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**SOME ISSUES CONFRONTING VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES**

DATA FROM THE TRUMAN NATIONAL SECURITY PROJECT

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Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

- This is the signature wound of today's veterans.
- Estimated that 360,000 of more than 1.8 million OIF/OEF veterans may have suffered brain injury.
- Estimated that 22% of all OEF/OIF combat wounds are brain injuries.
- TBI ranges in severity from roadside bombs to minor concussions.

Unemployment

- On March 13, 2010, the Labor Department reported that the unemployment rate for young veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan was 22.1%.

Homelessness

- This is a persistent and multi-generational problem.
- 1/3 of America's homeless are veterans.
- VA estimates 107,000 veterans on the streets on any given night.
- 95% of homeless veterans are men.
- Approximately 56% are African-American or Hispanic.

Female veterans

- Women are in combat.
- More than 212,000 women have deployed to OIF/OEF - 12% of the force.
- More than 40% of women in the military have children.
- Female troops have a divorce rate three times higher than men.
- In 2008, there were 2,908 *reported* incidents of sexual assault involving service members.