

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Partnerships for Veteran & Military Health**  
***Inspiring a Community of Care and Connections***  
**April 23-24, 2021**

**Friday, April 23**

**7:00 am** Conference link open/Visit Exhibit Hall/View Posters

**7:30**            **Opening Remarks / Introductions**

**Lori L. Trego, PhD, CNM, FAAN**

Conference Planning Chair  
Colonel (Retired), US Army  
Associate Professor  
University of Colorado College of Nursing

**7:45**            **Welcome**

**Donald M. Elliman, Jr.**

Chancellor, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

**8:00**            **Keynote**

**John Register**

US Army Gulf War Veteran  
Paralympic Silver Medalist  
<https://johnregister.com>

**9:15**            **Break** – Visit Virtual Exhibit Hall / View Posters (30 minutes)

**9:45**            **Panel – Suicide Awareness: A national problem that requires a local solution**

**Moderator:** Duane France, MA, MBA, LPC

Director of Veteran Services  
Family Care Center  
Colorado Springs

**9:50**            **Community-based Intervention**

**Joseph Chenelly**

Executive Director, AMVETS National Headquarters  
<https://amvets.org/national-officers/>

**10:30**          **Clinically-based Intervention**

**Matthew Miller, PhD, MPH**

Director Suicide Prevention Program Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention  
US Department of Veterans Affairs  
<https://youtu.be/qR3Bb0CSuN8>

**11:15**          **Suicide Loss Survivor**

**Kristen Christy**

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**12:00**          Q&A with Panel/Moderator

**12:30 pm**      **Lunch Break** – Visit Virtual Exhibit Hall / View Posters (40 minutes)

1:10 Concurrent Session #1

Track Sessions #1			
Arts & Expression	TBI	Peer Relations	Community
<b>Moderator: Katy Barrs</b> <b>1:10 Introductions</b>	<b>Moderator: Michael Hartford</b> <b>1:10: Introductions</b>	<b>Moderator: Bryann DeBeer</b> <b>1:10 Introductions</b>	<b>Moderator: Matt Mishkind</b> <b>1:10 Introductions</b>
<b>1:15 A New Kind of Peace, Legacy of a Cold War Family, 1945-1989</b> Nancy Bane, ASL, Translator / Educator	<b>1:15 Marcus Institute for Brain Health as an Integrated Practice Unit: Three Years of Clinical Data</b> Catharine Johnston-Brooks, PhD, ABPP-CN; Riley P. Grassmeyer; Christopher M. Filley; James P. Kelly	<b>1:15 ROTC Cadets' Help Seeking Attitudes: Examining the Role of Leadership Style</b> Kristyn Waldron; Haley Sherman, MS, CFLE; Mallory Lucier-Greer, PhD, LMFT	<b>1:15 Veteran Servant Corps Project</b> Veronica Daub, BA, MBA, MA
<b>1:35 Creativity, Connection, and Community: A Group Telehealth Music Therapy Pilot for Military Connected Populations</b> Hannah Bronson, MT-BC; Colby Rogers, EdD, LPC; Katy Barrs, PsyD, LP	<b>1:35 Marcus Institute for Brain Health: Integrating Telehealth for Interdisciplinary Care in the Age of COVID</b> Catharine Johnston-Brooks, PhD, ABPP-CN, Irma Smith	<b>1:35 Leveraging Partnerships to Build Social Connection: Veteran Outreach into the Community to Expand Social Support (VOICES)</b> Jay Gorman, PhD; Elizabeth S. Chamberlin, PhD; Brian J. Stevenson, PhD, Rachelle Calixte, PhD; Jessica Mack, MA, CPS; Donna M. Crossman; Meghan Ahem, PhD; Edward J. Federman, PhD	<b>1:35 Imagination, Creativity and the Performing Arts: Impact on Veteran Future Thinking and Well-being</b> Roman Baca, MFA
<b>1:55 Coming into Sharper Focus: Engaging Veterans Through Photography During the COVID-19 Pandemic</b> Leah Haverhals, PhD, MA; Anne Hale, BA; Mary Nunnery, MPH, CCRC	<b>1:55 Novel Concepts and Treatment Approaches of a Multi-faceted Vestibular-Vision Based Rehabilitation Program for Military Veterans with Persistent Symptoms Related to Mild Traumatic Brain Injury</b> Ashley McCann, PT, DPT; J.R. Hebert PhD; K. Jurrens, PT, DPT	<b>1:55 The Opioid Addiction and Recovery Veteran Engagement Board</b> Butch Hittchens, Sgt. Brian Schaaf, USAF (ret); Rachael Kenney, MA	<b>1:55 Using Community Veteran Needs Assessments to Deliver More Effective and Efficient Veterans Services</b> Elisa Borah, PhD, MSW; John Boerstler, MA
<b>2:15 Promoting and Rebuilding Resilience Through Creative Arts and Writing</b> Erin Fowler, LPC; Sophie Brickman; Barbara Nickless	<b>2:15 Outcomes for a Post-Traumatic Growth-based Program for Veteran Mental Health</b> Bret A. Moore, PsyD, ABPP	<b>2:15 Post-Traumatic Growth for Veterans Through Expert Companionship</b> Richard Tedeschi, PhD	<b>2:15 Veteran Engagement Boards Provide a Forum for the Voice of Veterans to Inform VA Research and VA and Community-based Services</b> Kelty Fehling, MPH; Leah Wendleton, MPH, MSW; Amber Lane, BS; Kathryn Nearing, PhD
<b>2:35 Combining Forces: Using EMDR &amp; Art Therapy to Treat Moral Injury</b> Mark Babcock, MSW, LCSW; Gayla Elliott, MA, ATR	<b>2:35 A Randomized Controlled Trial of an In-home Rehabilitation Intervention for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury and Their Families: Report on Family Outcomes</b> Helene Moriarty, PhD, RN, FAAN; Laraine Winter, PhD; Keith Robinson, MD; et al.	<b>2:35 Veterans and College Athletes Together (VCAT): A Health and Wellness Workout Program for Post-9/11 Veterans</b> Beatrice Gaynor, PhD, MSN, BSN; Susan Sheehy, PhD, RN, FAEN, FAAN; Jennifer Graber, EdE, PMH, APRN, CS,BC	<b>2:35 Mitigating Social Determinants of Health for Dual-use Veterans: A Final Review</b> Heidi Sjoberg, MSW, LCSW; Roman A. Ayele, PhD, MPH; Carly Rohs, MPH; Marina McCreight, MPH; Catherine Battaglia, PhD, RN
<b>2:55 Q&amp;A</b>	<b>2:55 Q&amp;A</b>	<b>2:55 Q&amp;A</b>	<b>2:55 Q&amp;A</b>

3:00 Break – Visit Virtual Exhibit Hall / View Posters (30 minutes)

3:30 **Keynote**  
**LaShanda Cobbs, DNP, RN-C, MHSM**  
Colonel (Retired), US Army  
Director, COVID Services – LHI/OptumServe Health Services  
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4:30 Adjourn

## **Poster Presentations – Friday, April 23**

- 1. The Effects of Q(SOFA) on Antibiotic Administration in the Emergency Department**  
La Toia T. Bolton, DNP, RN, CCRN; Tricia Lewis, BSN, RN
- 2. Veteran Impressions of Bedside Interdisciplinary Rounds at Rocky Mountain VAMC**  
Katarzyna Mastalerz, MD, FHM; Sarah Jordan, MA; Susan Connors, PhD
- 3. Signature Injuries from Six Military Conflicts**  
Allison E. Boyrer, MS, MA, BSN, RN; Bree Steldt, MSN, BSN, RN, HNB-BC
- 4. Self-compassion and PTSD Symptom Severity in Veterans and Veteran Family Members**  
Kristen Hoffman; Megan N. Cardenas, Michelle L. Pennington; Jessica Rostockyj; Elizabeth Coe; Eric C. Meyer; Suzy B. Gulliver
- 5. The Independence Fund and the Veterans Health Administration Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention: Operation Resiliency**  
William Wilkinson, MSW, LCSWA
- 6. Promoting Connectedness in the Navy: Empowering Sailors to Remain Resilient through Rough Seas**  
Nicole Long, MPH
- 7. Respiratory Health Effects of Airborne Hazards Exposures in the Southwest Asia Theater of Military Operations: Insights from a National Academies Study**  
David A. Butler, PhD; Anne Styka, MPH
- 8. Creating a Curriculum for Veteran and Military Health Care Professionals**  
Mona Pearl Treyball, PhD, RN, CNS, CCRN-K, FAAN
- 9. Phrenic Nerve Stimulation for Temporary Diaphragm Pacing: A Contemporary Review with Ventilatory Support Applications for Military Service Members in Far-Forward Combat Operations and Critical Care**  
Michael W. Kortz, BS; Ryan Watts, BS; Edwin McCray, BS; David Case, MD; Luis Cava, MD; Robert Neumann, MD, PhD; Kevin O. Lillehei, MD
- 10. Management of Modeling and Simulation Systems “Ready-2-Save”: An Emergency Response Initiative for Clinicians and Non-Clinicians**  
Sandra Walker-Halliman, MSN, RN, VHA-CM
- 11. Nursing’s Unique Opportunity to Positively Impact Veteran’s COVID-19 Vaccination Acceptance**  
Nancy Eismeier, BSN, RN; Jenna Khivka Pratt, MSN, RN, APN, AGCNS-BC

## Saturday, April 24

- 7:00 am**      **Conference link open/Visit Exhibit Hall/View Posters**
- 7:30**            **Opening Remarks/Introductions**  
**Mona Pearl Treyball, PhD, RN, CNS, CCRN-K, FAAN**  
Colonel (Retired), US Air Force Nurse Corps  
Professor of Clinical Teaching  
Specialty Director of Veteran and Military Health Care Program  
University of Colorado College of Nursing
- 7:45**            **Welcome**  
**Elias Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAANP**  
Dean and Professor  
University of Colorado College of Nursing
- 8:00**            **Keynote**  
**Richard Casper**  
US Marine Combat Veteran  
Co-Founder & Executive Director, CreatiVets  
[creativets.org](http://creativets.org)
- 9:15**            **Break – Visit Virtual Exhibit Hall / View Posters (30 minutes)**
- 9:45**            **Panel “What’s new with Community Care?”**  
**Moderator:** Michael Hartford, MHA, LFACHE  
Captain (Retired), US Navy  
Healthcare Consultant  
Marcus Institute for Brain Health/Gary Sinise Foundation Avalon Network
- 9:50**            **Research and Policy Updates in VA Community Care**  
**Kristin Michelle Mattocks, PhD, MPH**  
Associate Chief of Staff/Research and Education  
VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System  
Associate Dean, Veterans Affairs  
Professor, Population and Quantitative Health Sciences  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
Primary Investigator VA Community Care Research Evaluation & Knowledge (CREEK) Center
- 10:35**          **Community Care and Greater Access to Healthcare for Veterans**  
**Katie Beckett, MD**  
ACOS, Office of Community Care  
Eastern Colorado Health Care System  
Veterans Health Administration
- Patrick Shipley, FACHE**  
Southwest Regional Director  
TriWest Healthcare Alliance
- 11:20**          **The Customer Experience**  
**John W. Boerstler**  
US Marine Combat Veteran  
Chief Veterans Experience Officer  
Veterans Experience Office, Department of Veterans Affairs
- 12:05**          Q&A with Panel/Moderator
- 12:30**          **Lunch Break - Visit Virtual Exhibit Hall / View Posters (30 minutes)**

Saturday, April 24 – continued

**1:00 Keynote**

**Congressman Jason Crow**

US House of Representatives, Colorado Sixth Congressional District  
Veteran US Army Ranger

**1:30 Break – Visit Virtual Exhibit Hall / View Posters (15 minutes)**

**1:45 Concurrent Session #2**

<b>Track Sessions #2</b>			
<b>Women’s Health</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Suicide Prevention</b>	<b>Lifetime</b>
<b>Moderator: Lori Trego</b> <b>1:45 Introductions</b>	<b>Moderator: Elizabeth Allen</b> <b>1:45 Introductions</b>	<b>Moderator: Duane France</b> <b>1:45 Introductions</b>	<b>Moderator: Mona Treyball</b> <b>1:45 Introductions</b>
<b>1:50 Caring for the Female Veteran</b> Robin Neumeier, DPN, MSN, CNM	<b>1:50 The Consequences of Military-related Stressors and Supports for Marital Satisfaction</b> Nicky Frye-Cox, PhD; Mallory Lucier-Greer, PhD, LMFT; Catherine Walker O’Neal; Evin W. Richardson	<b>1:50 Increasing Access to Suicide Prevention and Outpatient Care Among Rural Veterans through the Home-based Mental Health Evaluation (HOME) Program</b> Bethann Cleary, LCSW; Katherine Cunningham, PhD, Mira Brancu, PhD, Bridget Matarazzo, PsyD	<b>1:50 The Expiration Term of Service Sponsorship Program: An Evidence-based Approach to Foster Social Support, Mitigate Transition Stress, and Prevent Suicide for Transitioning Service Members</b> Joseph Geraci, PhD; Ariana Dichiara; Emily Edwards; Christine Eickhoff; Marianne Goodman
<b>2:10 Stereotype Threat Among Women Veterans Eligible for Care in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA)</b> Kathy Prue-Owens, PhD, RN, CCRN; Lori Trego, PhD, CNM, FAAN; Deborah Kenny, PhD, RN, FAAN	<b>2:10 Equipping Service Providers with Access to Military Family Research: A Systematic Approach to Connecting Scientists and Practitioners</b> Catherine W. O’Neal, PhD; Mallory Lucier-Greer, PhD, LMFT	<b>2:10 Improving Suicide Prevention for Veterans Not Enrolled in VA Care: A Pilot Program of Community-based Intensive Case Management</b> Bryann DeBeer, PhD; Lindsey Monteith, PhD; Joseph Mignogna, PhD; et al.	<b>2:10 Increasing Veterans as Registered Nurses Working in New Mexico Primary Care Settings</b> Stephen H.A. Hernandez, PhD, RN; Heidi Orehek, MSN, RN, CNE; Loren S., Kelly, MSN, RN; et al.
<b>2:30 Expansion of Breast Care Services at the Rocky Mountain Region VA Medical Center</b> Katrina Oyague, MD; Krysta Bearish, PA; Carlton Barnett, MD	<b>2:30 Communication Toolkit for Military Families and Their Health Providers</b> Catherine Ling, PhD, FNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, FAAN; Alicia Rossiter, DNP, APRN, FNP, PPCNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN	<b>2:30 Veteran Suicide Prevention VA-Community Learning Collaborative: Standardizing the Village</b> Marjory D. Williams, PhD; Sylvia T. Baack, PhD, RN; Kathryn E. Bongiovanni, MS, LCSW; et al.	<b>2:30 Physical Functioning of Wounded Veterans and Depression (Wounded Warrior Project)</b> Lara Berghammer, MPH
<b>2:50 Using the National League for Nursing “Jenny Brown Advancing Care Excellence” for Veterans Simulation Scenario to Teach Women Veteran’s Health</b> Bertha E. Flores, PhD, APRN, WHNP-BC; Jaqueline K. Riley-Baker, MSN, RN; Richard A. Flores; Stacey Young-McCaughan, PhD, RN	<b>2:50 Leveraging Technology to Coordinate Care in the Military/Veteran Community</b> Kristina Kaufmann, BA; Marjorie Pennington	<b>2:50 Together with Veterans, Unitary Caring Science in Communitas Coaching to Prevent Veteran Suicide in Rural US Communities</b> Rachel Johnson-Koenke, PhD, RN, LCSW; M. McCarthy; L. Wendleton; J. Jones; N. Mohatt	<b>2:50 After the Battle: Caring for Our Rural Aging Veterans</b> Stephanie Latham, BSN; Damon Toczykowski, MSN, CCRN-CSC/CMC, CCNS, ACNP-C, APRN; Julie Finley, BSN, RN
<b>3:10 Adverse Childhood Experiences, Suicidal Ideation, Mental Health Outcomes, and Gender Differences Among US Military Personnel and Veterans</b> Jisu Kim, PhD	<b>3:10 Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center – Providing Services &amp; Programs</b> Col. Bob McLaughlin, US Army, Retired Chief Operating Officer Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center	<b>3:10 Postvention as Prevention</b> Cassandra Walton, BS; Heather Pelsler	<b>3:10 PTSD at End of Life Among Veterans: Perspectives from the Field</b> Kelly A. O’Malley, PhD; Lynn Korsun; Anna Etchin; et al.
<b>3:30 Q&amp;A</b>	<b>3:30 Q&amp;A</b>	<b>3:30 Q&amp;A</b>	<b>3:30 Q&amp;A</b>

**3:35 Adjourn**

## Poster Presentations – Saturday, April 24

- 1. Psychological Flexibility as a Dimension of Resilience for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Depression Among Veteran Populations**  
Kyle Krautkramer; Megan N. Cardenas; Michelle L. Pennington; Jessica Rostockyj; Elizabeth Coe; Eric C. Meyer; Suzy B. Gulliver
- 2. Biologic Seal with 3D Printed Foam Metal in Osseous Integration**  
Ian D. Dickey, MD; Lorenzo Silvestri, MD; James Weber, DVM, PhD; Anne Lichtenwalner, DVM, PhD; David Neivandt, PhD
- 3. Environmental Nursing Interventions to Reduce External Stimuli in Alcohol Withdrawal in Hospitalized Veterans**  
Jenna Pratt, MSN, RN, AGCNS-BC
- 4. Neurology Service in Time of Pandemic: Processes of Screening, Referral, Care Coordination and Intervention for Our Veterans**  
Jennifer Shia, BSN
- 5. Assessing Dental Readiness Policy: Implications on Veteran Oral Health**  
Taneika Duhaney, RDH, MHAP
- 6. Evidence for Feasibility and Safety of Home-based Cognitive Behavioral Group Telehealth for Post-9/11 Veterans with High Psychiatric Burden**  
Brigitta M. Beck, BA; Dylan Katz, MS; Alyssa Currao, MPH; Alexandra Kenna PhD; Colleen Hursh, MS; Jennifer R. Fonda, PhD; Sahra Kim, PhD; Catherine B. Fortier, PhD
- 7. Connecting Veterans through Social and Physical Activity During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Adapting Virtual Engagement in a Veteran Service Organization**  
Mary C. Patterson, EdD; John Pinter
- 8. A Robust Interdisciplinary Outpatient Care Model for Veterans with Complex Comorbidities: The Novel Role of Speech-Language Pathologists**  
Hilary Diefenbach, MA, CCC-SLP, CBIST
- 9. Combat Deployment Experiences and Soldier Mental Health: Examining the Factor Structure of the Deployment Risk and Resilience Inventory (DRRI)**  
Haley Sherman, MS, CFLE; Nicky Frye-Cox, PhD; Mallory Lucier-Greer, PhD, LMFT
- 10. Mt. Carmel Veteran's Service Center: Creative Solutions to Increase Access to Behavioral Health**  
Kirsten Belaire, LPC

### Planning Organizations:

- The University of Colorado College of Nursing, Anschutz Medical Campus
- The University of Colorado School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Anschutz Medical Campus
- The University of Colorado Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Depression Center
- The University of Denver, Graduate School of Professional Psychology/Military Psychology
- The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- The University of Colorado Marcus Institute for Brain Health
- The Rocky Mountain MIRECC Suicide Prevention Program
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