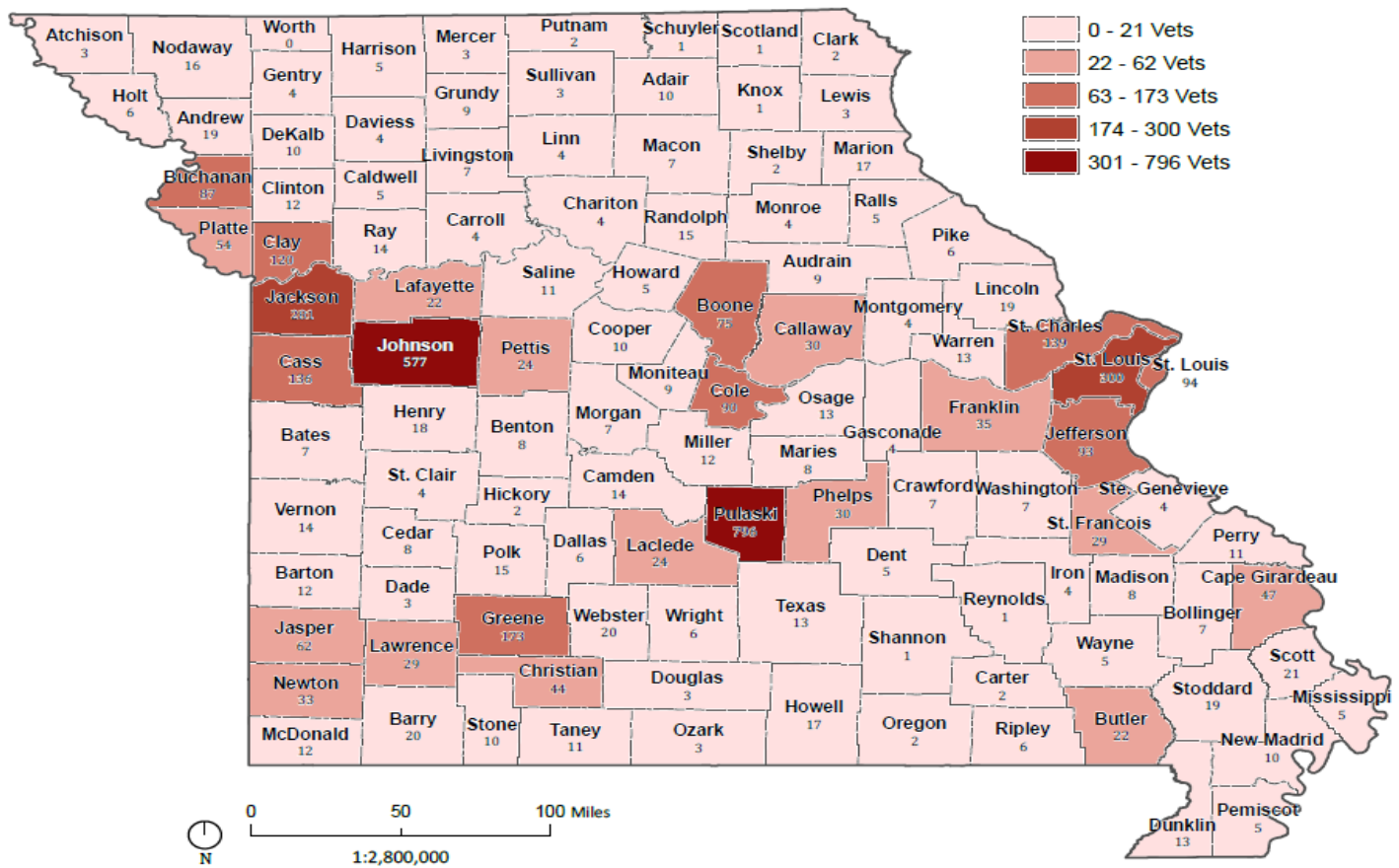


Estimated # of Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans Deployed by County with Probable Traumatic Brain Injury*



* TBI estimate - 19.5% of Total Veterans per County
Reference: Tanielian, T., Jaycox, L. Invisible Wounds of War: Psychological and Cognitive, Injuries, their Consequences and Services to Assist Recovery, Rand Corporation, 2008





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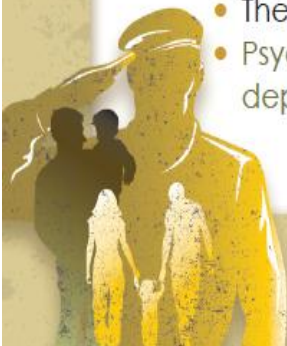
What's different about the war today?

- One in every four people in the U.S. has a connection to the Military
- 1.5 million Service Members have served in Iraq and Afghanistan
- 90% of wounded Service Members survive their injuries
- A greater percentage are coming home with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and severe posttraumatic stress
- We have an all volunteer Military that includes significant numbers of National Guard members and Reservists
- Nearly half of all active and reserve members experience multiple deployments
- In this era of high-tech and constant communication, Service Members remain in constant contact with their Families even when deployed
- We are involved in unconventional warfare – no front line, IEDs (improvised explosive devices), no down time, constant vigilance



What's the impact on our Service Members?

- Over 75% of Service Members surveyed report having been in situations where they could be seriously injured or killed
- More than 62% of them knew someone who was seriously injured or killed
- Mental health is one of the three most common health issues reported
- 38% of Service Members and 31% of Marines report having psychological symptoms
- The percentage rises to 49% of National Guard Members
- Psychological issues rise significantly among those with repeated deployments





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Doesn't the Military provide health services to address these needs?

- Of the 1 million returning Service Members eligible for VA services, 45% have sought care
- 56% of those Service Members reported possible mental health issues
- Mental health issues include PTSD, depression, psychoses, neurotic disorders, and drug and alcohol dependence or abuse
- A silent majority of Veterans (55%) are either not getting services or are getting them outside the VA
- 33% of Veterans live in rural/highly rural areas where there is not a VA facility



How is the war affecting Service Member Families?

- The well-being of Service Members is inextricably linked to the well-being of their Families
- In a study of 250,000 women married to active duty Service Members, 36% reported having at least one mental health diagnosis
- Extended separations, increased responsibilities at home, and recurring deployments contribute to increased stress, anxiety and depression
- Military children often experience higher levels of anxiety and a higher risk of depression; many have more difficulty focusing at school



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