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## A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION

The topic of mental health among the Veteran community is one that is the cause of many sensitive conversations. In recent years, mental health has been more widely discussed, and the taboo of the discussion lessened. This positive trend, in combination with the extensive resources made available to service members and Veterans, has made this topic forefront in the minds of the military community.

October is Mental Health Awareness Month, and while HunterSeven's mission is not focused on mental health for the Veteran population, it is important to us.

Often, when people speak of mental health among the military community, there are a few topics that dominate the conversation: PTSD, depression, or anxiety. While statistics show that these are common among diagnoses and concerns within the military community, there is a wider range of emotions that correlate to mental health but are sometimes overlooked or documented as a mental health condition. Moral injury, guilt, shame, and grief are all regularly reported among service members and Veterans, but may not warrant a mental health diagnosis.

The stigma of these mental health diagnoses is fading, but some still struggle with the perception the general public, their employers, or their families have of Veteran mental health.

As Veterans ourselves, we understand these diagnoses, the root cause for some of these conditions, and the urgency to offer more support for those in need of mental health services.

We believe in providing solutions and will continue to offer resources and education around Veteran mental health. More importantly, we offer the support of a community that has a shared experience. We encourage our HunterSeven tribe to connect with one another and seek assistance when needed, knowing we are a trusted network

# UPCOMING DISCUSSION EVENTS

## PTSD Roundtable Discussion with Shauna Springer



*"Doc" Shauna Springer presents*

*From Post-Traumatic Stress Injury to Sustained Healing: A New Model for Care*

### About the Presentation

Join HunterSeven and special guest "Doc" Shauna Springer, author of Warrior, for an in depth discussion about PTS, moral injury and their impact on interpersonal relationships. Springer will share key concepts from her book that are a common thread in the veteran community followed by a brief overview of innovative PTS treatments like Stellate Ganglion Block. This interactive forum will provide a platform for discussion about PTS and moral injury and will offer a Q&A with Doc Springer about the SGB treatment.

Shauna "Doc" Springer is a best-selling author, frequently requested keynote speaker, and one of the world's leading experts on psychological trauma, military transition, suicide prevention, and close relationships. She is the author of WARRIOR: How to Support Those Who Protect Us and the co-author of BEYOND THE MILITARY: A Leader's Handbook for Warrior Reintegration.

A Harvard graduate who has become a trusted Doc to our nation's military warfighters, she navigates different cultures with exceptional agility. As Chief Psychologist for Stella, she advances a new model for treating psychological trauma that combines biological and psychological interventions.

To register, click [here](#).

# COMING TOGETHER FOR ONE OF OUR OWN

An immediate needs request came to HunterSeven from a 31-year old Navy Veteran, who was recently diagnosed with Stage IV brain cancer. A young father, he was faced with a devastating disease and complications from surgery, and he needed guidance on the next steps in terms of his medical care. He turned to HunterSeven as a trusted resource for assistance.

1. Enrolled in VA healthcare system within 30 minutes of the request
2. Qualified for the Mission Act within the same week
3. Appointment at Duke University Cancer Center with the top neurological oncologist, Dr. Henry Friedman, within one week.
4. Financial support for Justin's Duke medical appointments

While Justin receives a medical case review and a specialized treatment tailored for him by Dr. Friedman, HunterSeven will work correlating his exposures to his brain cancer, which will help him get service connection. These steps will ensure Justin and his family get much needed resources.

HunterSeven's social media outreach sharing Justin's story resulted in collaboration from other organizations and an outpouring of support. GCO supported Justin's travel to Duke, the Tug McGraw Foundation made the introduction to Dr. Friedman, and after seeing Justin's story, Michael Overway of the Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Collier County offered to pay his mortgage for 5 months to further reduce financial burden.

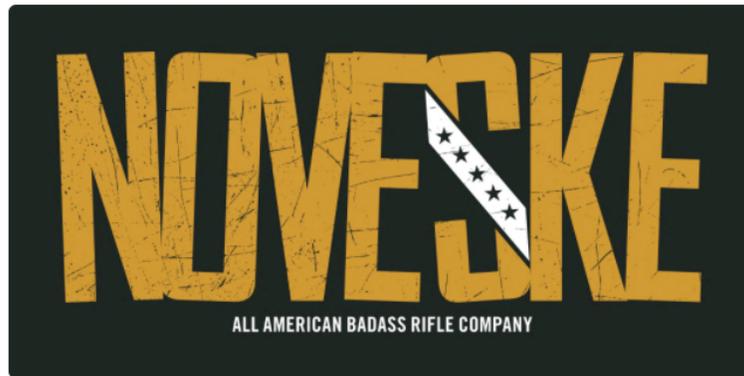
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# PARTNER HIGHLIGHT



Noveske, known for being the All American Badass Rifle Company, has supported HunterSeven for two years, donating over \$22,000 to support the Immediate Needs and Education programs.

Lorina Noveske, owner of Noveske Rifleworks, explains the inspiration for getting involved with the Foundation.

***“The more I learn about HunterSeven Foundation, the more my heart breaks with the brutal reality of our Veterans and service members being compromised with known toxicities from a variety of exposures during military service. HunterSeven not only provides aid, even emergency medical aid, to our warfighters who are experiencing life threatening symptoms followed by terminal illnesses, but they also dedicate their time and passion towards much needed research and education. I love what this Foundation is working for! We need more of this, and this is why Noveske Rifleworks proudly supports the HunterSeven Foundation.”***

Noveske’s highly sought-after products can barely remain in stock due to their popularity as they are a trusted product by many in the military community, specifically America’s elite forces.

We are grateful for the support from Noveske and look forward to future events.





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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

As a volunteer, I want to contribute to a better understanding of the various war-related illnesses that post-9/11 Veterans and active-duty service members face. I believe Veterans need to be empowered to own their healthcare by building a trusting relationship with a knowledgeable provider. Our goal is to help bridge the gap in education for providers and Veterans alike.

HunterSeven not only helps to identify the problems plaguing the military community, but we also seek to provide evidence-based solutions. I count myself fortunate to have returned from Afghanistan relatively unscathed. Several of my brothers and sisters were called to make extraordinary sacrifices in service to our great nation. This imbalance has created a debt that I intend to spend the rest of my life seeking to square.

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