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#### Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among SMVF

#### Tennessee

### Suicide Prevention Efforts

- SSG Fox Suicide Prevention community-based grant program
  - Congress recently authorized \$174 million dollars.
  - Focus on Access, Research and Innovation
- Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care & Treatment (COMPACT Act)
  - Emergent suicidal crisis

- TN Governor's Challenge Team
  - VA medical centers and the VISN office have staff on the team to support all their lanes of effort.
- Homelessness
  - Our TN VAMCs and their partners have permanently housed 1,151 Veterans and engaged 1,096 unsheltered Veterans in FY24.

## VA Health Care Eligibility Expansion



- Main cohorts that became eligible for VA care:
  - Toxic Exposure
  - Location
  - Era
- Since August 10, 2022, we've enrolled 739,421 Veterans in VA health care, with 161,706 of those enrollments exclusively due to PACT Act authorities. This is a 33% enrollment increase over the prior two-year period.

# Thank You!

Questions?