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AGPA ANNOUNCES GROUP THERAPY TRAINING SUPPORT FOR CLINICIANS AND CHAPLAINS WORKING WITH ACTIVE MILITARY AND VETERANS

NEW YORK, October 30, 2012— The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) welcomes all clinicians and chaplains working with active military and veterans to its 70th Annual Training Week in New Orleans, entitled “Overcoming Obstacles: The Power of the Group.” In recognition of the care and service such individuals have been providing to the men and women who have served, current and past, in missions throughout the world, AGPA is offering a 35% registration discount for this conference as well as opportunities for full tuition scholarships through the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health, the organization’s philanthropic arm.

“Groups have a long history of successfully working with active troops and veteran populations, dating back to World War II,” said Kathy Ulman, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. “We are privileged to be able to provide this training and support to those who are supporting the men and women of the U.S. military, veterans and their families.”

There are a variety of educational opportunities on the program with relevance for military personnel and veterans’ hospital and agency staff, including:

- **“Trauma as an Integral Part of Life”** - a two-day institute led by Robert H. Klein, Ph.D., ABPP, CGP, DLFAGPA and Suzanne Phillips, Psy.D., ABPP, CGP, FAGPA
- **“Anger Management for PTSD: Skills-Focused Group Treatment”** - a half-day workshop led by Barbara Niles, Ph.D., William Unger, Ph.D., and Melissa S. Wattenberg, Ph.D.
- **“Mourning and Recovery from Massive Trauma”** – a half-day workshop led by Alfred Garwood, MB., Ch.B., M.Inst., GA and Cecil Rice, Ph.D., CGP, DFAGPA.
- **“The Efficacy of Group Techniques in Trauma Response for Survivors and Caregivers.”** – a one-day course with faculty Suzanne Phillips, Psy.D., ABPP, CGP, FAGPA, Maureen Underwood, ACSW, CGP; Siddharth Ashvin Shah, M.D., M.P.H. and Fernando Valadez, M.D.

AGPA’s 2013 Annual Training attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the world. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations in groups, an increasingly utilized modality due to its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness, particularly in today’s economic climate. The theme reflects the meeting’s emphasis on the power of groups to foster solutions to the challenges that individuals, families and communities face every day. For more information, contact AGPA at 877-668-AGPA (2472) or visit [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org).
EDITOR’S NOTE: Media are invited to attend other select sessions of the AGPA 2013 Annual Training. To register, please send an e-mail request to dfeirman@agpa.org or call 877-668-AGPA (2472).

About AGPA

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the foremost professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health, its philanthropic arm; and the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 3,000 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, 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.

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