

SAVE THE DATE

Optimism & hope for women who are caring for servicemembers & veterans of any conflict.

WOMEN *of* WARRIORS

Weekend Retreat

Oct. 16–18, 2015 • Aurora, Neb.*

The cost of registration is \$40 per woman

If you are a woman caring for a warrior of any conflict, this retreat is for you. Topics will educate, encourage and empower you and the brief respite will give you hope, healing and restoration. The \$40 fee provides you with the three -day retreat, two nights of lodging, pampering sessions and all meals.

REGISTRATION FOR RETREAT - www.biane.org/events/womenofwarriors

Karen Sears, an army wife, posted in her blog: "When was the last time you reached out and asked for help?"

I think back to the first week of my [veteran] husband's injury and recall the physical and emotional turmoil we were in.

I was hoping to find some sort of support system that would let me know I wasn't alone, but the term "caregiver" didn't even cross my mind.

"It's obvious that reaching out for help can be difficult, but we have to realize that it's healthy to do so..."

(<http://wifeofawoundedveteran.blogspot.com/>)

Retreat Objectives:

- Meet others going through similar experiences. Discover that **you are not alone**.
- Learn about the invisible wounds of war: PTSD and TBI
- Confidential environment where women talk to each other or with counselors, receive guidance, support and information
- Get to know people with various Nebraska military and community resources available and ready to help families
- Build a support network with those you meet at the event to help you through
- Understand stress and the consequences on you: "Compassion Fatigue" and secondary stress. Take steps toward a healthier you
- Learn there is hope and a brighter future

*Presented by the
Brain Injury
Association
of Nebraska &
The Nebraska Veterans
Brain Injury Task Force*

"Amazing. I learned that I am not alone. I live in an area where no one understands me. It was an awesome experience to be able to connect with others who live the life I'm living. Additionally, I learned I am not crazy for trying to stay and work it out with my veteran and that there is hope. -JS

"I was so touched by all of the women's stories. I discovered that I am 'normal' through so many stories just like my own. I found comfort hearing that my husband is not the only vet that behaves the way he does. And I have been able to recharge my batteries so I have the strength to continue, to walk this path with him. I would absolutely recommend this conference to others. It has been life changing for me! -AH

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★ Map & GPS instructions can be found on the website: www.biane.org/events/womenofwarriors