



# **Ethical Considerations for Working With Military Members**

May 20, 2026

A Live, Interactive Webinar

## **Description:**

Mental healthcare providers working with military service members often face ethical challenges unique to this population. Personal and professional ethical practice is contingent on effective application of personal and cultural morals, and professional regulations and expectations. Decision-making models are presented to address ethical dilemmas, with specific discussion of the role of dual-relationships within a clinical framework. The topics of informed consent/limits of confidentiality, boundaries of cultural and clinical competence, disposition-driven diagnoses, multiple relationships, mixed agency and professional fitness are all discussed in breadth and depth in the context of practitioners working with military-connected clients. Special emphasis will be placed on outlining the differences in how certain issues are managed differently in military settings (e.g., limits of confidentiality). Multiple case vignettes are discussed in workshop/group format to ensure comprehensive, nuanced discussion. (Hersh, 2022; National Association of Social Workers. 2021; Jiang et al., 2021)

Total CE Credits: 3

Total Contact Hours: 3

## **Learning Objectives:**

Following the training, attendees will be able to:

1. Evaluate the definition of ethics and how it relates to the role of the mental health provider.
2. Analyze six (6) ethical challenges common to mental health providers working with the military population.
3. Apply knowledge of the ethical decision-making process to military case examples.

**Target Audience:** For behavioral health providers who treat military personnel, veterans, and their families.

**Instructional Content Level:** Introductory/Beginner

## **Agenda:**

10:00 AM Eastern - Begin *Ethical Considerations for Working with Military Members and Veterans*

1:00 PM Eastern - End *Ethical Considerations for Working with Military Members and Veterans*

## **Continuing Education:**



**Course Completion Requirements:** Participants are required to attend the entire training. Partial credits cannot be issued. Attendance is taken through the use of electronic logs, and a post-training evaluation form must be completed in order to receive ACE social work CE credits. For other CE credits, completion of the evaluation is strongly encouraged, but if you do not wish to complete the evaluation, please contact the training event's POC after the training event.

There is a 30-day time limit post-training to complete all CE requirements. CE Credit Certificates will be issued from the learning management platform, CE21 within 30 days after all course requirements have been completed.

**American Psychological Association Sponsor Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

**Association of Social Work Boards Approved Continuing Education Provider Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology, #1761, is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: May 19, 2025-May 19, 2028. Social workers completing this course receive 3 Live, Interactive Webinar continuing education credits.

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**Participate:**

**Online Platform:** Zoom

**Date:** May 20, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Eastern

**Registration Information:**

**Cancellations/Questions:** Please contact [aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu) if you have any questions or need to cancel your registration.

**Registration Cost/Refunds:** \$15

**Registration Information:** Registration will take place through the learning management system CE21 here:

<http://deploymentpsych.ce21.com/item/ethical-considerations-working-military-members-veterans-138531>

**Location Information:** This webinar will be hosted via Zoom. The hyperlink will be accessible via attendees' accounts in CE21.

**Instructional Format:** This live webinar is fully interactive. Attendees may ask and answer questions throughout



the presentation and participate in instructor-led discussions.

**System Requirements:**

**Zoom:**

- Internet connection
- Operating System: Windows 7 or higher, Mac OS X with MacOS 10.9 or higher
- Web Browser: Internet Explorer 11+, Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+, Safari 7+
- Hardware: 1Ghz processor or higher

**Special Accommodations:** If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Aric Bowie, at [aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu) 4 weeks prior to the training so that we may provide you with appropriate service.

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**Instructor Biographies:**

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Dr. Cook retired from the Navy after 23 years of service in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. Dr. Cook served in various capacities during his military career including Marine reservist, Navy corpsman, and clinical psychologist. As an active duty psychologist, he served as the Mental Health Division Officer in Okinawa, Japan, ship psychologist on the U.S.S. George Washington, and as the Department Head for the Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Program at NNMC Bethesda, MD. He deployed to Fallujah, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as other brief deployments during his career.

Dr. Cook graduated from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences with a doctorate in clinical psychology and completed a clinical psychology internship at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda MD. He currently serves as adjunct faculty at USUHS.

Dr. Cook's professional interests include cognitive behavioral therapy, dissemination and implementation of evidence-based treatment approaches, clinic optimization, and combat-related PTSD.

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