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Primary Research Interest:	Other
Description of Research:	As an investigator my primary research interests include the effects of neurotrauma, specifically psychological stress and traumatic brain injury, on behavioral and rehabilitative outcomes. My research interests also include investigation of the underlying molecular mechanisms of these effects.
Relevance to VA:	Studies have shown that ACEs may also be predictors of the severity of psychiatric disorders experienced in adulthood, particularly post-traumatic stress disorder. This is relevant to the military population given that there is evidence to suggest an increased prevalence in exposure to ACEs among veterans. The increased prevalence in TBI among veterans since the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has resulted in increased emphasis on the topic. There have also been recent indications for the necessity of clinical screening for ACEs in TBI patients to facilitate rehabilitation efforts, as pre-injury conditions like ACEs may negatively impact recovery outcomes.