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Cape Fear Valley And The Cohen Network To Open Mental Health Clinic For Area Veterans

FAYETTEVILLE – Cape Fear Valley Health and The Cohen Veterans Network have announced plans to open a new mental health clinic for area veterans and their families.

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Cape Fear Valley will offer comprehensive mental healthcare, at no or low-cost, to veterans and their families coping with the invisible wounds of war.

“The military is an important part of our community, especially the countless veterans who choose to live and work here after leaving service,” said Mike Nagowski, Cape Fear Valley CEO. “We want to help them get the quality mental healthcare they deserve after so faithfully serving our country.”

The new mental health clinic is set to open in June. It will be located in the Tochari Center, at 3505 Village Drive, across from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. It will be the seventh of its kind to open through the national Cohen Veterans Network.

The network’s founder and namesake, Steven A. Cohen, became involved in veteran’s mental healthcare after his son’s return from a tour in Afghanistan. In 2016, Cohen launched the Cohen Veterans Network with a \$275 million pledge to fund the project and 25 eventual clinic locations.

“We are thrilled to bring the CVN model to Fayetteville, which is a true military city,” said Dr. Anthony Hassan, CEO and President of the Cohen Veterans Network. “The need for our services is great and Cape Fear Valley Health is set up as an ideal local provider.

“I have already seen a welcoming, collaborative environment in Fayetteville that should enable us to support local veterans and military families with the challenges that sometimes arise after deployment and during transition from military to civilian life.”

About Cape Fear Valley Health: Cape Fear Valley is a 916-bed regional health system serving a six-county region of Southeastern North Carolina, with more than 1 million patients annually. A private not-for-profit organization and the state’s 8th largest health system, it includes Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Highsmith-Rainey Specialty Hospital, Hoke Hospital, Cape Fear Valley Rehabilitation Center, Behavioral Health Care and Bladen County Hospital.

Licensed psychologists, clinical social workers and professional counselors will staff the Fayetteville clinic. They will treat a variety of mental health issues including depression, anxiety, PTSD, adjustment and transitional issues, relationship problems and childhood behavioral problems.

Anyone who has served in the U.S. Armed Services, regardless of time served, discharge status or combat experience will be eligible for high quality care. That includes those who served in the National Guard and Reserves.

Veteran's families will also be eligible for treatment services, including parents, siblings, spouses or partners, children and caretakers, regardless of whether the primary family member seeks treatment. All of this is available with the promise of very low wait times.

The Cohen Veterans Network's mission is to seek ways to improve the quality of life of veterans and their families experiencing mental health issues. The goal is to ensure that each of the families are eventually able to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

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