Cohen Veterans Network

A CASE FOR SUPPORT

Find out how you can help veterans and military families get back to better.
“The wounds of war are serious. It is not easy to serve your country and come back into society seamlessly – especially if you are suffering.”

STEVEN A. COHEN
FOUNDER, COHEN VETERANS NETWORK
A VETERAN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

There is a veteran mental health crisis in America that needs support in order to increase access to high quality care for our veterans and military families.

3.2 MILLION HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY
Since the events of 9/11, hundreds of thousands are transitioning to civilian life each year. After 18+ years at war, the demand for mental health services is outstripping supply.

40% NOT RECEIVING NEEDED CARE
Studies conducted by USC’s Center for Innovation & Research on Veterans & Military Families show that 40% of veterans who come home with mental health challenges are not receiving care.

1.5x AS LIKELY TO DIE BY SUICIDE
Research shows veterans die by suicide at about 1.5 times the rate of non-veterans and the highest rate of suicide in veterans is among the youngest generation: 18-34 year olds.

Despite the sacrifices veterans and their families have made in service to the nation, the mental health services provided to them by government and civilian providers can be difficult to access or inadequate to meet the fundamental needs of veterans and families.

COHEN VETERANS NETWORK
FILLING THE GAPS IN CARE

Through our national not-for-profit, philanthropic network of Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinics, veterans and military families are eligible for accessible, personalized, and evidence-based mental health care, along with comprehensive referrals for other services such as unemployment, finances, housing, and legal issues.

WHO WE SERVE
• Post-9/11 VETERANS
Anyone who has served in the United States Armed Forces, regardless of role while in uniform, discharge status, or combat experience and including those in the National Guard and Reserves.

• MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS
Family is defined by the veteran and includes parents, siblings, spouses, partners, children, caregivers and others.

WHAT WE DO
Our skilled clinicians and staff have been trained to work specifically with veterans and their families, and many are veterans themselves. Our Cohen Clinics offer targeted, customized therapy for a variety of mental health concerns including:

• PTSD
• depression
• transition challenges
• anxiety
• stress
• sleep problems
• relationship and family difficulties
• anger

OUR MISSION is to improve the quality of life for post-9/11 veterans, including those from the National Guard and Reserves, and military families.

OUR VISION is to ensure that every veteran and military family member is able to obtain access to high-quality, effective care that enables them to lead fulfilling, productive lives.
Inclusive Eligibility
We treat veterans regardless of role in uniform, discharge status, or combat experience. We also treat family members, as defined by the veteran to include caregivers, siblings, parents, partners, children, spouses, and others. As a result, we can serve many veterans and military family members who do not benefit from or qualify for other services.

Innovative Options
Our care is centered on therapy and counseling options that are the current, best practices available, based on research. We leverage best-in-class training programs featuring partnerships with renowned organizations such as the VA, the Beck Institute, and more. Telehealth, face-to-face video therapy, is one way we are combining top treatments and technology to ensure the strongest mental health outcomes possible.

Easy Access
We are making it easier for families to get the help they need when and where they need it by offering flexible hours, including some nights and weekends – for those in crisis, clinics will schedule an appointment on the same day they are contacted. Many clinics consider childcare as well.

Access is at the heart of our mission. We are committed to breaking down barriers to ensure military families have access to effective care when they need it most.

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THE CVN DIFFERENCE
Breaking Down Barriers to Care
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“As a veteran and mental health professional, it is my honor to lead this organization. No veteran or military family member should suffer alone. We are here to help.”

ANTHONY HASSAN, ED.D, LCSW
PRESIDENT & CEO, COHEN VETERANS NETWORK

EXPANDING TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND

Cohen Veterans Network is launched. First four locations are opened.

Three more Cohen Clinics are opened, to close the year with seven locations.

By the end of the year, 10 clinics served nearly 9,000 veterans and military families.

Four more clinics open their doors in high-need communities.

CVN plans to open five Cohen Clinics.

All the planned 25 clinics will be established.

Cohen Clinics expect to provide 200,000 client visits to serve 20,000+ veterans and military family members. Moreover, the network participates in the VA Choice and TRICARE programs to serve many more veterans.

“GROWING THE NETWORK”

STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

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**HOW YOUR SUPPORT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**AMPLIFY ACCESS TO CARE**
- Increase appointment availability
- Establish new clinics
- Continue existing clinic operations

**EQUIP FUTURE LEADERS**
- Train the next generation of clinicians
- Establish stipends for field placements
- Endow fellowship program for advanced post-graduate training

**ADVANCE THE FIELD**
- Collaborate with other scientists and veteran service organizations
- Leverage data to improve service delivery
- Identify and test new treatment approaches

**ELIMINATE BARRIERS**
- Support caregivers
- Provide childcare access
- Offer inclusive eligibility to serve veterans and entire military families that may not benefit from or qualify for other services

**EXPAND TELEHEALTH**
- Deliver online therapy to those unable to travel to the clinics
- Extend reach of care in rural areas
- Facilitate technology for telehealth

**CULTIVATE LEARNING**
- Sponsor staff training to continuously improve assessment and treatment
- Maintain world-class treatment standards
- Educate community via public webinars

**CREATE COMMUNITY**
- Group Therapy
- Attend and host community events
- Life skills classes

**ELIZABETH A. BOWERMAN**
SAN ANTONIO CLINIC SUPPORTER

“As a veteran myself, I understand the difficulty veterans and their families face when transitioning back into civilian life. I know that my gift to CVN will directly help my sisters and brothers receive the help they need to recover from the invisible wounds and stresses of war.”

**RAMA**
ARMY VETERAN

“Without the clinic, I can’t say where I would be right now. This clinic has flexible schedules, warm people, customized treatment, and even marriage counseling – because we bring a lot of this stuff home without even realizing it.”
We welcome the opportunity to discuss partnerships with you. While we’ve already achieved significant outcomes, there is much more to do. We invite you to join us in our mission to improve the lives of local veterans and military family members.

LEARN MORE

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