

POWELL City Council – NUMBERS GAME

6 - Ohio is 6th largest veterans population in the nation

6.5- 65,000 Ohioans have deployed in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001

7 - 7,000 of these veterans live in and around Franklin county - (5 county radius)

7.5- 750,000 veterans in USA struggle with TBI/PTSD as a result of these wars- nationwide and 15,000 struggle in OHIO

8- Those with TBI are 8 X more likely to die by suicide than a person who has not – leading to over 22 suicides/day for American Veterans

10- 10% unemployment for our veterans and only about 10% retention at civilian jobs

11 - 1 + 1 - you can mentor a veteran, especially with employment initiatives to assist with reintegration back to civilian world. It is our obligation to do so.

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Points for Employment of Veterans

- #1- Veterans represent the most diverse population in the United States.**
- #2- Veterans are driven by a sense of mission.**
- #3- Veterans are used to teamwork, and follow orders well.**
- #4- Veterans represent the most physical fit members of their generation.**
- #5. – Proven skill set and work ethic.**

Points for Employment for TBI/PTSD

- #1- TBI/PTSD is a form of brain injury, of which 90% of injuries are mild.**
- #2- TBI/PTSD is protected by the ADA.**
- #3- TBI/PTSD affects the civilian as well as the veteran population, with athletes having the next closest incidence to veterans. It is becoming a global epidemic, and incidence is rising yearly in the USA.**
- #4. TBI/PTSD is treatable and can be managed holistically by exercise, meditation, mindfulness, and cognitive retraining.**
- #5. Peer Group for support and strategies**

Common Accommodations for Employees with TBI/PTSD

- #1- Incandescent Lighting with Rheostat**
- #2- Good acoustics**
- #3- Flexible hours for accommodation of temporary fatigue**
- #4. - Yoga, meditation, or group training sessions available during work schedule.**
- #5. Multiple training programs available, ie, online, written and video, training manual, lecture or workshop.**

For more information:

<http://www.resurrectinglives.org/what-is-tbi/myths-about-traumatic-brain-injury-tbi/>

www.resurrectinglives.org - Website

For viewing of the documentary, Operation Resurrection -

<http://www.resurrectinglives.org/operation-resurrection/>

For more information about the State of the American Veteran, and strategies for employment please view:

<https://msw.usc.edu/academic/electives-options/military-social-work/>

For training and webinars on military members and veterans health:

dvbic.dcoe.mil

Thank you,

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