



Celia Strauss

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Celia Straus is an author, screenwriter, producer and instructional designer for multimedia with a primary focus and three decades of experience with United States military and Veterans issues.

Celia has teamed on large scale communications, technology and training projects for government agencies such as the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Justice, Center for Disease Control, Army Wounded Warrior, the Bureau of Primary Health Care. Her scripting and print work has won over 100 top national awards, many for training and public affairs projects having to do with the American Armed Services. Celia also served as the primary writer on numerous American Red Cross communications projects.

Based on her work with patients and their families at Walter Reed Hospital and Navy Medical Hospital in 2003 through 2007, Celia authored one of the first books on Post Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury, *Hidden Battles on Unseen Fronts: Stories of American Soldiers with Traumatic Brain Injury and PTSD*, which was published by Casemate, the largest publisher of military books in both the United States and UK, in 2009.

In 2009 – 2011 she worked with the National Organization on Disabilities and Army Wounded Warrior (AW2) on the book, *When Warriors Come Home*.

In 2012 Celia founded We Serve, a not for profit organization with the mission to heal the body, mind and soul of our nation's veterans. During her tenure at We Serve she worked with some of the foremost authors, researchers and leaders in national veterans initiatives including Nancy Sherman, PhD, author of *The Untold War: Inside the Hearts, Minds and Souls of our Soldiers*, Edward Tick, Phd, author of *War and the Soul*, Charles W. Hoge, MD, Colonel, US Army Retired, author of *Once A Warrior Always A Warrior*, US Army Retired, Brigadier General, Lorie Sutton, US Army Retired and Former Director, Defense Center for Excellence in PTSD and TBI, General Mark Graham, US Army, Retired, General Michael Dunlevy, US Army, Retired, and more.

Celia is also a nationally known author and speaker on parenting. A graduate of the University of Virginia with a Masters in Literature from Georgetown University, she is an active member of the Writers Guild of America East.