

## BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA

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### The Board of Directors Welcomes its Newest Member



Daniel J. Coe, Jr., of Savannah

Dan earned degrees from Southern Illinois University and Central Michigan University. He is a licensed private pilot with nine years in United States Marine Corps Aviation.

He retired from the Savannah Airport Commission in 2008 as Assistant Executive Director and has been president of the Georgia Airports Association, the American Youth Baseball Association, Inc. and the Kiwanis Club. He has served on the Boards of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Assistance Corporation and the Isle of Hope United Methodist Church. He is the recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Wood Badge. Additionally, Dan has held membership and leadership roles in many other civic and professional groups.

Dan has three grown children.

## VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES

IN NEED OF PRO BONO (free) LEGAL SERVICE

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### Poker Run & Classic Car Show for HOPE

The Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group of  
Southwest Georgia  
Thomasville, GA  
June 6, 2009

Bikes out of Vanderhoff Speed and Chrome Shop 10  
AM - 12:30 PM

Raffle, auction, vendors, food, door  
prizes, live band, family friendly

HOPE still needs ads for T shirts and items for  
auction

For more details go to

<http://hopefortbi.web.officelive.com>

### Camp Hardgrove Partnering with Camp Twin Lakes at Camp Will-A-Way, Winder, GA For survivors 18+ and caregivers

August 21- 24

Note: Change of dates and place previously  
announced

\$150 Non-BIAG Member  
\$100 BIAG Member

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download an application

Patients & Caregivers Helped in 2008  
By Peer Visitor Team

The Brain Injury Peer Visitor Program is part of the Brain Injury Association of Georgia. Trained Peer Visitors visit survivors and/or families in the hospital or rehabilitation facility and via telephone calls and emails. We help newly injured patients and their caregivers and those that are still rehabilitating and still need our help (even years after their injury occurred).

In 2008, a team of 40 volunteers did 1,107 Peer Visits with both survivors and caregivers of brain injury. Collectively these volunteers donated almost 2,500 hours of their time to provide "hope, support, and resources". While our numbers are impressive, it's not about numbers, but all about the fact that we are helping more individuals by doing more Peer Visits.

In just two and a half years, since we began the program in June 2006, we have increased our Peer Visits from 121 to 1,107. We have also doubled the number of Peer Visiting team members as well as doubling the number of hospitals and rehab facilities where we Peer Visit. We also added 2 new services: phone and email Peer Visits.

We are doing Peer Visits in the following hospitals and rehab facilities: Emory (Atlanta), Shepherd Center (Atlanta), Shepherd Pathways (Decatur), Veteran's Administration Medical Center (Decatur), Glancy Rehabilitation Center (Duluth), North Fulton Regional Hospital (Roswell), Emory Eastside Medical Center (Snellville), Kennestone Inpatient Hospital (Marietta), Kennestone Outpatient Rehab Center (Marietta), Southern Regional (Riverdale).

Our goal is to eventually grow throughout the state of Georgia. We already have hospitals interested. If you know of a hospital that is interested in starting a Brain Injury Peer Visitor Program, or if you are interested in becoming a Peer Visitor, contact Ann Boriskie at 770-330-8416 or [peervisitor@braininjurygeorgia.org](mailto:peervisitor@braininjurygeorgia.org).

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*Aerodynamically, the bumble  
bee shouldn't be able to fly, but  
the bumble bee doesn't know  
it so it goes on flying anyway,*

- Mary Kay Ash

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Are you 18-65 years of age  
and have Excessive Sleepiness Associated with Mild or Moderate  
Closed Brain Injury?

*Sleep Disorders Center of Georgia*  
is conducting a clinical research study for individuals who suffer from  
Excessive Sleepiness Associated With Mild or Moderate Closed Brain  
Injury

**To qualify you must:**  
Be 18 to 65 years of age  
Be in good health

**For more information,  
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404-256-6545 Ext: 209**

**If you qualify you will receive:**  
Study medication  
Study related physical exams  
Compensation for time & travel

