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Cohen Veterans Network (CVN) and Blue Star Families (BSF) Announce National Partnership to Enhance Support for Military and Veteran Families

Faith Leader Military Awareness and Support Training during Blue Star Welcome Week launches CVN-BSF strategic collaboration

STAMFORD, Conn., September 30, 2025 – Cohen Veterans Network (CVN), a national not-for-profit integrated network of mental health clinics for post-9/11 veterans, service members, and their families, and Blue Star Families (BSF), a non-profit dedicated to strengthening military families, today announced a new national partnership to expand access to critical resources and support for the military and veteran community.

This collaboration establishes a framework for mutual referrals, ensuring military families can seamlessly connect with the mental health services offered by CVN and the diverse programmatic offerings of BSF. The partnership will also foster joint programming between CVN and its Cohen Clinics and BSF and its local chapters, and increase awareness of available resources. By combining their strengths, the organizations will amplify their collective impact to address the unique challenges faced by military families.

"We are proud to partner with Blue Star Families, an organization that has long been a champion for military and veteran families," said Dr. Anthony Hassan, president and CEO of Cohen Veterans Network. "Together, we are building a stronger, more connected network of care that addresses the unique experiences these families face, ensuring they feel supported and empowered to thrive."

Aligned with the launch of this partnership, the organizations will jointly host a virtual Faith Leader Military Awareness and Support Training during the sixth annual Blue Star Welcome Week on October 1 from 12:00-1:30 PM EST. Recognizing that faith communities are often a primary point of connection for families relocating to a new area, CVN developed this training to equip faith leaders of all denominations to better serve military and veteran families within their congregations. Blue Star Welcome Week is a national initiative by Blue Star Families, designed to help the more than 600,000 military families who move each year feel connected and supported in their new communities.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve your country, but it can be tough, and when it's hard, military and veteran families need support from providers who understand military life," said Kathy Roth-Douquet, CEO and Co-Founder of Blue Star Families. "This landmark national partnership with Cohen Veterans Network will make it easier for the 380,000+ families in our membership to access mental health resources from a trusted partner when they want and need them. I am delighted to kick off this partnership during Blue Star Welcome Week, showcasing CVN's innovative faith-based leadership training, which our research tells us is one of the most powerful connection points for military families moving into new communities."



Since 2016, CVN has provided care to nearly 90,000 clients in over 800,000 clinical sessions. CVN addresses a range of mental health concerns including depression, anxiety, military transition challenges, adjustment issues, PTSD, anger, grief and loss, family issues, relationship challenges, and children's behavioral problems. Care is available through the network's 22 Cohen Clinics serving 20 states in-person and via CVN Telehealth, face-to-face video therapy.

Learn more about the Faith Leader Military Awareness and Support Training here.

ABOUT COHEN VETERANS NETWORK

Cohen Veterans Network (CVN) is a 501(c)(3) national not-for-profit philanthropic organization for post-9/11 veterans, active duty service members and their families. CVN focuses on improving mental health outcomes, operating a network of outpatient mental health clinics in high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. It was established in 2016 by philanthropist Steven A. Cohen with a commitment of \$275 million to build the network. Learn more about CVN at cohenveteransnetwork.org.

ABOUT BLUE STAR FAMILIES

Blue Star Families (BSF) is the nation's largest military and veteran family support organization. Its research-driven approach builds strong communities with a focus on human-centered design and innovative solutions. A "blue star family" is the family of a currently serving military member, including active duty, National Guard, Reserve forces, and those transitioning out of service. Since its founding in 2009, BSF has delivered more than \$336 million in benefits and impacts more than 1.5 million people annually through an expansive network of chapters and outposts. For more information, click here.