

**Committee on the Mental Health Effects of Toxic Exposures
Among Veterans**

**Meeting 4, Day 2
June 3, 2024
Virtual**

OPEN SESSION AGENDA – DRAFT 05/28/2024

Meeting Objectives:

- Learn about the types of exposures service members and veterans experience, especially during deployment
- Learn about health concerns (especially mental health concerns) veterans/service members have about their toxic military exposures
- To hear about experiences living with chronic multisymptom illness/Gulf War Illness and concerns about the potential influence toxic military exposures
- Learn about suicide among service members and veterans and concerns about the potential influence of toxic military exposures

1:00pm - 1:05pm
All times Eastern

Welcome and Introductions; Conduct of the Open Meeting
Jeannette South-Paul, committee co-chair

1:05pm - 2:05pm

Panel: Mental Health Provider Perspectives on Military-Related Toxic Exposures and Mental Health
Moderator: Jeannette South-Paul

Chris Ivany
Family Care Center, LLC

Tracy Neal-Walden
Cohen Veterans Network

Ajus Ninan
US Army

2:05pm – 2:15pm

Break

2:15pm -3:15pm

Panel: Veteran and Advocate Perspectives on Military-Related Toxic Exposures and Mental Health
Moderator: Rajeev Ramchand, committee member

Anthony Hardie
Veterans for Common Sense

Chelsey Simoni
Hunter7 Foundation

Carla Stumpf Patton
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

TBD – Requested
Wounded Warrior Project

3:15pm – 3:30pm

Public Comment
Jeannette South-Paul

3:30pm

Closing Remarks and Open Meeting Adjourns
Jeannette South-Paul

RESOURCES

*If you are in crisis or concerned about a loved one, please call the Veterans Crisis Line at **988** then press "1" or text 838255 to connect with a crisis counselor 24/7, 365 days a year.*

Survivors of military suicide loss seeking grief support or assistance can call the 24/7 TAPS National Military Survivor Helpline any time at 800-959-TAPS (8277).