The 2020 Military Health System Research Symposium (MHSRS) (https://mhsrs.amedd.army.mil/SitePages/Home.aspx) will include a Veteran-focused abstract session at this year’s conference which will likely occur in August in FL. Final date and location is pending but should be announced soon. The title of the session is “DoD & VA Research on Military Exposures & Veteran Health Outcomes.” This conference represents an opportunity to share VA research results with our DoD colleagues, and also learn from them about issues pertinent to Veteran health concerns.

The call for abstracts is currently open and the submission deadline is March 25.

Below is the Veteran-focused session description and objectives. For further information, please visit the above link. The abstract submission website is also available via that link.

Abstracts submitted to this session should address ongoing or completed research efforts undertaken by DoD & VA that monitor health of current & former Service members:
1. mechanics of interagency collaboration to understand the effects of military service on Service members & Veterans;
2. presentation of methodologies for studying military related environmental exposures & health;
3. studies of psychological health & behavioral risk factors supporting DoD-VA suicide prevention efforts;
4. the effects of military & deployment experiences in early adulthood on development of disease following separation.

Session objectives:
1. Describe the scope of research conducted by DoD & VA investigators on post deployment health outcomes
2. Outline completed or ongoing research projects that is addressing military/ deployment related environmental exposures & health outcomes in Veterans
3. List the steps required to establish interagency research collaboration between the DoD Millennium Cohort Study & VA Cooperative Study Program #505

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