

**Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
U.S. House of Representatives**

**“Service should not lead to suicide: Access to VA’s Mental Health Care”**

**Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 9:15 a.m.  
334 Cannon House Office Building**

**Panel 1**

**Howard and Jean Somers**  
Parents of Daniel Somers, Deceased

**Susan and Richard Selke**  
Parents of Clay Hunt, Deceased

**Peggy Portwine**  
Mother of Brian Portwine, Deceased

**Josh Renschler**  
Sergeant, U.S. Army (Ret.)

**Panel 2**

**Maureen McCarthy M.D.**  
Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer  
Veterans Health Administration  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

*Accompanied by:*

*Harold Kudler M.D.*  
*Acting Chief Consultant for Mental Health Services*  
*Veterans Health Administration*  
*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

*David Carroll Ph.D.*  
*Acting Chief Consultant for Specialty Mental Health*  
*Veterans Health Administration*  
*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

*Michael Fisher*  
*Program Analyst*  
*Readjustment Counseling Service*  
*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

**Panel 3**

**Alex Nicholson**

Legislative Director  
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

**Lt. Gen. Martin R. Steele (USMC, Ret.)**

Associate Vice President for Veterans Research  
Executive Director of Military Partnerships  
Co-Chair of the Veterans Reintegration Steering Committee  
University of South Florida

**Warren Goldstein**

Assistant Director for TBI and PTSD Programs  
National Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission  
The American Legion

**Jonathan Sherin M.D., Ph.D.**

Chief Executive Officer  
Executive Vice President for Military Communities  
Volunteers of America

**Statement for the Record**

**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**

**CNS Response**

**Swords to Plowshares**

**Vietnam Veterans of America**