List of resources:

PTSD:

🡪I think it would be good to have both of these points go in to make false section about PTSD and some facts that are misconstrued

--<http://taskandpurpose.com/5-actual-reasons-youre-miserable-after-the->military/?utm\_source=facebook&utm\_medium=social&utm\_content=tp-facebook&utm\_campaign=recycled

--<http://taskandpurpose.com/truth-22-veteran-suicides-day/>

I like this article because it debunks a buzz phrase that is too often used “22 vets commit suicide a day” that is not true. You can pick out whatever you want form the article but the idea is to have a section on what what is true and what isn’t.

--include in this “false perception section” the fact that all veteran suicides come from the combat theatre…the transition to civilian life is the hardest part for many”

-30% of vets have ptsd

(-that is 30 percent of 834,463 vets of Iraq and Afghanistan wars treated )

VETERANS:

“The segregation is so pronounced that it can be traced on a map: Some 49% of the 1.3 million active-duty service members in the U.S. are concentrated in just five states — California, Virginia, Texas, North Carolina and Georgia.”

“The U.S. military today is gradually becoming a separate warrior class, many analysts say, that is becoming increasingly distinct from the public it is charged with protecting. “

\*\*\*According to United States Census Bureau

🡪**this is a list of high denity areas where a majority of Americas vets reside (make this its own section)**

| **Top ten states with largest veteran populations in raw numbers** | |
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| **State** | **Veterans** |
| [California](https://ballotpedia.org/California) | 1,851,470 |
| [Texas](https://ballotpedia.org/Texas) | 1,680,418 |
| [Florida](https://ballotpedia.org/Florida) | 1,583,697 |
| [Pennsylvania](https://ballotpedia.org/Pennsylvania) | 939,069 |
| [New York](https://ballotpedia.org/New_York) | 892,221 |
| [Ohio](https://ballotpedia.org/Ohio) | 866,481 |
| [Virginia](https://ballotpedia.org/Virginia) | 781,388 |
| [North Carolina](https://ballotpedia.org/North_Carolina) | 775,020 |
| [Georgia](https://ballotpedia.org/Georgia) | 752,882 |
| [Illinois](https://ballotpedia.org/Illinois) | 721,575 |
| **Sources:**[***National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics*, "Veteran Population"**](http://www.va.gov/vetdata/Veteran_Population.asp) | |

Dogs:

🡪Emotional benefits of owning a dog

* Help bring out feelings of love.
* Are good companions.
* Take orders well when trained. This can be very comfortable for a Servicemember or Veteran who was used to giving orders in the military.
* Are fun and can help reduce stress.
* Are a good reason to get out of the house, spend time outdoors, and meet new people.

🡪 fact is: this is not a medical treatment officially recognized by the VA. They only pay for treatments and vet bills for those with designated service dog labels which are generally given to those with physical diability..

🡪 what the VA is doing is investing $12 million into the research of theses ptsd effects and what dogs have on them with the help of universities all over the world