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A Special Message from Our Executive Director

On behalf of the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program (EHVP), I wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy new year!

We have so much to be thankful for this year; most importantly, the veterans and service members who take part in our program. Their bravery - by serving our country and for coming to EHVP - is the reason we provide state-of-the-art, evidence-based care that promises brighter futures.

We are grateful for our supporters, including the Wounded Warrior Project®, the Bob Woodruff Foundation, and the Georgia Department of Veterans Services, along with dozens of additional foundations, companies, and individual donors. Because of their incredible generosity, we are able to work every day in service of transforming the lives of our nation's heroes.

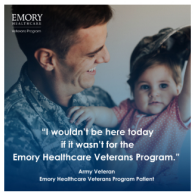
This past year, we partnered with the United States Army Special Operations Command at Fort Liberty, North Carolina to open a direct line of communication and referrals. This collaboration has enabled us to provide comprehensive care for active-duty Special Operations Soldiers, addressing their invisible wounds and preparing them to continue their elite service.

We are proud of a signature accomplishment that, after many years of work, came to fruition in 2024: the launch of a first-of-its-kind clinical study using MDMA (3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine) and prolonged exposure therapy to hasten and improve treatment response. This combination of therapy and medication holds great promise for our veterans, service members, and the general public.

As the year comes to a close, I sincerely thank all of our partners and donors, both near and far, for championing our momentous and far-reaching work. Your continued support is vital to EHVP's enduring success in transforming lives.

Warmly,
Dr. Barbara O. Rothbaum, EHVP Executive Director





Support EHVP on Giving Tuesday

On December 3, 2024, please celebrate Giving Tuesday with us! By supporting EHVP with a gift of any amount, you will help serve post-9/11 veterans and service members with zero-cost, life-changing mental health care for posttraumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma, anxiety, and depression.

Our mental health treatment program is:

- **Effective**: Our evidence-based program works.
- **Accelerated**: Graduates heal in just two weeks.
- **Transformative**: Treatment empowers veterans, saves lives from suicide, and restores families.

Your gift will change lives. Please give today.

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2024 by the Numbers

(as of November 2024)

186 accelerated treatment program graduates
5,925 hours of evidence-based therapy provided at no cost
550 outreach visits
44 papers published
810 screening calls completed

EHVP in Texas

James Brown, an Air Force veteran and one of our veteran outreach coordinators, has relocated from the Peach State to share our transformative work with the Texas military community. Learn about James and his move to Texas:

How are you connected to the military community?

I served in the Air Force for 12 years, primarily as a dental technician and one year as a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. During my time, I completed a six-month deployment in Kuwait.

What brought you to EHVP?

I've always had a drive for human services, and I wanted to do my part in helping veterans get access to world-class mental health care. I've seen the impact our accelerated mental health treatment program has on our graduates, and I wholeheartedly believe in EHVP's mission to serve our heroes by healing invisible wounds.

What are your top 5 favorite things about Texas so far?

- The weather! But I just moved here so you'll have to check back with me next year!
- The food, I'm going to need a gym membership!
- The skyline is beautiful!
- The people have been really welcoming.
- Getting involved in the veteran community.

What local events do you have coming up?

- 12/17-12/18: I'll be at the Shreveport/Barksdale Air Force Base
- 1/16-1/17: I'll visit the Houston VA
- 1/29-1/30: I'll stop by the Tinker Air Force Base

What advice would you give to veterans or service members who are considering our program?

Easy! I tell them that the two weeks in treatment will not only change their life, but will also it will improve the lives of their loved ones.

Like our Facebook page to follow more of James' outreach efforts.

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EHVP in New York City

Two of our accelerated treatment program graduates, Navy veteran Benzamar Miller and Army veteran Antonio Strickland, had the opportunity to share their story on stage at the Bob Woodruff Foundation's annual "Stand Up for Heroes" event in honor of Veterans Day.

Thank you to the Bob Woodruff Foundation for the opportunity to share our message of hope!

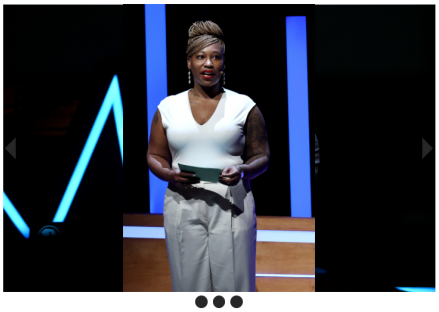


Photo 1: Accelerated Treatment Program Graduate and Army veteran Antonio Strickland (center) and EHVP Deputy Director Dr. Sheila Rauch (right)
Photo 2: Accelerated Treatment Program Graduate and Navy veteran Benzamar Miller speaking on stage.
Photo 3: Antonio speaking on stage.

EHVP in Atlanta

In observance of Veterans Day, the EHVP veteran outreach coordinators (VOCs) participated in several events around the city to celebrate and honor our nation's heroes.

The VOCs represented EHVP at the Georgia Veterans Day Association Veterans Expo, Emory University's Veterans Day Observance, Emory University's "The Future of Leadership" Presentation, and the New Black Wall Street Market Veterans Day Observance.



Photo 1: Lead VOC and Army veteran Shaun Lewis attending Emory University's "The Future of Leadership" presentation.
Photo 2: VOC and Navy veteran Imarii Poindexter attending the Georgia Veterans Day Association Expo.
Photo 3: VOC and National Army Guardsman, Jeff Canterbury, attending the Emory University Veterans Day Observance.



Transform Your Life with Evidence-Based Care

We treat invisible wounds, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST), anxiety, and depression with evidence-based treatment that works. **Treatment is no-cost and confidential for eligible post-9/11 veterans and service members living anywhere in the United States, regardless of discharge status, deployment history, or length of service.** Our accelerated two-week treatment program is offered in-person at our clinic in Atlanta or via telehealth in eligible states.

When you're ready to transform your life, we're here to help. Call 888-823-4014 to speak with a veteran care coordinator today or fill out this private form and we will contact you within 24-48 hours.

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