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

### Topics in the News

#### **The First Lady's Travel Diary: Qatar and Jordan**

This post is part of a series authored by First Lady Michelle Obama to share her visit to Qatar and Jordan with middle school and high school students in the United States. Today, I had the pleasure of visiting Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar which has units from every branch of our military: the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, and even one member of the Coast Guard!

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#### **Veterans Small Business Week**

*November 2-6, 2015*

The U.S. Small Business Administration empowers veterans, active duty service members, Guard and Reserve members, and military spouses through entrepreneurial training and education programs, business technical assistance counseling, special access to capital programs, and federal procurement training and access to opportunities. Join the conversation at #MyVetBiz to share veteran stories, encourage community members to highlight local veteran-owned businesses in their community, and show gratitude and support to veterans and their families.

[Learn more...](#)

#### **HUD and VA Launch New Demonstration to Provide Permanent Homes for Native American Veterans Experiencing Homelessness**

For the first time ever, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs are launching a demonstration program to offer a permanent home and supportive services to Native American Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

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#### **Expert Roundtable: Promoting Long-Term Recovery for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders through Integrated Housing and Service Solutions**

*November 6, 2015; 1:30 p.m. EST*

Join the national conversation around housing and recovery. During this webinar, hear from experts in the field about how communities are using innovative strategies to integrate housing, treatment, and recovery supports to promote long-term recovery for individuals with substance use disorders.

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

#### **Webinar: Best Practices for Veteran Employee Retention**

*November 19, 2015; 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST*

The National Association of Veteran-Serving Organizations, in partnership with CEB, invites you to a panel discussion concerning the best practices relating to veteran employee retention. During this webinar, you'll hear from some of the nation's leading experts on veteran employee engagement, helping you move your efforts from merely "veteran-friendly" to "veteran-ready."

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

#### **Nominate a White House Champion of Change for Advancing Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery**

In October, the President traveled to West Virginia to host a community conversation with health care professionals, law enforcement officers, community leaders, individuals, and families affected by the epidemic of prescription drug abuse and heroin use. Prescription drug abuse and heroin use have taken a heartbreaking toll on too many Americans and their families, while straining law enforcement and treatment programs.

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#### **Investigation: Army Kicked Out Thousands of Soldiers with Brain Injuries, Mental Health Issues**

Staff Sgt. Eric James, an Army sniper who served two tours in Iraq, paused before he walked into a psychiatrist's office at Fort Carson, Colorado. It was April 3, 2014. James clicked record on his smartphone, and then tucked the phone and his car keys inside his cap as he walked through the door to the chair by the therapist's desk.

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#### **Greenlight A Vet Campaign Encourages Americans to Help Military Vets Transition to Civilian Careers**

As Veterans Day arrives, Walmart is teaming up with veterans groups to kick off Greenlight A Vet, a new campaign that encourages communities to hire and mentor veterans who have retired from military service.

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**Army Officer's Military Surplus Bag Company in Line for Super Bowl Ad**

Emily Núñez Cavness grew up the child of an Army officer and would often wonder what happened to surplus items she saw piled up across the bases where she lived.

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**PTSD and Intimate Partner Violence - PTSD Monthly Update, October 2015**

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