

# [Media Advisory: Gathering of Post 9/11 Caucus Highlights Mental Health with Screening of Oscar-winning Film](#)

**Washington, D.C. (May 29, 2015)** – In recognition of June as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month, IAVA and the the Congressional Post-9/11 Veterans Caucus are thrilled to present an exclusive screening of the Oscar winning documentary "[Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1](#)". The documentary, about the Veterans Crisis Line in upstate New York, earned an Oscar for Best Documentary Short Subject during the 87th Academy Awards in 2015 and was co-presented by IAVA and HBO. The film examines the suicide epidemic among veterans who have served since 2001, and highlights the complex support networks that exist for veterans suffering from a mental illness.

IAVA was a key advocate in the formation of the Congressional Post-9/11 Veterans Caucus. This bipartisan group consists of members who have served in the military after 9/11, and is focused on empowering the most recent generation of veterans to continue their commitment to service, and carry on their mission of a stronger and more prosperous America. The Caucus works toward improving veterans' transition to civilian life; reducing the Veterans Affairs disability claims backlog; promoting education, entrepreneurship, and employment opportunities; and ensuring responsive, expedient, and effective services for veterans.

Caucus Co-Chairs, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) and Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) will host Members and staff for a screening of the 40-minute film, followed by a panel discussion with leading experts on PTSD, addressing the mental health issues affecting our most recent generation of veterans.

WHO: Moderator, Patricia Kime, [Military Times](#)

Participating panelists include:

Barbara van Dahlen, Ph.D. [Give an Hour](#)

Jackie Maffucci, Ph.D., [IAVA](#)

Phillip Carter, [Center For New American Securities](#)

WHEN: Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

WHERE: 1539 Longworth House Office Building

Note to media: Please email [press@iava.org](mailto:press@iava.org) if you would like further information or to attend this screening.