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Veteran/Military Friendly Congregations Initiative (VMFC) in conjunction with the Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council presents:

“When War Comes Home” Part 2 – Boot Camp Let’s “Do Something!”

When: Friday, March 24, 2017, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Knox County Community Action Committee Center, 2247 Western Ave., Knoxville, TN.

Our mission is to mobilize a legion of Veterans and Veteran advocates through diverse congregational groups who will support and assist those Veterans with special needs relative to their service.

Veterans and their families have been greatly impacted, often adversely, by their military service. The following are just a few of the reasons VMFC is one of the most important resources available to them.

- *Veterans are five times more likely to contact a faith-based resource than community based resources or the Veterans Administration.*
- *VMFC provides local support for family members and help with every day crisis while the service member is away.*
- *VMFC provides a network of peers to assist service members dealing with serious issues like suicide prevention, incarceration, PTSD, homelessness, post-deployment employment.*
- *VMFC offers Veterans and their families a place to worship that is safe, accepting and supportive, while providing opportunities to give back, share their experiences and in turn help others.*
- *These faith-based communities provide evidence to Veterans that their service and sacrifices are recognized and appreciated. It ensures they receive the assistance and care needed to integrate the service member back into his life, his family, and his community during and after deployment.*



VMFC looks forward to working closely with administrators, community leaders, congregational representatives, military chaplains, ministries and other local agencies to provide this much-needed resource.