

LTC Mark Chapin, Ph.D. - Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Dr. Mark Chapin currently works as a clinical social worker at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where the majority of his practice is with families of injured soldiers. He retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in July 2007 after completing 28 years of active military service as a Social Work Officer. He has worked with hundreds of soldiers returning from battle who experienced posttraumatic stress including combat veterans not only from Iraq and Afghanistan, but also Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, Somalia, Rwanda, survivors of bombing of the Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, survivors of terrorist attacks in Germany in the 1980s, and the Ramstein Air Show disaster in 1988. He has numerous publications and presentations on the topics of violence exposure, traumatic stress, and alcoholism.

Dr. Chapin was Clinical Director of Residential Alcoholism Treatment Facility, 121st Evacuation Hospital, Seoul, Korea 1995-1997, and in this capacity worked with many soldiers who used alcohol to medicate unrecognized posttraumatic stress disorder. Dr. Chapin was deployed to the Pentagon on September 12, 2001, as part of Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Special Medical Augmentation Response Team. He developed and executed stress management support to the FBI Evidence Recovery Team, Army CID, Old Guard remains recovery detachment, and the 524th Mortuary Affairs Detachment until evidence recovery was complete. He then served as team leader providing group debriefings for affected personnel within the Pentagon, nearby office buildings, and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Forensic Identification (DNA) team in Rockville, MD. In that six-week period, he conducted over 120 stress management debriefings, and made professional contact with over 600 rescuers, law enforcement personnel, survivors and victims of the attack

Dr. Chapin was re-deployed to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD in October 2001, where he served for eight years (1999-2007) as Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Director of Research, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine. He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Science's doctoral program.