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Briefing Agenda

- About Operation TBI Freedom
- Eligibility
- DOD Statistics
- VA Statistics
- How We Can Support Each Other
- Questions and Answers



Mission Statement

“Operation TBI Freedom provides individualized care to post-9/11 veterans and service members residing in Colorado that are affected by traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder by providing comprehensive services to improve quality of life while achieving independence.”



Operation TBI Freedom (A Program of Craig Hospital)

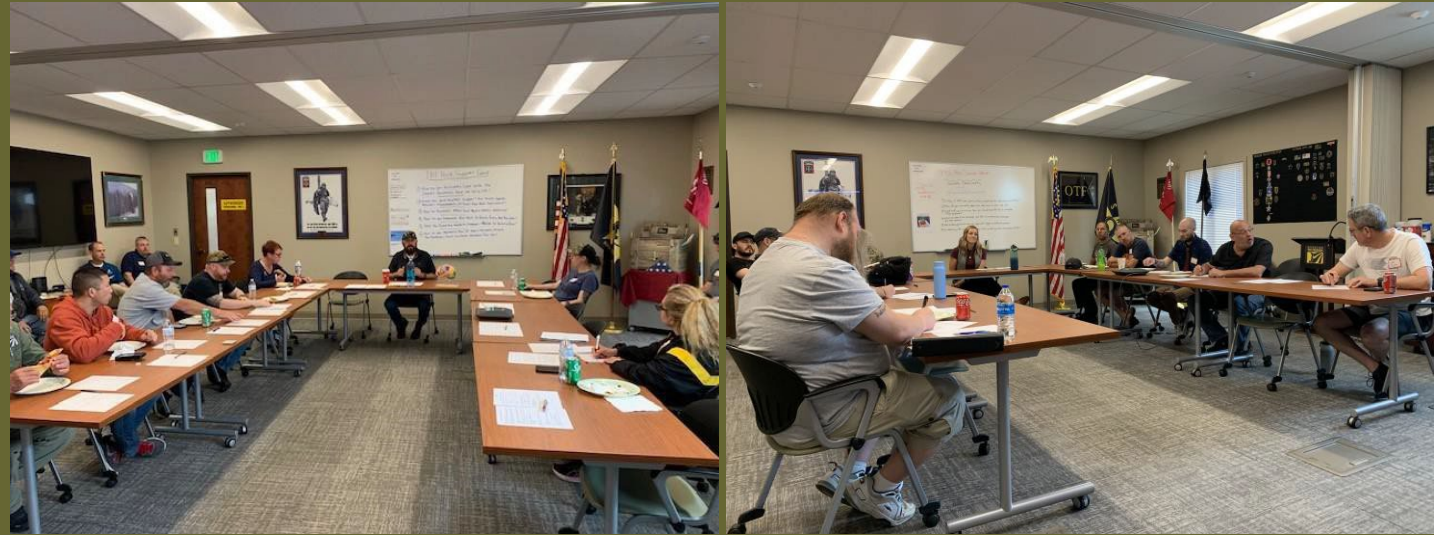
Operation TBI Freedom is located in Colorado Springs and offers the following:

- Long-term nonmedical case management
- Crisis management
- Peer Support Groups
- Medical and mental health referrals
- Employment/education assistance
- Outdoor/Indoor Adaptive Activities and Sports
- Benefits assistance & navigation (Governmental, Non-Governmental Agencies, DoD & VA)
- Limited emergency assistance for severe needs (case-by-case only) and much more



PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

- **Operation Phoenix Recovery:** Every 4th Friday of each month from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, OPR provides peer support for veterans who suffer from cognitive issues to TBI/PTSD and commit to recovery.
- **TBI Education Workshop:** Every 2nd Thursday of each month from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Operation TBI Freedom hosts a TBI education workshop for veterans/service members and their family members.
- **TBI Peer Support Group:** Every 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Operation TBI Freedom hosts a veterans/service members small TBI peer support group.



Eligibility

Regardless of the discharge status:

- Participants must be residents of Colorado
- Served in any branch of the U.S. military on or after Sept. 11, 2001
- Sustained a brain injury during or after their service



DOD Statistics

DOD Numbers for Traumatic Brain Injury Worldwide

2000-2023 Q3

Mild: 82.2%

Moderate: 11.4%

Severe: 1.0%

Penetrating: 1.2%

Not
Classifiable: 4.2%

Total
492,167

Penetrating: 5,766

Severe: 4,804

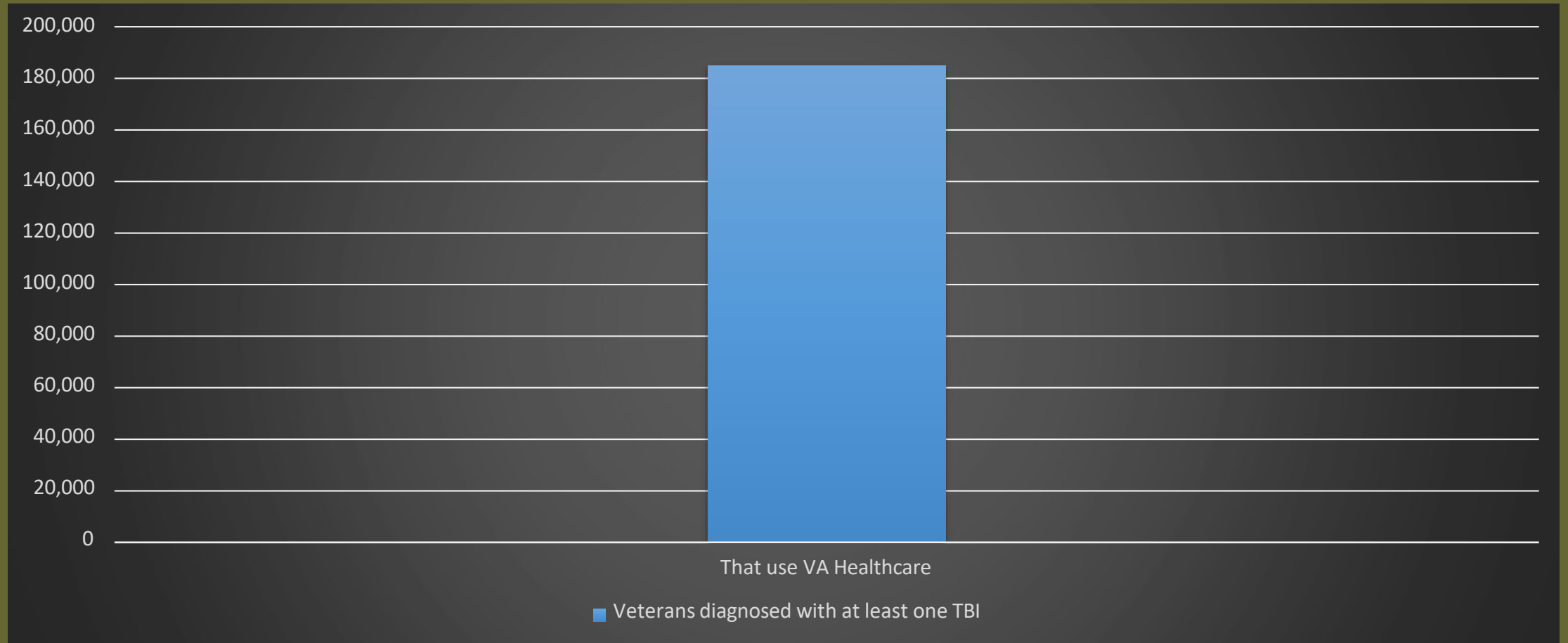
Moderate: 56,333

Mild: 404,450

Not Classifiable: 20,814

Source: Defense Medical Surveillance System, Theater Medical Data Store provided by the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Division.
Prepared by the Traumatic Brain Injury Center of Excellence.
*Percent may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2000-2023 Q3, as of November 9, 2023

Veterans Diagnosed With at Least One TBI



How We Can Support Each Other

- Outreaches to learn more about each other's organizations
- Referrals
- Collaboration through care teams
- Send your eligible clients to our TBI/PTSD Peer Support Groups, TBI Education workshops/classes, and Recreational Activities (pro-social support)
 - Fly Fishing
 - Art Classes
 - Blacksmith
 - Equine Learning
 - Breckenridge Outdoor Education Activities (BOEC)



For more information or to apply for our assistance, call or email us

- Operation TBI Freedom's Website: <https://craighospital.org/programs/operation-tbi-freedom>
- Call our Toll-Free number: 855-355-6824
- Reach out to our Eligibility Specialist—Mik Spillane :
 - Cell: 719-306-2240
 - Email: MSpillane@craighospital.org



Questions?

If you made it out of the valley,
reach back and lift others.





Thank you!

