

# Ohio NENA/APCO Joint Conference

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## When Helping Hurts ~ The Silent Epidemic of Trauma and PTSD in the First Responder Community

April 14, 2019

Sunday Super Session—12pm to 4pm

Dr. Kathy Platoni

Kathy Platoni, Psy.D. has been a practicing clinical psychologist for more than 37 years and maintains her private practice in Centerville, Ohio. In service of her country and as an Army Reserve clinical psychologist, she has deployed on four occasions in time of war. As a survivor of the tragic Ft. Hood Massacre in November of 2009, she is an ardent activist for reconsideration of this shocking incident as an act of terrorism to assure that the wounded and the families of the deceased are awarded long overdue benefits and was very instrumental in the awarding of the Purple Heart Medal to the Fort Hood wounded and to the families of those who lost their lives on that tragic day. She is combat Veteran of Operation Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom (both Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay and Afghanistan).

Dr. Platoni is a graduate of the School of Professional Psychology of Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida. She held the position of Chief Psychologist for the Army Reserve for six years and is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College. Dr. Platoni retired from the US Army with the rank of Colonel in October of 2013. In 2015, COL Platoni was sworn in as a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Support and Sustainment Brigade, Ohio Military Reserve; back in uniform for her 38<sup>th</sup> year, this time as Brigade Psychologist for State Defense Forces. She also serves as the Dayton SWAT psychologist and Mental Health Advisor to the Dayton Hostage Negotiation Team.

Two landmark books, written and edited by Dr. Raymond Scurfield and Dr. Platoni on the subject of war trauma, *Expanding the Circle of Healing~Trauma in Its Wake* and *Healing War Trauma~A Handbook of Creative Approaches* were published in 2012. She serves as Editor of the *Combat Stress E-Magazine* and publishes regularly in Google News, Apple News, and Lemonwire about subject matter pertaining to war time service, the Fort Hood Massacre, and the moral injury of war.

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