



SAMHSA ★ SMVF TA CENTER

Service Members, Veterans, and their  
Families Technical Assistance Center



## VA/SAMHSA Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families

### GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE TRAINING PORTAL FACT SHEET

**The Governor's Challenge Training Portal** was developed in partnership with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the SAMHSA Service Members, Veterans and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF TA) Center, and PsychArmor Institute. The Governor's Challenge (GC) training portal is a web-based, single point of entry for Governor's Challenge state teams and their partners to PsychArmor's learning management system. The GC training portal provides access to a set menu of PsychArmor's online trainings, as well as links to off-site trainings through VA and the Education Development Center.

With access to the GC training portal, state teams will have the ability to promote online trainings to community partners, providers, and others to support strategies related to their suicide prevention strategic action plans. In addition, individualized state team dashboards will provide custom metrics and learner evaluation data.

In June 2021, the SMVF TA Center hosted a webinar to provide details about the portal along with a virtual walkthrough of registration and the training menu. The recording of that webinar can be viewed via this link: [https://prainc.zoom.us/rec/share/sErjR\\_R3cx-2a1p3nbTBTd0DX3-ngC8znztNfQ3AbR2yIFztngl4Litbyu50-MWh.nnkOvwDfc26vjT89?startTime=1622743329000](https://prainc.zoom.us/rec/share/sErjR_R3cx-2a1p3nbTBTd0DX3-ngC8znztNfQ3AbR2yIFztngl4Litbyu50-MWh.nnkOvwDfc26vjT89?startTime=1622743329000)

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### How do we access the portal?

- Follow this link to Governor's Challenge Training Portal (GC Portal): <https://psycharmor.org/signup/governors-challenge-portal/?gid=359945&unf3T4BGF1tSw>
- Complete registration
- If you are already registered on the PsychArmor website, the portal will display "this email address is already registered" and you will need to contact Jenna Pryor ([jpryor@psycharmor.org](mailto:jpryor@psycharmor.org)) to assist in migrating your existing dashboard to the GC Portal
- Once you are registered, you will have your own Governor' Challenge training dashboard with access to the menu trainings listed below, as well as links to several off-site trainings
- To access this dashboard at any time, follow the link above (save it to your favorites for easy access) and log in with the email and password you entered at registration

## What trainings are available?

1. **\*V.A. S.A.V.E.** – Megan McCarthy, PhD, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
2. **\*Women Who Serve** – Margaret Riley, JD, The Commit Foundation
3. **\*15 Things Veterans Want You to Know** – Heidi Squier Kraft, PhD, PsychArmor
4. **\*Communication Skills with Veterans** – Diego Flores, MFT, Urban Restoration Counseling Center
5. **\*Myths & Facts of Wounded Warriors** – Michael Richardson, Lt. Col., Ret., Wounded Warrior Project
6. **Connecting with the VA** – Abigail C. Angkaw, PhD, VA's National Center for PTSD
7. **15 Things Veterans Want You to Know for Health Care Providers** – Heidi Squier Kraft, PhD, PsychArmor
8. **Suicide in Military Members and Veterans** – Craig Bryan, PsyD, ABPP, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
9. **Inner Conflict and Survivor's Guilt** – Heidi Squier Kraft, PhD, PsychArmor
10. **Crisis Response Plan for Health Care Providers** – Introduction and Assessment – Craig Bryan, PsyD, ABPP, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
11. **Crisis Response Plan for Health Care Providers** – Intervention – Craig Bryan, PsyD, ABPP, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
12. **Postvention** – Dr. Shauna Springer, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
13. **Finding Stability After Suicide Loss** – Kim Ruocco, MSW, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
14. **Substance Use Disorder in Military and Veteran Populations** – Ted Bonar, PsyD, End Family Fire
15. **V.A. S.A.V.E.: Preventing Caregiver Suicide** – Heidi Squier Kraft, PhD, PsychArmor and Melissa Comeau, American Red Cross Military and Veteran Caregiver Network (*coming soon*)

\*These 5 trainings can be completed to earn a “Veteran Ready Organization” certificate. For questions related to this certification, contact Jenna Pryor at [jpryor@psycharmor.org](mailto:jpryor@psycharmor.org)

## Is there a limit on how many people can access it?

- Currently there are 1,500 learner seats per Governor's Challenge state

## How do we find out information or metrics related to our state's utilization?

- Contact your SMVF TA Center Liaison, or contact Philip Paty or Emily Russell at [ppaty@prainc.com](mailto:ppaty@prainc.com) or [erussell@prainc.com](mailto:erussell@prainc.com)
- State teams who are active in the training portal will automatically receive a quarterly report from the SMVF TA Center (October, January, April, July)
- For off-cycle reports or information, contact Phil or Emily directly with your request

## Can we access additional PsychArmor trainings via the portal?

- All PsychArmor online trainings will be available to registered users, but metrics will not be available for trainings outside the set GC Portal menu

## Can we customize our state's access, e.g., number of learner seats available, include more/different trainings, etc.?

- Contact your SMVF TA Center Liaison or reach out directly to Jenna Pryor ([jpryor@psycharmor.org](mailto:jpryor@psycharmor.org)) at PsychArmor Institute to discuss options and cost