role Functioning
Questions?