

SFTT'S PTS/TBI RESCUE COALITION

FACT - STAND FOR THE TROOPS (SFTT) is committed to creating and supporting a **RESCUE COALITION** - extending replicable life lines to our warriors who have suffered the horrors of combat, only to battle life-destroying PTS and TBI in their tough transition back to civilian life. We are both building a "Go To" Rescue Resource and tapping some of the best minds in the fields of medicine, psychology and the military as we:

INVESTIGATE – to separate the hype from the hopeful by identifying replicable, reputable, successful treatment modalities.

INFORM – to report in depth on SFTT's RESCUE COALITION and to maintain SFTT's Rescue Resource information exchange for Veterans and their families to more easily access additional healing havens and rescue remedies.

"How we treat our Veterans defines our national character."

–Maj. Gen. John Batiste, SFTT Board President

INTERVENE – to nurture, promote, strengthen and replicate the SFTT RESCUE COALITION's effective, cost effective, synergistic programs and to encourage acceptance and adoption within the medical, Veteran and military communities.

INSPIRE – to prompt our most vulnerable Vets to get treatment. Ensuring widespread access to best established and alternate treatment protocols sends a strong message: **WE STAND WITH YOU!**

WE TAKE A STAND FOR THE TROOPS BY:

Seeding and promoting promising and replicable new TBI and PTS clinical research and treatments

An example: SFTT arranged for Major Ben Richards (his debilitating TBI from combat in Iraq was profiled in the *New York Times* by Nicholas Kristof and on *60 Minutes*) to receive successful pro bono cutting-edge Hyperbaric Oxygen treatment from Dr. Paul Harch.

Supporting & Replicating Recovery Programs

Such as Archi's Acres, a Vet pilot farm in Escondido, where Vets learn *on the job* how to manage and market organically grown produce as they develop transferrable skills, Rochester's therapeutic Equicenter and TADSAW (Train a Dog/Save a Warrior) program.



Seeking Alternatives to Incarceration

SFTT intervened with a Veteran Treatment Court judge in Michigan to send high-risk, troubled Vets to "best-practices" rehab programs instead of prison: a replicable model for Vet Courts nationwide.

Deploying Our Medical Task Force to Identify and Evaluate New Treatment Protocols

Because there is no single "silver bullet" for treating PTS and TBI, SFTT has convened a task force of national and local medical and psychiatric experts.

We collaborate with public and private organizations, independent physicians, Veterans and caregivers to determine which methods offer the most lasting positive outcomes. Promising possibilities include Harch Hyperbaric (New Orleans) and a treatment at the Brain Center (Newport Beach CA)

With Your Support, Our Work To Support Promising Protocols Will Continue.

BASIC FIVE CAMPAIGN

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STAND FOR THE TROOPS' B.E.S.T. [BEST AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE TROOPS] BASIC FIVE CAMPAIGN - spearheaded by Medal of Honor recipient and SFTT advisory board member former Sen. Bob Kerrey and by Peabody Award-winning investigative journalist and SFTT vice-chair Marine Lt. Col. Retired Roger Charles - strives to give our deploying and deployed men and women the best chance to make it home alive and in one piece by getting them the best available personal combat gear.

1. **BODY ARMOR** that saves lives, like the vest worn by the US Secret Service and certain Special Forces
2. **HELMETS** that are more ergonomic and better at protecting the wearer from Traumatic Brain Injury
3. **RIFLES** that aren't prone to jam in clutch situations
4. **SIDEARMS** that give troops a fighting chance at stopping the enemy
5. **BOOTS** that better fit the mission, climate and terrain

"It's very important to understand what [SFTT] is about ... Some of [the troops] don't have helmet liners; some don't have the right body armor... So many of the Humvees didn't have the right armor, right down to the personal medical equipment which every soldier is supposed to have."

–Dan Rather
