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A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION

As an organization that is focused on the health and wellness of the active duty and Veteran community, we must open this letter by addressing the recent events in Afghanistan.

The world has watched the events unfold in recent weeks, but no more closely than those that served in Afghanistan or those that lost loved ones during a time of conflict. These events have evoked a wide variety of emotions among our community, and rightly so. Much of our support comes from service members, Veterans, and spouses. We want you to know our thoughts are with you and with the families of those that were lost in this recent events.

Afghanistan is a relevant topic for HunterSeven as we have surveyed nearly 3,000 participants in our toxic exposure research on the region. We have identified specific military installations, military occupations and key health trends displayed in those that deployed across various regions in Afghanistan. HunterSeven will officially release these study results in December as it is pending publication.

Medical and clinical research has been the foundation of HunterSeven and will continue to be a focus as we evolve and grow in the coming years.

Our research projects and data will be used to identify health trends and educate the warfighter population about their potential exposures. We will execute our education program through academic publications, online forums, social media, and health symposiums.

HunterSeven's evolution has already begun. In the past six months, we've rebranded, launched a new website, and created a multi-level awareness campaign.

The health of the military community will always be our why. We will always search for answers, ask questions, and most importantly provide solutions.

UNDERSTAND YOUR EXPOSURES

“Knowledge is Power”

We firmly believe that at HunterSeven Foundation, which is why our campaign Understand Your Exposures is so important and relevant to our mission.

Many health conditions can be a result of the exposures and experiences acquired during deployments and training. This is an inherent risk, but understanding one’s exposures is a baseline for achieving optimal health. If you can understand your exposures and the potential correlated illnesses early on, you can be proactive with your health and take preventative measures to reduce risk.

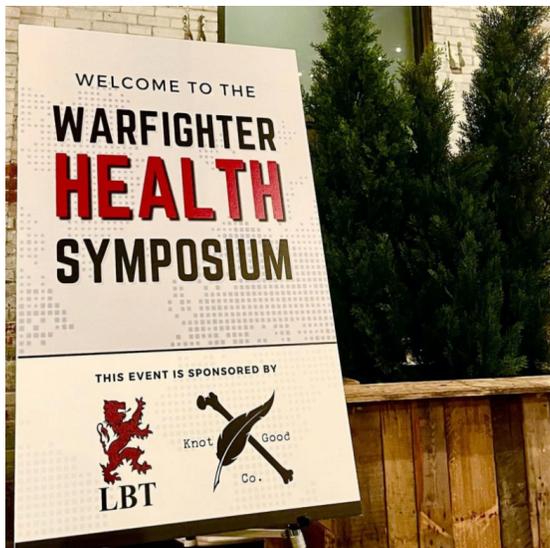
Each month we address health topics that are related to military exposures, and we share information that is medically-based and relevant to our following. We’ve added an interactive exposure map on our website that allows people to view their potential exposures based on the deployment region, with links to the Periodic Occupational and Environmental Monitoring Summaries (POEMS) for additional information.



The Understand Your Exposures campaign is designed to educate service members, Veterans, families, health care providers, and the general public about toxic exposures. We encourage you to share this information with your network using the hashtag #UnderstandYourExposures.

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WARFIGHTER HEALTH SYMPOSIUM



HunterSeven, in conjunction with Task Force Dagger Special Operations Foundation, hosted two Warfighter Health Symposiums this past spring.

The events provided an overview of the operational environment and correlated exposures, as well as preventative health care measures, specifically functional medicine practices. The events were held in Tampa and Fayetteville and attracted over 200 participants from the military, medical, and political communities.

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Thank you to **Knot Good Co.** & **London Bridge Trading** for supporting the May event at Ft. Bragg.

The next Warfighter Health event, sponsored by **NFO**, will be held in San Diego, CA in March 2022.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

The support from the Veteran business community has been a significant part of the Foundation's growth.

Black Rifle Coffee Company (BRCC) has been an unbelievable partner for HunterSeven for several years.

As a veteran-owned and operated company that employs many veterans, warfighter health is important to them. BRCC has generously sponsored the Afghanistan research project and will be with HunterSeven as we present our findings in December.

"The work HunterSeven Foundation is doing is invaluable for the Veteran community. As Veteran's ourselves, we understand that exposures are a very real thing, we've experienced it. We are proud to support the Afghanistan research so that more important information can be uncovered and shared." - Evan Hafer, BRCC

*HunterSeven is grateful for the partnership with **Black Rifle Coffee** and the BRCC Gives Foundation, and we look forward to jointly educating the military communities about their exposures and preventive health care.*



EDUCATION IS KEY

Educating civilian healthcare providers about military exposures is a first step in preventative medicine.

Studies show that approximately 25-27% of post-9/11 veterans utilize the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, while others are seeking care at civilian providers. Shockingly, few civilian providers are educated about military exposures, the illness correlated with them, or the testing required to identify these ailments. In fact, this lack of education is resulting in incorrect diagnosis or late-stage diagnosis. Understanding Your Exposures is relevant to the healthcare sector as well and is a focus of our education campaign.

HunterSeven Foundation believes that education within the civilian medical field about exposures is critical to better treat the post-9/11 Veteran population. A 2020 study showed that only 4% of civilian registered nurses are competent to provide veteran-centric care.

This year, the SgtMaj. Robert Bowman Nursing Leadership Award was created for undergraduate nursing students. The intention of this scholarship is to provide educational support for budding medical professionals, with the intention of educating them about military exposures early on in their careers, so that they may apply this knowledge to their care of the veteran population. This semester we were able to award \$5,000 to Jordan Badger and Afghanistan Veteran Jacob Hahne for tuition support.



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