

4th Annual Partnerships for Veteran & Military Health

NEW HORIZONS IN COLLABORATING FOR CARE

April 25-26, 2024

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (Pre-conference Events)

- 3:00 pm** Tour of Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center or Tour of Marcus Institute for Brain Health
- 5:00-7:00** **Reception**
 Art Exhibit – Meet with Artists from the Veterans Art Council Art Gallery at VFW Post #1
 Exhibitors
 Posters
- 5:15** **Welcome – Lori Trego, PhD, CNM, FAAN**
- 5:20** **Crystal Wilson**
 Caregiver Fellow, Colorado
 Elizabeth Dole Foundation

Thursday, April 25

- 7:00 am** **Conference link open/Visit Exhibit Hall/View Posters**
- 7:25** **National Anthem**
 Damon Toczykowski, DNP, RN, ACNPC, CCNS
- 7:30** **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
 Lori Trego, PhD, CNM, FAAN
 Conference Planning Chair
 Colonel, US Army (Retired)
 Professor
 Director, Consortium for Veteran & Military Health
 University of Colorado College of Nursing
- 7:35** **Welcome from the University of Colorado**
 Jan L. Gascoigne, PhD, MCHES
 Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
 University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
 Associate Clinical Professor, Community & Behavioral Health
 Colorado School of Public Health
- 7:45** **Opening Keynote**
 Mental Healthcare Unique to the Space Environment
 Jay C. Buckley, Jr, MD
 1998 Payload Specialist, Space Shuttle Columbia
 Professor of Medicine
 Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine
 Director, Space Medicine Innovations Laboratory
 Adjunct Professor, Thayer School of Engineering

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- 9:00** **Break** – Visit Exhibit Hall / View Posters
- 9:30** *Considerations of Human Physiology in Space*
Colonel Lidia Stana Ilcus, MD
Deputy Director, USSF Medical Operations
Office of the Air Force Surgeon General
- 10:30** *Care of the Guardians and their Families*
Colonel Liana L. Vogel
Commander, 460th Medical Group
Buckley Space Force Base
- 11:00** **Lunch Break**
Visit Exhibit Hall / View Posters
- 12:00** *Supporting the Health of Veterans & Military Service Members in Colorado*
The Honorable Dianne Primavera
Colorado Lieutenant Governor
- 1:00** **Research Panel**
Moderator: Lori Trego, PhD, CNM, FAAN
- 1:00** *Partnering with the Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC)*
Kristin Paulson, PhD
CEO, CIVHC
- 1:25** VA-CIVHC Collaboration
Ahmed Mohamed, VA Statistician/Investigator
- 1:50** **Q&A**
- 2:00** *CU Center for COMBAT Research*
Kathleen Flarity, DNP, PhD, FAEN, FAAN
Brigadier General US Air Force (Retired)
Interim Executive Director
Marcus Institute for Brain Health
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- 2:25** **Q&A**
- 2:30** **Break**
- 2:45** **The Honorable Carolyn M. Clancy, MD, MACP**
Assistant Under Secretary for Health
Office of Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks
Veterans Health Administration

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- 3:15** *Veteran In-Vitro Initiative (VIVA)*
Ann Philopena, PhD (virtual)
VIVA Program Administrator
Bob Woodruff Foundation
- 4:00** *Building Partnerships*
Deirdre Armstrong
Director, Partner Engagement
Bob Woodruff Foundation
- 4:45** **Adjourn**
- 5:00** **Transition to Fulginiti Pavilion**
- 5:15** **Pizza**
- 5:30** **Award-winning Documentary Screening: Two Wars. Twenty Years. What I Want You to Know**
Moral injuries experienced by Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans.
- 7:00** **Discussion**
Moderator: Katy Barrs, PsyD
Military Psychology Specialist

Friday, April 26

- 7:00 am** **Conference link open/Visit Exhibit Hall/View Posters**
- 7:45** **Opening Remarks & Welcome**
Mona Pearl Treyball, PhD, RN, CNS, CCRN-K, FAAN
Conference Planning Co-Chair
Colonel, US Air Force, Nurse Corps (Retired)
Professor and Specialty Director, Veteran & Military Health Care Academic Programs
University of Colorado College of Nursing
- 7:50** **Keynote**
Operation Deep Dive: The Ongoing Suicide Prevention Study
Jim Lorraine
Lt. Colonel, US Air Force (Retired)
President & CEO, American Warriors Partnership
- 8:50** **Break – Visit Exhibit Hall / View Posters**

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- 9:15** **LGBTQ+ Health Panel:**
Moderators:
 Elizabeth Saltigerald, MSN, RN, CWOCN
 Caitlin Hildebrand, MSHAIL, MSN, AGPCNP-BD
- 9:20** *DOD/DHA Gender Affirming Care and Readiness to Serve*
Tiffany Lange, PsyD
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Transgender Care Coordinator
Defense Health Agency
- 9:45** *VA Gender Affirming Care*
Kaela Joseph, PhD
Staff Psychologist
Women Veterans Program Manager
Director, Comprehensive Gender Affirming Care Center
Transgender Special Emphasis Program Manager
San Francisco VA Healthcare System
- 10:10** *Mental Health Care for HIV+ or HIV- Gay Veterans*
Robert B. Daroff, MD
Staff Psychiatrist
San Francisco VA Medical Center
- 10:35** Q&A
- 10:45** **Education Panel – Moderator, Deborah J. Kenny, PhD, RN, FAAN**
- Training Community Healthcare Providers in Lethal Means Safety Counseling to Reduce Veteran Suicide
 Alexis Blessing, PhD
- Veteran Exposure Assessment and Screening Evaluation (VET-EASE) Toolkit for Primary Care Providers
 Damon Toczyłowski, MSN, RN, ACNPC, CCNS
- The Well-Being of Student Veterans: A Feasibility Study Using the Well-Being Inventory
 Madisen O’Laughlin, BSN
- Providing Culturally Competent Care for the Military Family—It’s a Matter of National Security (15
 minutes)
 Alicia Gill Rossiter DNP, FNP, PPCNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
 Catherine G. Ling PhD FNP-BC CNE FAANP FAAN
- 11:45** **Lunch Break**
- 12:15** *Resiliency and Transcending Adversity*
Master Sergeant Cedric King (Retired) and Mrs. Khieda King
- 1:30** **Transition/Break**

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1:45 Concurrent Track Sessions

Track Sessions				
	Community Engagement	Caring for Hidden Wounds	Women and the Military	Ways of Healing
1:45	Moderator: Michael Hartford	Moderator: Deb Kenny	Moderator: Irma Smith	Moderator: Mona Pearl Treyball
1:50	Veteran Engagement in Research – Partnering to Identify Patient-Reported Outcomes to Improve Care <i>Kathryn A. Nearing, PhD MA; et.al.</i>	Acting on the PACT Act: Infusing Knowledge of Military Environmental Exposures to Transform Care <i>Julie Scott, MS, RN; et.al.</i>	Living with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: Experiences of Military Women <i>Leilani A. Siaki, PhD, FNP-BC, FAANP; et.al</i>	Harder Than Healing <i>Donald A. Maloy, MA, LPC, LAC; et.al.</i>
2:05	Preparing Researchers for Veteran Engagement Meetings through Tailored, Veteran-led Consultations <i>Gretchen Stage, MA; et.al.</i>	“ONE IS TOO MANY” Preventing Self Harm and Suicide in Military Veterans: A Quantitative Evaluation <i>Alan Finnegan RN PhD; et.al.</i>	Military Sexual Trauma, Social Determinants and Well-being Differences among Post-9/11 Women Veteran <i>Mayara Fontez-Marx; et.al.</i>	“Rough Around the Edges”: Social Communication after Traumatic Brain Injury <i>Hilary Diefenbach, MA, CCC-SLP, CBIST; et.al.</i>
2:20	Using Community Engagement Practices with Special Operations Forces to Promote Health Outcomes <i>Rebecca Ann Ivory, DNP, MS, PMHNP-BC, ARNP; et.al.</i>	Firearm Access, Storage, and Beliefs among U.S. Military Veterans: Differences by Sexual Orientation <i>Ashley M. Griffith, PhD; et.al.</i>	Sexual Health & Intimacy (SHI) Group for Women after MST <i>Amy Fife, MPT; et.al.</i>	Mild to Moderate Traumatic Brain Injury: Reference Guide to Medication Impacts on Physical Therapy <i>Lisa Roeske-Anderson, MD; et.al.</i>
2:35	Patient Advisory Boards: A Seat at the Table <i>Sarah Goodman, RN, MSN</i>	Sustainability of a Veteran Suicide Prevention Learning Collaborative: A 16-month Follow-up <i>Bryann DeBeer, PhD; et.al.</i>	Evaluation of Veteran Spouse Resiliency Group Program Outcomes: Promising Evidence for Peer Support <i>Elisa Borah, PhD; et.al.</i>	Veterans and Dog Types: An examination of the human-dog relationship and resulting health outcomes <i>Cheryl A. Krause-Parello, PhD, RN, FAAN; et.al.</i>
2:50	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A

3:05 Transition/Break

3:15 Veterans Integrated Service Network

Sunaina Kumar-Giebel

Director, VA Rocky Mountain Network (VISN 19)

4:00 Closing Keynote

The Care Model of the Future – Value-based & Veteran-Centric

John Eaton

Vice President, Complex Care, WWP®

Executive Leader for Warrior Care Network (WCN)

Wounded Warrior Project

5:15 Adjourn for 2024

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Saturday, April 27

Introduction to Equine Therapy for Veterans Workshop:

Colorado Horsepower – Empowering Through Horses

Castle Rock, CO

9am – noon

For details or to register, contact Karen Mellis – karen.mellis@cuanschultz.edu

Poster Exhibit – April 24-26

Processing Past Pain: Using Virtual Reality Technology to Address Chronic Pain among Veterans by Lauren McKown, PhD; Marcie Lee, MPH; Gretchen Stage, MA; Marina McCreight, MA; Joe Frank, MD

EMDR For Physical Performance Enhancement Through Vestibulo-Ocular and Autonomic Regulation by Vaughn E. Bryant, PhD, ScM; Neal Covas, DPT; Michael M. Sorna, MD, MHA

Examining Self-Reported Chronic Pain in Veterans through the Lens of the Biopsychosocial Model by Tiara N. Walz, Major, PhD, MHA, MBA, MsEd, FACHE; Denise M. Hynes, PhD, MPH, RN

Utilizing Generational and War Era Differences to Improve Behavioral Engagement Rounds Interventions by Kayla Atlija, DNP, RN, AGCNS-BC; Stephenie Cerns-Rach MSN, RN, APNP, ACNS-BC, CHPN

Where are all the Veterans? A Mixed Methods Assessment of a Systematic Strategy to Increase Veteran registration in UK primary healthcare practices by Alan Finnegan RN PhD; Kate Salem MSc

Creating Access to BSN Programs for Veterans—Alumni Perspectives from Two BSN Programs by Alicia Gill Rossiter DNP, FNP, PPCNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN; Deborah Sikes, DNP, RN, CNE; Myrna Armstrong EdD, RN, FAAN; Huaxin Song, PhD

Military and Veteran Nursing – A Specialty in Nursing Practice by Mona Pearl Treyball, PhD, RN, CNS, CCRN-K, FAAN

An Educational Workshop on Providing Whole Health Care for LGBTQ+ Service Members and Veterans by Caitlin Hildebrand, MSHAIL, MSN, AGPCNP-BC

Changing Disordered Eating in Veterans Using Mindful and Intuitive Eating by Caitlin Hildebrand, MSHAIL, MSN, AGPCNP-BC; Patrycja Klimek-Johnson, PhD & Lindsay Wakayama, PsyD

The Journey of Veterans Exposure Team-Health Outcomes Military Exposures (VET-HOME) by Sopheap Na, MD and Jaime Paulk, RN

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: More Than a Reproductive Condition by Dawnkimberly Hopkins, PhD, WHNP-BC

Understanding the Impact of Deployment on Military Mothers: A Qualitative Study by Chrystina Jimenez, MS; Erica Adkins, PhD, ABPP; Ayana Thaanum, LSW; Conner Cox, MS

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Crossing Healthcare Horizons by Teresa K. Howes, BS, Captain Retired, U.S. Army/Army National Guard; Amber Lane, BS; Gretchen Stage, MA

VA Suicide Prevention Learning Collaborative in VA Community Care: Efficacy and Outcomes by Patricia Russell, PhD; Bryann DeBeer, PhD; Joseph Mignogna, PhD; Craig Bryan, PsyD; Catherine Battaglia, PhD; Alan Peterson, PhD; Elisa Borah, PhD; Kathryn Bongiovanni, LCSW; Kimberly Weinberg, LCSW-S; Benjamin Kremer, MS; James Gallanos, LCSW; Ruth Grenoble, MA; Linda McDaniel, RN; Franklin Crandall, RN, MSN; Marcy Polk, DPN, RN; Edgar Villarreal, PhD; Sylvia Baack, PhD, RN; Jenna Heise, MA; Meredith Mealer, PhD; Tabitha Alverio, MA; Juliana Scheihing, BA; Cameron Quan, MS and Justin Benzer, PhD

Evaluating the Access and Utilization of Veteran Suicide Prevention Resources by Community Agencies following a VA/Community Learning Collaborative by Cameron Quan, MS; Bryann B. DeBeer, PhD; Patricia D. Russell, PhD; Joseph Mignogna, PhD; Nathaniel Mohatt, PhD; Elisa Borah, PhD; Craig Bryan, PsyD; Lindsey L. Monteith, PhD; Alan Peterson, PhD; Andy Zheng, MPA; Sara Sprong, MPA; Kathryn Bongiovanni, LCSW; Edgar Villarreal PhD; Claire Hoffmire, PhD; Jenna Heise, MA; Sylvia Baack, PhD, RN; Kimberly Weinberg, LCSW-S; Marcy Polk, DPN, RN; Tabitha Alverio, MS; Meredith Mealer, PhD; Juliana Scheihing, BA; Justin Benzer, PhD; Danielle Varda, PhD

VA & Community Organization Veteran Suicide Prevention Learning Collaborative: Successes & Benefits by Juliana Scheihing, BA; Cameron Quan, MS; Bryann B. DeBeer, PhD; Patricia D. Russell, PhD; Joseph Mignogna, PhD; Nathaniel Mohatt, PhD; Elisa Borah, PhD; Craig Bryan, PsyD; Lindsey L. Monteith, PhD; Alan Peterson, PhD; Andy Zheng, MPA; Sara Sprong, MPA; Kathryn Bongiovanni, LCSW; Edgar Villarreal PhD; Claire Hoffmire, PhD; Jenna Heise, MA; Sylvia Baack, PhD, RN; Kimberly Weinberg, LCSW-S; Marcy Polk, DPN, RN; Tabitha Alverio, MS; Meredith Mealer, PhD; Justin Benzer, PhD; Danielle Varda, PhD

Prevalence of Loneliness and Suicidal Thoughts among Injured Post-9/11 Veterans and Time Since Military Service by Mayara Fontes-Marx, PhD; Sarah Evans, MSc; Lindsey Gray, MA

Wounded Warrior Project's 2023 Women Warriors Summit by Kirsten Laha-Walsh, PhD; Sarah Evans, MSc; Mayara Fontes-Marx, PhD

Subjective Cognitive Difficulties in Veterans with TBI and Transition to Civilian Life by Katharine Hartnack, PsyD

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Support for Servicemembers, Veterans, Families, and Caregivers by Richard Wheeler, Ana Beltran, Chance Cusack, Cheryl Evans, Michael Manalo, Steven Tarlow

Feasibility of CBT-Based Canine-Assisted Therapy Group for PTSD and Early Outcomes by Brian Mohlenhoff, MD; Jessica Mantia, PhD; William Wolfe, MD

Social Support Interventions and Programs for Military and Veteran Spouses: A Scoping Review by Karie L. Hare, MPH

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