



**Veterans' Health Research:  
Improving the Lives of America's Heroes**

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**Wednesday, April 25, 2012**

**House Committee on Veterans Affairs Hearing Room  
334 Cannon House Office Building  
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM  
*-Lunch will be served-***

**Invited Remarks: Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle, Chairwoman  
U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
Subcommittee on Health**

Please join us to learn about the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical and Prosthetic Research program and its impact on the lives of our veterans. Two distinguished VA researchers will present their latest findings on visual loss and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), signature wounds of recent conflicts. A question and answer period will follow, moderated by the VA Chief Research and Development Officer.

**Randy Kardon, M.D., Ph.D.** – Director, Iowa City VA Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Visual Loss, Pomerantz Family Chair in Ophthalmology, Professor of Ophthalmology, and Director of Neuro-Ophthalmology Service, the University of Iowa.

**Paula P. Schnurr, Ph.D.** –Deputy Executive Director, the VA National Center for PTSD; Research Professor, the Department of Psychiatry, Dartmouth Medical School.

**Joel Kupersmith, M.D.** – Chief Research and Development Officer, Veterans Health Administration.

*-This is a widely attended event-*

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