

Military Sexual Trauma and PTSD Retreat

The overarching theme of the weekend workshops is Military Sexual Trauma: Redefining Recovery and Resilience. Participants will:

- Learn about common reactions to trauma and MST, adaptive coping strategies, and resources for support and treatment.
- Explore opportunities to cultivate hope, self-compassion, and foster posttraumatic growth.
- Engage in experiential activities to understand their own strengths and recovery needs.

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A **\$50 fee/person, \$100/couple** will be required at registration, and **will be fully refunded** at the completion of the retreat. Our retreats are 100% drug and alcohol free. All lodging, meals and activities are provided to Veterans **free of charge**. Transportation to or from retreat not included.

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