

Understanding the Military Experience: From Warrior to Civilian

Tuesday, 16th August, 6:45 pm – 8:00 pm AEST

Webinar panellists

Professor Mark Creamer, MA(Clin), PhD, FAPS

Mark Creamer is a clinical and consulting psychologist with over 30 years' experience in the field of posttraumatic mental health. He is internationally recognized for his work in the field. He provides policy advice, training, and research consultancy to government and non-government organisations, with the aim of improving the recognition, prevention and treatment of psychological problems following stressful life events. Mark is a Professorial Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne, and has an impressive research record with over 180 publications. Mark is an accomplished speaker and has given numerous invited addresses to national and international conferences.

Dr Stephanie Hodson, CSC, psychologist

Dr Hodson is the National Manager, Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service. She has worked for 25 years in military mental health, both as an Army Psychologist and the Mental Health Adviser in the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Her doctorate investigated the impact of deployment to Rwanda, specifically protective and risk factors for posttraumatic stress.

Colonel Isaac Seidl, specialist medical administrator and general practitioner

Colonel Isaac Seidl is a specialist medical administrator and general practitioner. He completed his medical degree at UWA, then undertook a variety of Army appointments across all military environments, before being appointed to Qld Health. Following a period of study sabbatical, he returned to the Australian Army. He holds the rank of Colonel. Colonel Seidl has published in the literature and presented at national and international conferences. His academic interests include crisis leadership, clinical governance and ethics. He is Adjunct Associate Professor in Public Health at James Cook University.

Dr Duncan Wallace, consultant psychiatrist

Dr Duncan Wallace has been a consultant psychiatrist since 1990, practising mainly in public hospitals with special interests in emergency departments, rural psychiatry, telepsychiatry and military psychiatry.

Dr Wallace has extensive operational experience as a Medical Officer in the Navy Reserve. He has deployed on Active Service to East Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf. He has also deployed on OP RELEX I to Christmas Island and Ashmore Reef, as well as humanitarian assistance operations in Banda Aceh and Nias.

Dr Wallace was appointed to his current position as psychiatrist to the Australian Defence Force Centre for Mental Health, at HMAS PENGUIN, Sydney, in 2010. He is also a Visiting Medical Officer at St John of God Hospital, North Richmond.

He is a Commodore in the RANR and was Director-General Naval Health Reserves from 2012 to 2015.