

Tuition, Loan Assistance Available for Volunteer First Responders

By Rep. Ann Flood

pen argyl - Working to help our communities recruit and retain vital first responders, the General Assembly last year established the Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program.

Now accepting applications, the program is available to volunteers who reside in the Commonwealth and have been active volunteers in good standing for at least one year prior to applying. Applicants must also meet participation requirements and commit to serving as an active volunteer for at least five years after completing their education. The program provides up to \$1,000 per academic year for full-time students and \$500 for part-time students.

For additional details or to apply for the program, go here <https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/other-educational-aid/active-volunteer-program>.







Brain Injury Awareness Day

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

The purpose of our Brain Injury Awareness Day is to educate members of the PA General Assembly on the needs of Brain Injury Survivors. The past four years, we averaged over 80 participants and met with many Legislators in both the House of Representatives and Senate.

We have a full day planned with several experienced brain injury survivors, as well as professionals who are well-respected and knowledgeable in the brain injury community.

As a member of the PA Brain Injury Coalition we work diligently in bipartisan with all four Co-Chairs of the Brain Injury Caucus.

At the Main Rotunda, Tim Briggs (D), House of Representatives, 149th District will speak on the NEW Legislation, House Bill 1682, coverage for post-acute Neurorehabilitation for individuals who sustained a brain injury.

Ann Flood (R), House of Representatives, 138th District will talk on how she built from the ground up a foundation to enhance the quality of life for brain-injured children and offer support for their families.

Ann founded Hope Foundation in 2008 in memory of her daughter, Lauren, who was only four years old when she passed away sustaining an Acquired Brain Injury.

Senator Tim Keamey (D), 26th District and Senator Ryan Aument (R), 39th District will speak at the Reception.

Kevin McDonald and Melissa Carmen will give an inspirational testimony on recovery after brain injury.

Agenda for the day

Brain Injury Briefing,
Main Rotunda
10:30am – 11:30am

Schedule your own
Legislative Meetings
11:40am – 12:50pm

Reception
1:00 – 2:00pm (Rm 8E-B)

Brain Injury Panel
2:00pm – 3:00pm
(Rm 8E-B)

At our Brain Injury Panel Welcome....

Mary K Mutschler, LCSW,
BCPCC, CBIS, CCTP EMDR,
LCP, Brain Injury Specialist,
Psychotherapist, Elizabethtown



AND



Welcome Shawn Holmes a tech educator, entrepreneur, and passionate advocate for veterans. As a United States Army veteran who sustained a traumatic brain injury during deployment to Iraq in 2004, Shawn has embarked on a journey of healing, recovery, and reconnection. Combining his IT expertise with personal experiences in overcoming multiple brain injuries, he has gained a profound understanding of the pressing need for more comprehensive supportive services for both veterans and marginalized communities.

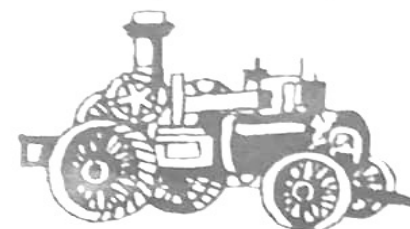
In addition to his professional pursuits, Shawn is a dedicated father of four and an active member of the Dauphin County Veterans Coalition.

If attending please contact:
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**Kevin McDonald, Founder of
RESTART Your Life / RENEW
Your Mind and Melissa Carmen,
Pennsylvania Brain Injury
Coalition Board who are both
survivors of a severe TBI and
are at the forefront of our 5th
annual Brain Injury Awareness
Day at the Pennsylvania State
Capitol, Harrisburg.**



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

1-4 P.M. ENTERTAINMENT

9 A.M. ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

1-4 P.M. ENTERTAINMENT

GARDEN TRACTOR PULL

KIDS PEDAL GARDEN TRACTOR PULL
(TRACTOR PROVIDED)

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