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## **TBI/PTSD and the Suicide Epidemic: Breaking the Cycle**

The Stories that follow are illustrative of the work the TreatNOW Coalition has been performing for eight years: Veterans, Active duty, National Guard, Reserves, First Responders, citizens and athletes returned to healthier lives after being told there was little to nothing conventional medicine could do to heal the wounds to their brains.

Some success Stories can be viewed at:

MSGT Scott Roessler <http://tinyurl.com/hf3czmw>

CAPT Smotherman/Rep John Bennett <http://tinyurl.com/lvcf22r>

MAJ Ben Richards <http://tinyurl.com/jts2jy3>

Joe Namath, football <http://tinyurl.com/kflu9up>

The Honorable Patt Maney (BG, USA) <http://tinyurl.com/m97x4jp>

GnySgt Rotenberry & wife <http://tinyurl.com/gpzpxgy>

Brian Fleury - Hockey Player <http://tinyurl.com/hefs478>

Most recent Ben Richards <http://tinyurl.com/hd9ahcd>

## Post injury, Pre-Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT)

*Senior Force Recon Marine. Survived Fallujah and over 7 concussions. Constant ER visits with migraines and 6 different pills for 13 years until wife, worried about suicide talk, found HBOT .*

*21-year Marine SpecOps. Multiple missions. Blown up by 2 IEDs, serious parachute accident, over 1200 breaching exposures. Constant ringing in ears, eye pain and migraines. Ditto for his unit.*

*Recently retired SEAL with over 2 dozen tours and dozens of concussive events: IEDs, friendly fire, breaching. Reports dozens of his unit in equally bad shape, "hollowed out" and needing help.*

*AFSOC Silver Star winner in police custody for road rage. Rescued from jail by HBOT physician who provided 80 dives on pro bono basis.*

*17 year Special Operator, breacher, multiple tours, innumerable exposures. Multiple failed marriages. Suicidal. Subjected to 3 months intensive care in PREP program. Regressed to original state and psychotropic meds within 2 months.*



## Post-HBOT

*Refused HBOT by his unit, Cmdr approved 30-day leave. 40 dives in one month from pro bono civilian clinic. Now instructor, reports no longer "the anger gunny."*

*Wives talked. HBOT made available to this warrior and his Cmdr. 40 dives each. Both report lives drastically changed for the better. Results are consistent across other fellow Marines misdiagnosed with "only" PTSD.*

*Treated quietly off-base, over 40 dives, after being told HBOT could ruin his career. Feels he has been given new lease on life. Advocating for forward-deployed HBOT chambers, and HBOT treatment as standard of care for combat.*

*Returned to active duty. Further tours and decorations. Ordered not to talk about his treatment with HBOT.*

*Green Beret Foundation provided support for HBOT treatment with Dr. Zant. After 40 dives, reports off all medicines, migraines gone, wife and children ecstatic. Still on active duty and fully functional.*

## Post injury, Pre-HBOT

*Margaux Mange. Iraq veteran. Major head injury, brain surgery, failed marriage, depression, suicidal. Told to get used to her new normal. Nothing more could be done.*



*MAJ Ben Richards (USA, ret.) Iraq Veteran and 3TBI survivor. Misdiagnosed TBI for 5 years. Genius IQ reduced to full disability. DVBIC and Army had him on multiple drugs*



*Judge Patt Maney (BG, USA, ret). IED survivor Afghanistan. 15 months w/out progress at Walter Reed. 1<sup>st</sup> HBOT patient in 2006. Over 120 dives.*



*CAPT Matt Smotherman. OK Natl Guard. Law student before being blown up 3 times in Iraq. Could not fill out paperwork, read, sleep, focus. Drugged out of pain and into stupor.*



*GnySgt Rotenberry (USMC, ret). IED in 2011. Pain, fatigue, depression, headaches, withdrawn. Hyperactivity. Late TBI diagnosis, 15 daily pills. Medically separated.*



## Post-HBOT

*90 dives. Hiked to South Pole with Prince Harry, hiked across US and up Denali. Essentially drug and symptom free. 4-time Wounded Warrior Olympics champion after being relegated to life on welfare.*

*Poster child for HBOT. Genius IQ returned after being told his "new normal" was all he could ever expect. In PhD program and spokesman nationwide for HBOT*

*Returned to elected Judgeship. Instituted Veteran Courts in FL and lectures nationwide on need for HBOT and special treatment of veterans with brain injury.*

*Finished law school after 80 dives. Promoted to CAPT after being told he would have to retire on full disability. Commended personally by POTUS for efforts in OK tornado relief.*

*Wife found Dr Harch in LA. Donations paid for 40 dives. Employed at DHS as dog-handler. Life returning to "old normal." Getting 40 more dives for lingering pain and some headaches.*

## Post injury, Pre-HBOT

*NFL legend Joe Namath. 5 big concussions. Memory loss, balance, brain fog. Awash in pain and suicides and CTE of friends.*

*Steve Bowman, Alabama/NY Giants. Concussion drove him to early retirement. Life and wife rapidly going downhill. Progressive dementia-like symptoms.*

*Joe Delamielleure, Buffalo Bills, HOF 2003. Memory, brain fog, pain. 80 dives after plea to help him in Charlotte NC.*

*NFL Pro Bill Romanowsky . 20 concussions over 16 years. 80 dives to fight memory loss, headaches, physical pain.*

*Marv Fleming of the Packers, Dolphins, Patriots. Memory loss, balance, headaches, physical pain.*



## Post-HBOT

*Poster child for HBOT. Lectures on his recovery and deterioration of his friends. Strong advocate for HBOT and against delay and denial of Concussions in NFL.*

*Went from inability to walk, think, remember, sleep to mobile husband. Wife cries gratefully: "I got my man back."*

*Spokesman for HBOT. Lectures to NFL Players and veterans about his recovery and need for HBOT in every locker room.*

*He feels HBOT should be standard of care for concussions. Continues a dive a month and proselytizes for HBOT at Super Bowl 50.*

*Spokesman at SB50 for HBOT. Works to encourage other brain-damaged players to get HBOT and demand treatment.*