



## Combat PTSD Statistics

- CNN estimates over 22 veteran suicides per day (across all veterans of all ages), or one suicide on average every 65 minutes!
- Nearly one third of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans have contemplated suicide.
- 81% of veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder engaged in at least one violent act against their partner in 2009.
- Between 2006 and 2012, the Army documented a 64% increase in violent sex crimes, 33% increase in domestic violence, and 43% increase in child abuse.
- Veterans with PTSD suffer 40% higher rates of unemployment.
- National Guard members are three times more likely to suffer from PTSD or depression after combat than are members of the active military. Guard vets also showed greater increase in alcohol abuse and incidents of aggressive behavior than active military veterans.
- The RAND Corporation computed that PTSD costs veterans and the wider community upwards of \$12,000 per veteran per year in additional health care needs, lost wages, and costs associated with suicide, and that effective care for all 210,000 untreated veterans with PTSD would save an estimated \$1.2 billion.
- Veterans comprise one in five homeless Americans.
- Nearly half of post-9/11 veterans using VA services have a mental health disorder.
- Nearly half of military spouses report mental health afflictions including Secondary PTSD.
- Frequency of domestic violence calls from people affiliated with the military from 2006 to 2011 more than tripled.
- Number of Fort Carson, Colo., soldiers charged with domestic violence between 2006 and 2009 rose more than 250 percent.
- Wives and partners of combat veterans exhibit high levels of psychological distress, depression, and suicidal ideation with elevations on clinical scales at or exceeding the 90th percentile.