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VA Secretary's Statement on the Passage of the PACT Act

“Veterans who were exposed to toxic fumes while fighting for our country are American heroes, and they deserve world-class care and benefits for their selfless service. The bipartisan PACT Act will help VA deliver for those Veterans—and their survivors—by empowering us to presumptively provide care and benefits to Vets suffering from more than 20 toxic exposure-related conditions.

To those Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors: you can apply for PACT Act benefits by filing a claim at [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov), and you can learn more about the PACT Act at [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT) or by calling us at [1-800-MyVA411](tel:1-800-MyVA411). VA will be communicating with you every step of the way to make sure that you and your loved ones get the benefits you’ve earned.

I couldn’t be more grateful to President Biden, who made this day possible by fighting like hell for our nation’s Veterans. Once the President signs this bill into law, VA will implement it quickly and effectively, delivering the care these Veterans need and the benefits they deserve.” – VA Secretary Denis R. McDonough

Mental health resources help Veterans, families

Salesforce helping Veterans with mental health resources training modules



In partnership with VA, Salesforce has introduced a new training module to Trailhead, its free online learning platform, to give Veterans and their families access to mental health research and information.

The new module, [Veteran Mental Health and Resiliency Resources](#), expands on the software company's "[Salesforce Military](#)" program. Salesforce Military offers free, online training classes and certification exams at no cost for active-duty military, Veterans and military spouses.

This new mental health resources module focuses on educating Veterans and their families about suicide risks and suicide prevention, a top clinical priority for VA.

"Salesforce is deeply committed to supporting Veterans and their families," said Josh Kahn, Digital Acceleration Lead at Salesforce. "As part of our ongoing partnership with VA, and through the power of technology, our mission is to create greater access to critical mental health information and resources."

[Helped 1,200 Veterans and spouses get jobs](#)

The module is part of Salesforce's partnership with VA. The partnership was [formed in 2020](#) to assist Veterans with developing their skills and transitioning to new careers after they leave the military. The partnership has since helped 1,200 Veterans and Veteran spouses place into [new](#) and [high-paying](#) jobs in tech industries.

The new mental health resiliency Trailhead module will teach users about VA resources designed to help lower suicide risk among Veterans ([52% higher compared to non-Veterans](#)), such as learning about [signs that someone may be considering suicide](#), [communication and outreach tools](#), [evidence-based therapies](#) and [lethal means safety](#).

"This partnership is an opportunity for us to help Veterans improve their economic stability, employment, health literacy and other [social determinants of health](#), which are the social, economic and physical conditions in the environments where people live, work and play," said Christine Eickhoff, a health system specialist at VA's [National Center for Healthcare Advancement and Partnerships](#) (HAP), which facilitated the partnership between VHA and Salesforce.

Positive social determinants of health are [linked to](#) lower risk of death by suicide.

"Mental health resiliency can have a big impact on employment and financial stability of Veterans and their families. Supporting the mental health of all Veterans, including those who may not already be engaged with VA, can ultimately help them in their civilian careers and to lead happier, healthier lives."

[How Veterans can ask for help](#)

This is the second Trailhead module released as part of this partnership. The first module, [VA Benefits for Veterans](#), provides a simple, easy-to-understand overview of the VA programs and benefits available to Veterans.

Salesforce's newest module will also share how Veterans can ask for help, for example, via the [Veterans Crisis Line](#). Participants learn how to help other Veterans with VA resources like [Coaching Into Care](#) and the [PsychArmor Institute's S.A.V.E. training](#).

To learn more about the Salesforce module and sign up, visit: <https://trailhead.salesforce.com/en/content/learn/modules/veteran-mental-health-and-resiliency-resources>.

HAP serves as a trusted resource and a catalyst for the growth of effective partnerships at the national, state and community level. For more information on HAP's partnerships, visit va.gov/HEALTHPARTNERSHIPS/updates.asp.

To read more stories on VA partnerships, visit <https://news.va.gov/?s=partnerships>.

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, being men of courage, be strong." 1Cor 16:13

Sincerely,

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Need to contact VA?

[Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255](#) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255
[Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838](#) or [Chat](#)
[White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311](#)

[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](#) is never the wrong number