As the numbers of Veterans seeking clinical mental health services increases, counselors will be tasked with understanding the unique needs of this population. However, counselors may be unequipped to serve Veterans due to a lack of competence. The purpose of this session is to increase the competence and knowledge of all counselors with regards to working with the veteran population. Topics to be discussed will include military culture, PTSD and military sexual trauma, military cultural values, evidence-based treatments of trauma, suicide, rapport building with Veterans and services offered within the Veterans Administration. Clinical case studies will also be discussed.

**Objectives**
Upon completion of this presentation, participants will be able to:
1. Understand the unique mental health needs of Veterans:
2. Learn clinical interventions to address and support Veteran issues
3. Identify various evidence-based treatments of military trauma; and
4. Identify supportive services within Veterans Affairs