

## **Stockton Hosting Film Viewing, Panel Discussion on Military Sexual Trauma**

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**Galloway Township, NJ** – The Office of Continuing Studies and the Office of Veteran Affairs at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey are hosting a viewing of the film “The Invisible War,” followed by a panel discussion on **Wednesday, Nov. 6**. Registration begins at 4 p.m.; the program will begin at 4:30 in the Campus Center Event Room here.

Members of the veteran community will partner with health and human services professionals to examine Military Sexual Trauma (MTS). MTS is the term used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to refer to experiences of sexual assault or repeated, threatening acts of sexual harassment, as experienced by both men and women.

“Providers working with veterans returning from service may not be aware of the scope of the problem or available resources,” explained Patrick Shields, coordinator of the Office of Veteran Affairs at Stockton.

A viewing of the film “The Invisible War” will serve as the vehicle to discuss the signs and treatment of MST. A panel discussion will examine the impact of MST and identify strategies for providers and clinicians within the community to therapeutically respond to and support MST survivors.

Members of the panel will include Kristin Ryan Morrell, LCSW, a military sexual  
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trauma therapist from the Veteran Center in Ventnor, NJ; Diana Pitman, RN, director of Cumberland County Veterans' Affairs and Internment; Dr. Carole-Rae Reed, assistant professor of Nursing at Stockton College; and Dr. Andrew Savicky, clinical psychologist and retired lieutenant colonel of the New Jersey Air National Guard.

The cost to attend the conference is \$35 (\$30 before Oct. 6). A light supper will be provided. The event is open to the public. For more information about the conference and to register, please visit [www.stockton.edu/csconferences](http://www.stockton.edu/csconferences) or contact the Office of Continuing Studies at (609) 652-4227.

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