

# HAP Partnership Resource Page



The mission of the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) National Center for Healthcare Advancement and Partnerships (HAP) is to serve as a trusted resource and a catalyst for the growth of effective partnerships at the national, state, and community level and advance the health and wellbeing of Veterans through exploration of innovative, safe, and ethical emerging therapies.

HAP's efforts are strengthened by the invaluable contributions and resources of public and private partnerships that work with VHA to support our nation's Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

## HERE ARE A FEW OF THE PARTNERSHIPS HAP SUPPORTS:

### **American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)**

ACEP is a professional organization of emergency medicine physicians in the United States. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and ACEP are working together to educate community emergency medicine clinicians about Veteran-specific conditions and care needs.

### **Americans for the Arts (AFTA)**

AFTA is a nonprofit organization whose primary focus is advancing the arts in the U.S. The VHA and AFTA partnership focuses on increasing access to the arts and humanities and enhancing services for Veterans and their families.

### **American Kidney Fund (AKF)**

AKF provides comprehensive programs for kidney health awareness, education, and prevention. VA and AKF are partnering to increase awareness of the risk factors, causes, complications, and treatments of kidney disease and its associated conditions.

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### **American Lung Association**

The American Lung Association is a voluntary health organization whose mission is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy and research. VA and the American Lung Association have a shared goal to improve Veterans' health and well-being through collaborative education and services for Veterans living with lung disease.

### **Amyotrophic Later Sclerosis (ALS) Association**

ALS Association is the only national nonprofit organization fighting ALS on every front, leading the way in global research, and providing assistance for people with ALS. VA and the ALS Association are working together to provide Veterans with greater access to ALS programs and services.

### **Arthritis Foundation (AF)**

AF is the largest nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention, control and cure of arthritis, the leading cause of disability in the U.S. VHA and AF are working together to increase access to care, education, and support for Veterans diagnosed with arthritis.

### **Crohn's & Colitis Foundation (CCF)**

CCF is a non-profit organization dedicated to finding cures for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis and improving the quality of life of people affected by these digestive diseases. VHA and CCF are working together to raise the awareness of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis and improve the quality of life for Veterans affected by chronic intestinal diseases.

### **Daniel and Salvador Montoya Heroes Foundation (Heroes Foundation)**

The Heroes Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission, in part, is to help veterans and their spouses move seamlessly from military life into corporate organizations that engage and embrace them. VHA is working with the Heroes Foundation to provide Veterans with economic stability, employment, and health literacy opportunities.

### **Expiration Term of Service Sponsorship Program (ETS-SP)**

ETS-SP was established in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to sponsor service members through the transition process from military to civilian life. The VHA and ETS-SP partnership helps provide better support to Service members and Veterans across social determinants of health as they integrate into civilian life and communities.



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### **GO<sub>2</sub> Foundation for Lung Cancer**

GO<sub>2</sub> Foundation for Lung Cancer, founded by patients and survivors, is dedicated to increasing survival for those at risk, diagnosed and living with lung cancer. VHA and GO<sub>2</sub> Foundation for Lung Cancer are working together to increase awareness of the importance of lung cancer screening for Veterans at high risk for the disease.

### **Marcus Institute for Brain Health (MIBH)**

The MIBH provides specialty care for military Veterans, First Responders, and retired athletes struggling with mild-to-moderate traumatic brain injuries (including concussion) and changes in psychological health. VHA partners with MIBH to meet the ongoing health care needs of Veterans diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury.

### **MAZON**

A Jewish response to hunger: MAZON is a national organization fighting to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the U.S. and Israel. VHA is partnering with MAZON to increase awareness about the risks associated with food insecurity and options to address it through outreach to Veterans.

### **Medical-Legal Partnerships**

Medical-legal partnerships integrate the expertise of lawyers into health care settings to help clinicians, case managers, and social workers address structural problems at the root of so many health inequities. VA is working with Medical-Legal Partnerships to provide VA medical facilities and volunteer attorneys to Veterans at no cost.

### **OnStar**

OnStar is a subsidiary of General Motors that provides subscription-based communications, in-vehicle security, emergency services, turn-by-turn navigation, and remote diagnostics systems throughout the United States, Canada, China, Mexico, Europe, Brazil, and Argentina. VHA is working with OnStar to support Veterans who experience crisis and to increase suicide prevention services for them.

### **Parkinson's Foundation**

The Parkinson's Foundation is a national organization that funds research and provides educational resources to Parkinson's disease patients and caregivers. VHA and the Parkinson's Foundation work together to increase Veterans' and health care providers' access to Parkinson's disease information and resources.



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### **PATRIOTlink**

PATRIOTlink is a resource database filled with thousands of vetted, direct, cost-free resources tailored to the needs of the military and veteran community. VHA partners with PATRIOTlink to improve the health and well-being of Veterans by providing them access to positive social determinants of health such as housing, employment, and food security.

### **Pet Partners**

Pet Partners is the national leader in demonstrating and promoting the health and wellness benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities, and education. VHA partners with Pet Partners to bring Veteran patients the benefits of the human animal bond.

### **Salesforce Military**

Salesforce Military is a Salesforce department for veterans by veterans that gets active military, veterans, and spouses the classes, certifications, and support they need for successful tech careers. VHA and Salesforce have developed a partnership to support Veterans and military service members who are transitioning out of active duty and into the civilian workforce.

### **Veterans Community Partnerships (VCPs)**

Veteran Community Partnerships (VCPs) are organized partnerships through which local VA facilities connect with state and local community services and agencies. VCPs ensure that Veterans and their caregivers have access to care and support services.

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