

Veteran Community Initiatives' (VCI)

15th Annual Veteran Issues Symposium

PROVIDING VETERANS KNOWLEDGE

"THE IMPACT OF THE DRUG CULTURE ON YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY"

EVENT INVITATION

Location: The MIRAGE on SCALP

800 Scalp Ave.

Johnstown, PA 15904

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM to 2:15 PM

Pre-Registration is REQUIRED: reserve your seat today by calling VCI at (814) 255-0355

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**Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc. (VCI)
Cambria County Drug Coalition
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Presentations By:

Ronna Yablonski, Executive Director, Cambria County Drug Coalition

Kathy Strain, Program Supervisor, Drug Free Workplace PA & Recovery Friendly Workplace PA

Andrew Franz, Case Manager, Recovery Friendly Workplace PA

Kala Gorman, CFRS, Sister of Marine who paid the ultimate price of his life to the disease of addiction

Judge Timothy Creany, Cambria County Senior Judge (Invited)

Greg Neugebauer, Cambria County District Attorney



Program Topics:

The Cambria County Drug Coalition

- A vehicle for community level change

Red Ribbon Week

- The meaning behind the red ribbon

Signs and Symptoms of Substance Misuse

- Classifications of Substance
- Types of depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens
- In-depth look at cannabis
- Signs and symptoms of drug use

Addiction Crisis- Affect on Veterans and Family

Impact of drugs in our community

Recovery- Friendly Workplace Initiative, PA

- Free employment support services
- Job skills assessment
- Resume, cover letter, interview skills training
- Transportation support
- Employment referrals

- Presentations by Drug Free Workplace PA are also available online at www.drugfreeworkplacepa.org
- Grant funding paid for by PA tax dollars allows DFWPA and PA DMVA to offer all services free of charge.
 - Program Sponsor- Penelec

'Providing Veterans Knowledge- The impact of the drug culture on you and your community'



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Agenda

- 9:30- 10:00 Registration / Networking
- 10:00- 10:15 Welcome- Tom Caulfield, President/Director of
Veteran Community Initiatives (VCI)
&
Emcee- Ronna Yablonski, Executive Director of
The Cambria County Drug Coalition
- 10:15- 10:35 **THE CAMBRIA COUNTY DRUG COALITION & RED RIBBON WEEK**
- 10:35- 11:05 **SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE**
- 11:05- 11:20 Break / Networking Opportunity
- 11:20- 12:00 **ADDICTION CRISIS- AFFECT ON VETERANS & FAMILY**
- 12:00-12:15 Questions & Answers
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch/Luncheon Speakers:
Judge Timothy Creany (Invited)
Cambria County District Attorney Greg Neugebauer
- 1:15- 1:30 Questions & Answers
- 1:30- 2:00 **RECOVERY- FRIENDLY WORKPLACE INITIATIVE**
- 2:00- 2:15 Program Wrap-Up/Questions & Answers

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