

3rd Annual Partnerships for Veteran & Military Health

NETWORKING TO ADDRESS GAPS IN HEALING

April 2023

April 21-22, 2023

Friday, April 21

- 7:00 am** **Conference link open/Visit Exhibit Hall/View Posters (30 minutes)**
- 7:30** **Opening Remarks / Introductions (15 minutes)**
Lori L. Trego, PhD, CNM, FAAN
Conference Planning Chair
Colonel, US Army (Retired)
Associate Professor
University of Colorado College of Nursing
- 7:45** **Welcome (15 minutes)**
Donald M. Elliman, Jr.
Chancellor, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- 8:00** **Opening Keynote (60 minutes)**
Invisible Wounds
James Kelly, MD, MA
Executive Director, Marcus Institute for Brain Health
National Director, Avalon Action Alliance
Professor, University of Colorado School of Medicine
- 9:00** **Break – Visit Exhibit Hall / View Posters (30 minutes)**
- 9:30** **The PACT Act – Healthcare for combat veterans with toxic exposure injuries (60 minutes)**
Rosie Lopez Torres
Co-Founder and Executive Director
Burn Pits 360
- 10:30** **Panel – Toxic Exposures (105 minutes)**
Moderator: *Mona Pearl Treyball, PhD, RN, CNS, CCRN-K, FAAN*
- 10:30 Airborne Hazards & Open Burn Pit Registry**
Eric Shuping, MD, MPH (30 minutes)
Director of Operations, VA Health Outcomes Military Exposures
- 11:00 Agent Orange – Vietnam Veteran Exposures**
R. Douglas Nunes (30 minutes)
Vietnam Veteran
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1071
Speaker Bureau Coordinator
- 11:30 Veterans Exposure Team – Health Outcomes Military Exposures (VET-HOME)**
Anisa K. Moore, MD (30 minutes)
Director, Veterans Exposure Team-Health
Outcomes Military Exposures (VET-HOME)
US Department of Veterans Affairs
- 12:00 Q&A (15 minutes)**

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- 12:15 pm** **Lunch Break** – (75 minutes)
Visit Exhibit Hall / View Posters/ Tour VA/tour Marcus Institute
- 1:30** **Views from the other side: Perspectives from transitions(s)** (50 minutes)
Major Alivia Stehlik, PT, DPT
Medical Advising Team Leader
Physical Therapist
3rd Security Force Assistance Brigade, Fort Hood, TX
- 2:20** **Panel: How to be an Advocate and Influence Policy** (100 minutes)
- 2:20** **Moderator:** *Lori L. Trego, PhD, CNM, FAAN*
- 2:25** **MSOs influencing policy** (25 minutes)
Margaret C. Wilmoth, PhD, MSS, RN, FAAN
Major General, US Army (ret)
Professor
School of Nursing, UNC Chapel Hill
Adjunct Professor
Graduate School of Nursing, Uniformed Services University
- 2:50** **“Big 6” VSOs – working with them** (25 minutes)
Joy Ilem, US Army Veteran
Disabled American Veterans
National Legislative Director
DAV National Service & Legislative Headquarters
- 3:15** **Veteran Treatment Court** (15 minutes)
Jon Gordon
Problem Solving Court Coordinator
18th Judicial District, Centennial, Colorado
- 3:30** **AAN Military and Veteran Health Expert Panel** (15 minutes)
Cheryl A. Krause-Parello, PhD, RN, FAAN
Associate Dean for Nursing Research and Scholarship
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Human Health and Disease Intervention (I-HEALTH)
Director, Canines Providing Assistance to Wounded Warriors® (C-P.A.W.W.)
Health Research Initiative for Veterans
Florida Atlantic University
Mona Pearl Treyball, PhD, RN, CNS, CCRN-K, FAAN
Colonel, US Air Force Nurse Corps (Retired)
Professor & Specialty Director of Veteran & Military Health Care Academic Programs
University of Colorado College of Nursing
- 3:45** **Q&A** (15 minutes)
- 4:00** **Closing Presentation** (90 minutes)
Modern Warrior Live
Jaymes Poling
Todd Flournoy
Modern Warrior Live is being partially supported by a generous gift from Rich Merrifield.
- 5:30** **Adjourn**
- 5:30** **Reception and Art Exhibit:** Veterans Art Council Art Gallery at VFW Post 1

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Saturday, April 22

- 7:00 am** **Conference link open/Visit Exhibit Hall/View Posters** (30 minutes)
- 7:30** **Opening Remarks/Introductions** (15 minutes)
Mona Pearl Treyball, PhD, RN, CNS, CCRN-K, FAAN
Conference Planning Co-Chair
Colonel, US Air Force Nurse Corps (Retired)
Professor and Specialty Director of Veteran and Military Health Care Academic Programs
University of Colorado College of Nursing
- 7:45** **Welcome** (15 minutes)
- 8:00** **Keynote** (60 minutes)
Creating Partnerships in the Community
Tracy Farrell
Battalion Commander & Chief of Military Police, US Army (retired)
Vice President, Program Partnerships & Operations
Wounded Warrior Project
- 9:00** **Strategic Priorities for the VA and Engagement** (60 minutes)
Michael Kilmer
Director, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System
Veteran, US Coast Guard
- 10:00** **Break** – Visit Exhibit Hall / View Posters (30 minutes)
- 10:30** **Financial Well-being – Invisible Wounds...** (60 minutes)
Brandy Baxter
Veteran, US Air Force
Financial Advisor
- 11:30** **Women’s Health Panel** (60 minutes)
11:30 Homeless Women Veterans (15 minutes)
Deborah J. Kenny, PhD, RN, FAAN
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (retired)
Associate Professor
Chair, Health Systems, Leadership, and Informatics Division
University of Colorado College of Nursing
- 11:45 TSNRP Research Interest Group Women’s Health** (15 minutes)
Lori L. Trego, PhD, CNM, FAAN
Colonel, US Army (Retired)
Associate Professor
University of Colorado College of Nursing
- 12:00 Women Warriors** (15 minutes)
Tracy Farrell
Battalion Commander & Chief of Military Police, US Army (retired)
Vice President, Program Partnerships & Operations
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- 12:15 Q&A** (15 minutes)

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12:30 Pick up lunch and go to Town Hall

12:45 Town Hall (60 minutes)

Congressman Jason Crow

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

1:45 Transition/Break (15 minutes)

2:00 Concurrent Session (95 minutes – 5 presentations/track)

Track Sessions				
Times	Social Determinants of Health Room: TBD	Clinical Approaches Room: TBD	Caring for Communities Room: TBD	Integrative Care Room: TBD
2:00	Moderator: Katy Barrs Introductions	Moderator: Mona Pearl Treyball Introductions	Moderator: Michael Hartford Introductions	Moderator: Irma Smith Introductions
2:10	Using Schlossberg's Transition Model to Address Financial Challenges when Leaving the Military – Brandy Baxter, AFC, FFC	Traumatic Brain Injury: An Integrative Approach to Healing the Mind – Holly MacKenna, MD	Qualitative Research of Military Communities: Methods and Lessons Learned from Three DoD-Funded Studies – Kayla A Meza, MPH	Spiritual Healing: Its Role and Importance in Whole-Person Health for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) – Reverend Francinne Lawrence, PhD, MRD, MSW, LCSW
2:25	Nutritional Functioning: Operationalizing a New Understanding of Food in Psychosocial Rehabilitation – Diana Brostow, PhD, MPH, RDN	Neurogenic Pain Secondary to Missed Nerve Injury: Another Invisible Injury Following Combat-Related Trauma – Jason M Souza, MD, FACS	Pilot to Improve VA and Community Care Coordination: An Analysis of Participants' Qualitative Post-Intervention Interview – Patricia Russell, PhD	The Role of Canines in Social Support and Stress Resilience – Kevin Morris, PhD
2:40	Community-based engagement approaches within military populations: Opportunities and challenges for suicide prevention programs – Megan L Johnson, MBA	Addressing the Rehabilitative Needs of Special Operations Forces: VA Palo Alto's Intensive Evaluation and Treatment Program One Year in Review – Chenal-Christie Roberts, RN, BSN	Rural Veteran Wellness and Community Engagement Initiative: Development Phase – Kimber Parry, MSW, LCSW	Invisible Wounds: What do They Look Like? Practical Application of Art Therapy for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress – Gayla Elliott, MA, ATR
2:55	Technology, Analytics, Diagnostics & Best-In-Class Healthcare Saves Lives - Kelly Finn Störmer, MBA	Exposure Informed Care: How Toxic Exposure Screening Strengthens the Delivery of Veteran-Centered Care – Anrea Kossoudji, MS, MBA, RN, AMB-BC	Operation Responder Strong: A Personalized Digital Well-being Tool to Support Rural Colorado Veterans and Their Families – Eric Jones	Combined Approaches to Care: Integrating Prolonged Exposure and Music Therapy in the Treatment of Military Related PTSD – Hannah Bronson, MA, MT-BC
3:10	Identifying Individual Risk Factors for Loneliness Experienced by Older US Veterans with Complex Illnesses – JoAnn Jabbari MSN, RN	Communicating Military Connected Healthcare Needs: Pocketcards Guiding Clinical Action – Catherine Ling, PhD, FNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, FAAN	Engaging the Wisdom of Older Veterans to Enhance VA Healthcare, Research, and Services – Katheryn Nearing, PhD, MA	The Integration of Hypnosis into Therapies for Moral Injury (MI) and Post-Traumatic Growth (PTG) – Dana Lebo, PhD
3:25	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A

3:35 Transition/Break (10 minutes)

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3:45 Closing Keynote (60 minutes)
Sexual Assault - Positive Life Change
Taniki Richard
USMC (Ret.) Veteran
Co-founder, JT Inspire, Author, Podcast Host
'The Inspirationalist'

4:45 Closing remarks

4:50 Adjourn

Sunday, April 23

Workshops – space limited. Additional fees apply.
Choose one!

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Creative Expression in Mixed Media Art for Veterans and Community

Join acclaimed mixed media artist Wayne Brezinka for this 1-day workshop. Explore and nurture your creativity, be inspired, learn new techniques, make art as a practice of healing, and leave rejuvenated and energized!

Wayne Brezinka has partnered with CreatiVets for the last six years tailoring workshops to the Veteran community. His work *FACING WAR*, is currently being exhibited in Washington DC - <https://www.waynebrezinka.com/facing-war>.

Space is limited, so sign up today!

Mixed Media Workshop is being supported by a generous gift from CreatiVets.

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OR

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Going from “You don’t get it” to “Getting it”.

Storytelling and deep listening as tools for understanding.

<https://www.storycenter.org/>

Space is limited, so sign up today!

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Poster Exhibit – April 21-22:

Invited Poster – PACT Act Implementation

Reports from the Field: Implementation of Toxic Exposure Screening Coast to Coast – Julie Scott, MS, RN (New York); Bryan McCann, MS, RN (Texas); & Andrea Kossoudji, MS, RN (California)

Social Determinants of Health

Incorporating Veteran consultants within VHA quality improvement and research projects - A practical guide – Amber Lane, BS

Use of Healthcare Navigators to Address Health Care Disparities for Homeless Veterans – Dee Drake, CRC, LPCC

Dailey Fight: Nurses advocating for mandatory training, proper documentation, and recognition of military environmental exposures by frontline healthcare providers. A West Virginia family's fight for documentation and recognition of Gulf War Illness – Jessica Dailey Haas, RN, MSN, C-ONQS

Involving Concerned Significant Others in Firearm Suicide Prevention: Development of the Family FireArms Safety Training (FFAST) Intervention – Alexis Blessing, PhD

Clinical Approaches

Evaluating Nursing Knowledge and Readiness in Providing Care for Post-9/11 Veterans in Civilian Healthcare Settings – Chelsea Simoni, RN, MSN, MPH, CCM, PhD(c)

Trauma Informed Care in Interdisciplinary mTBI Treatment – Katherine McCauley, PhD

Just Breathe: Rehabilitating Voice and Upper Airway conditions for Veteran's with Post Traumatic Stress – Hilary Diefenbach, MA, CCC-SLP

Preventing firearm suicide: Adapting a clinician-delivered lethal means safety counseling intervention for the Military Health System – Kaitlyn Friedman, MSC

Treating Comorbid Borderline Personality Disorder and Posttraumatic Stress in a TBI IOP Setting – Vaughn Bryant, PhD, ScM

Do you see Me? Next steps to empower nurses on bridging post-operative gender-affirming surgeries – Elizabeth Saltigerald, BSN, RN, CWOCN

The Effect on a Protocolized Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation Treatment for Veterans with Combination Blast and Impact Brain Injuries and Engagement in Aftercare – Charlene Hamrick, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIS

The impact of military service on veteran health: Results of a modified expert approach to identify and develop consensus on military and veteran health care competencies - Rita D'Aoust, PhD, ANP-BC, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
Implementation of a Mental Health and Care Coordination Intervention to Facilitate Access to Care and Reduce Suicide Risk: Development of the Intervention - Juliana Scheihing, BA

Caring for Communities

High-Intensity Rehabilitation Training Priorities of Occupational Therapy Practitioners Working with Older Veterans with Medical Complexity in Rural Post-Acute Care Settings – Janell Piseigna, PhD, OTR/L, CSRS

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Pain Management, Opioid Safety, and Prescription Drug Monitoring (PMOP): Safe Opioid Prescribing Review of Contracted Community Care Providers – Elizabeth S Gregg, MSN, FNP-C

Measuring Military and Veteran Spouse Self-Care Practices: Developing the Brief Military Spouse Self Care Inventory (BMSSCI) – Jean Paul Hare, LCSW, PhD, BCD

Human Experience is not a Line Item: The Ultimate Veteran-Staff Experience - Sueanne Wright Cantamessa, DNP, MSN, MAOM, RN, NPD-BC

The Wellbeing of Student Veterans: A pilot study of the Well Being Inventory – Madisen O’Laughlin

Veterans Path "BRAVE" Program: A mindfulness community for Women Veterans – Kathy Prue-Owens, PhD, RN

Integrative Care

Creating a Symbiotic Relationship Between a Human and a Canine Puppy That Works to Assist in the Decrease of Disruptions in the Individual's Daily Life Caused by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (Invisible Wounds) – Frank Griggs, CACTP, CCT, BS

A Complementary Collaboration: How Neuropsychologists and Speech Language Pathologists Work Better Together on an Interdisciplinary Team - Shaylin Schundler, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIS

The Case for Unmounted Equine-Assisted Therapy as an Effective Component of Trauma-Focused Care for Veterans – Kellie Solliday, LMSW, LCSW, Certified Animal-Assisted Interventions Specialist, Certified Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy Provider

Music Therapy in PTSD: Mindfulness with Sound and Purposeful Communication - Penny Roberts, PhD, MT-BC

The importance of considering self-appraisal in memory intervention – Morgan Tetrick, CCC-SLP, CBIS

Integrative Health and Wellness Clinic for Whole Health at the San Francisco VA – Caitlin Hildebrand, MSHAIL, MSN, RYT500, AGNCNP-BC

Healing From Grief for Veterans and Caregivers of Veterans With Military-Related Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) – Heidi Breaux, DSW, LCSW-BACS, -R

My Dog, My Hero: Assessing the feasibility of a digital storytelling intervention to promote mental health and well-being in veterans during the COVID-19 pandemic – Beth A Pratt, PhD, RN

Embrace the S.U.C.K. Using outdoor recreation as an intervention to disrupt negative behavioral patterns in veterans after completion of military service – Deke Letson, AAS

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- The University of Colorado Marcus Institute for Brain Health
- Rocky Mountain Regional Veterans Administration Medical Center
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