



# Special Seminar

## *in Neuroscience*

### **Intentional Communities for Returning Warriors**



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Bastion is a directed public health response to a recent phenomena caused by the common use of improvised explosive devices during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Due to advances in aeromedical evacuation and battlefield medicine, a proliferation of traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and poly-traumatic wounds has resulted in a substantial increase in the number of veterans needing lifelong rehabilitative care. This group requires a sophisticated delivery of coordinated medical and social services. Furthermore, their unique vulnerability to social isolation and poor health outcomes demands a higher level of community-based support in a predictable living environment. While the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs are spending millions of dollars in research and medical care, many warriors continue to slip through the cracks in the established continuum of care. Bastion addresses this gap through an innovative community model that empowers neighbors as volunteers in a warrior's individualized care plan.