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TCAA and Civ-Mil partnerships: Past, Present, and Future

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Objectives

- Introduce function and vision of Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA)
- Example of TCAA's role in federal issues – MISSION ZERO
- TCAA's 2020 advocacy goals for MISSION ZERO
- TCAA Civ-Mil Committee – intro and goals
- How can TCAA help?



What is TCAA?

- Non-profit 501(c)6 trade association
- Focus on the economic viability of trauma *centers* and *systems*
- Foster development of a national system of trauma care
- Voice for trauma centers on Capitol Hill



By the numbers

- Total Number of **Trauma Hospital Members: 386 Hospitals**
 - Level I = 101 hospitals
 - Level II = 159 hospitals
 - Level III = 85 hospitals
 - Level IV = 11 hospitals
- Pediatric Level I = 22 hospitals
- Pediatric Level II/III = 8 hospitals
- Total Number of **State System Members: 9**
- 2710* individual profiles
- Membership extends across 45 states and the District of Columbia



What we stand for?

- Mission

- To Secure the viability of America's Trauma Centers and foster a sustainable national system of trauma care

- Vision

- Every injured person has access to optimal trauma care, anywhere and anytime

- Strategic Plan

- Advocacy – Federal and State, Coordinate trauma leadership and government relations
- Professional Development – Courses, Conferences, Collaboration with allied organizations



Leadership and Committees

CHAIR: Eileen Whalen (Past President/CEO of Univ VT MC)

VICE CHAIR: Martin Schreiber, MD, FACS (Prof of Surgery, OHSU)

COMMITTEES:

- Advocacy
- Annual Meeting
- Disaster Preparedness
- Education
- Injury Prevention
- Member Services
- Military-Civilian
- Pediatric Trauma Center
- Reimbursement
- Systems



TCAA in Action: Early Stages of MISSION ZERO

December 2014: Provided IOM (now NASEM) recommendations on who should participate in the “Committee on Military Trauma Care’s Learning Health System and its Translation to the Civilian Sector”.

May 2015: One of six organizations asked to provide perspectives on the Charge of the Committee; John Osborn of Mayo represented TCAA at the meeting.

TCAA in Action: Developing and Advancing MISSION ZERO

June 2016:

A National Trauma Care System Integrating Military and Civilian Trauma Care Systems to Achieve Zero Preventable Deaths After Injury released.

Met with Bob Mabry, MD (Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow), and drafted language for what would become MISSION ZERO.

On behalf of TCAA, Jorie Klein provided testimony before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health.

September 2016:

Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL) and Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX) introduced MISSION ZERO legislation in both the Senate and the House.

The MISSION ZERO Act

- Grants for Level I Trauma Centers to host military trauma teams
- Grants for Level I, II, & III Trauma Centers to host military trauma care providers
- \$11.5 million per year for 5 years
- Administered by Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)



Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness and Innovation Act of 2019 (PAHPAI)

Signed into law June 24, 2019

- Typically reauthorized every 5 years
- Authorizes programs important to our nation's trauma centers, including:
 - **MISSION ZERO Act**
 - Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response
 - Hospital Preparedness Program
 - Regional Disaster Health Response System



MISSION ZERO: Next Steps

- Aggressive advocacy on MISSION ZERO planned over the next year
 - TCAA leaders meet with several key members of relevant congressional committees, including House and Senate Appropriations Committees, to ensure robust funding for MZ
 - Identify and cultivate congressional champions
 - Work with relevant offices to ensure MZ is given attention and consideration for full funding



TCAA Military-Civilian Committee

- Started in 2018

1st Committee Chair – Marty Schreiber, MD, FACS

- Goals

Interface between civilian hospitals/systems and DOD

Information sharing (job descriptions, MOUs, etc...)

Political action (leverage TCAA's resources) where appropriate

- Potential future efforts

Tentative (2021?) – Course development for TCAA Annual conference aimed at educating and assisting trauma centers and systems with DOD partnerships



Emerging Issue:

DoD Trauma Personnel Shortage

- FY2020 Defense Appropriations bills from Congress express concern about DHA transformation
 - MTF Facility Transitions:
 - SAC - “The Committee is dismayed with the lack of detail and timelines of information it has received...”
 - HAC - “The Committee is concerned with the implementation of medical reforms mandated by the National Defense Authorization act for FY 2017...”
- Press coverage of trauma personnel shortage
 - October 10, 2019, “A Crack in the Armor: Military Health System Isn’t Ready for Battlefield Injuries,” *U.S. News & World Report*
 - October 11, 2019, “Botched Medical Procedures May Have Led to Death of U.S. Soldier,” *The New York Times*
 - November 14, 2019, “Key Senator Slams Military Over Trauma Care Failures,” *U.S. News & World Report*



How can TCAA help?

- Recognized leader in trauma care with significant trauma expertise and wide range of experience
- Relationships with key committees on Capitol Hill, key federal departments and agencies, third-party groups, and beyond
- Trusted voice with assets to deploy in support of trauma care in the U.S. Military