

## Resources and References for the DCoE October 2014 Psychological Health Webinar

## **Psychological Health Issues Affecting Women Service Members and Veterans**

## Resources

In response to a growing need to understand the effects of military service on women veterans' health status, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Effects of Military Service on Women Veterans report focuses directly on the reproductive and trauma effects on women in the military or veterans who have been deployed. The goal of the report is to broaden the knowledge of VA policy leaders and clinicians about post-deployment health issues for women.

The Northeast Program Evaluation Center (NEPEC), headquartered in West Haven, CT, has responsibility for evaluating VA's Office of Mental Health Services programs, including those for specialized treatments of PTSD. It also serves as the evaluation arm of the National Center.

<u>The National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics</u> (NCVAS) supports planning, analysis, and decision-making activities through the collection, validation, analysis, and dissemination of key statistics on Veteran population and VA programs.

As part of VA's Office of Public Health, the Post-Deployment Health group administers various programs related to environmental and occupational exposures of U.S. Veterans during military service, including Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF), Gulf War, Vietnam, World War II and atomic Veterans activities. The Post-Deployment Health group also maintains several registries based on these exposures and manages the War Related Illness and Injury Study Center.

The Military Health System website Women's Health page provides resources on common health issues female service members, family members and retirees should be aware of including breast diseases, menopause, pregnancy, reproductive health, uterine diseases and sexual related health issues.

The Department of Health and Human Services Office of Women's Health website highlights trending health topics including women and mental health, ePublications, current news and social media resources.

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