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**AGPA ANNOUNCES GROUP THERAPY TRAINING SUPPORT  
FOR MILITARY CLINICIANS AND CHAPLAINS**

**NEW YORK, Jan. 19, 2006**— The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) welcomes all military clinicians and chaplains to its 63rd Annual Meeting entitled "Bridging Differences: Healing a House Divided," Feb. 20-25, 2006 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. In recognition of the care and service such military personnel have been providing to the men and women serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and missions throughout the world, AGPA is offering them a 50% registration discount to attend this conference, in addition to extending eligibility for a variety of full tuition scholarships through the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, the organization's charitable arm.

"The AGPA Annual Meeting offers a week of group therapy training opportunities, as well as a time for those in the helping fields to rejuvenate themselves through a variety of fun-filled and self-care events," said Robert Klein, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. "It is our pleasure, honor and privilege to provide this support to the men and women of the U.S. military."

AGPA's 2006 Annual Meeting attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the United States. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations and to further their professional development with this powerful and effective treatment modality. The theme, Bridging Differences, reflects the meeting's emphasis on the power of groups to bring people together to heal and create resiliency. For more information, contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend other select sessions of the AGPA 2006 Annual Meeting. To register, please send e-mail request to [dfeirman@agpa.org](mailto:dfeirman@agpa.org) or call 404.898.0423.

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**About AGPA**

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the oldest and largest professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, its philanthropic arm; and the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 3,000 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 31 local and regional societies located across the country. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning.