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**SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families
Technical Assistance Center**

Topics in the News

SMVF TA Center Webinar: Military Culture Training for Strengthening Access to SMVF Behavioral Health Services

September 22, 2015; 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT

This webinar will include information about the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA's) new released "Understanding Military Culture" Community Provider Toolkit, the impact of the VA's Choice Program on community providers, and other military culture training resources. State examples from SAMHSA's Policy Academy teams will also be featured to highlight successful implementation of military culture training and collaboration with the VA to increase access to services.

[Learn more and register...](#)

Web Event: Preventing Suicide: A Comprehensive Public Health Approach

September 15, 2015; 1:00 p.m. EDT

This session of Grand Rounds discusses the strategies needed to promote broader awareness of suicide and the role that public health can play in identifying factors that reduce the risk of suicide and in promoting actions and programs that protect people from engaging in suicidal behavior.

[Learn more and register...](#)

Suicide Prevention Week – September 7-13, 2015

Here are some ideas for how to observe National Suicide Prevention Week, September 7-13, and World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10.

[Read more...](#)

Small Acts Can Save Lives - Navy Observes Suicide Prevention Month

While September is Suicide Prevention Month, subject matter experts from the 21st Century Sailor Office's Suicide Prevention Office say their goal isn't to prevent suicide on just a single day or month, but every day of the year.

[Read more...](#)

[Every Sailor, Every Day: 1 Small Act Toolkit](#)

VA Secretary Bob McDonald's Summer of Service

VA Secretary Bob McDonald spent much of this "Summer of Service" sharing his vision for VA's future with fellow employees and veterans in cities across the country. He spoke at a number of veteran service organization national conventions and held town meetings at a number of VA facilities, recruiting new doctors and nurses and promoting MyVA – his plan for transforming VA.

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How to Optimize PTSD Treatment for Veterans

Our nation's veterans continue to suffer emotional and psychological effects of war--some for decades. And while there has been greater attention directed recently toward post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and more veterans are seeking help, current psychotherapy treatments are less than optimal, according to a new narrative review.

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VA Claims Backlog Now Under 100,000 – Lowest in Department History

VA reduced the disability claims backlog to 98,535. This is the lowest it has ever been in VA's

history, and it represents an 84 percent reduction from its peak of 611,000 claims in March 201
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Seven TBI Resources to Take Back to School

With the heat letting up and the loud singing of insects come the promise of fall with cooler day early darkness, and the start of school. If you are a service members or veteran who has sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and you're going back to school this fall, you may face challenges related solely to your experience with TBI.

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Incarcerated Veterans Find Ways to Serve

U.S. Marine Corps and Vietnam War veteran Jaime Obrecht has made visits to the veterans group at the Nebraska State Penitentiary a part of his life since 1984.

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DCoE Summit's Virtual Exhibit Hall Spurs Online Interaction

By taking a figurative stroll through a newly-opened virtual exhibit hall on psychological health & TBI, visitors can pick up the latest research studies, fliers, clinical tools and videos from the comfort of their homes.

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