Working Dogs for Wounded Warriors: Effects of Animal-Assisted Therapy on PTSD
TriService Nursing Research Program

The purpose of this study is to examine the psychobiological and behavioral interface between animal-assisted therapy (AAT), stress indicators, and well-being in wounded warriors receiving care at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. The expected outcomes of this study will address the hypothesis of whether the use of AAT can lead to an improved stress indicator response in wounded warriors, and will open new gateways to future research endeavors that will explore the long term benefits of AAT. This research is being completed in collaboration with Col. Mona Pearl, director for the Pentagon’s Office of Air Force Reserve Medical Directorate in Washington, D.C.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - 2012 KEAN RESEARCH DAYS

Roboticist / Inventor / Researcher / Teacher
James McLurkin is an Engineering Professor at Rice University specializing in swarm robotics. McLurkin completed his PhD in Computer Science at the M.I.T. Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. In 2003, McLurkin received the Lemelson-MIT Student Prize, which is awarded to burgeoning MIT student inventors. Also in 2003, he was recognized by Time Magazine as one of five leading robotics engineers in their “Rise of the Machines” feature, and by Black Enterprise magazine as a “Best and Brightest Under 40.”

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APRIL WORKSHOP

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