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WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED?

We have helped hundreds of veterans, in specific cases securing fair disability compensation and medical benefits, accurate diagnosis of service-related injuries, helpful psychological and social counseling and even treatment that got them back to work.

We are expanding the network of professionals committed to this growing need. In addition to providing actual case experience for students at the W&M Law School and VCU, we have formed alliances for training and outreach with the Virginia Bar Association, the McGuireWoods Law Firm and Veterans Service Organizations.

The clinic also trains interested private attorneys who want to serve veterans on a pro bono basis.



LEWIS B. PULLER JR.

Marine Lt. Lew Puller lost both legs and parts of both hands in Vietnam in 1968. After years of rehabilitation, he earned a law degree at William & Mary and worked as an advocate for veterans. His Pulitzer Prize-winning autobiography, "Fortunate Son," chronicled his struggle to overcome physical and emotional injuries and his battle with alcohol, painkillers and depression, which finally claimed his life.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

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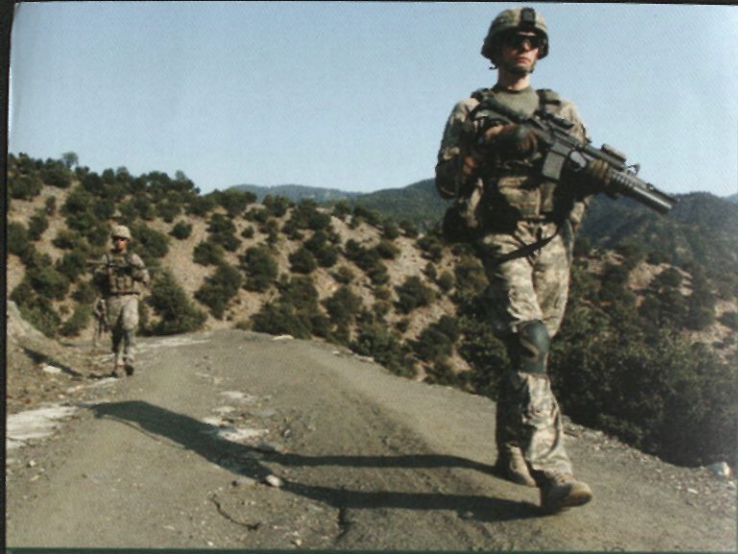
<http://law.wm.edu/veterans> or contact us at (757) 221-7443 or veterans@wm.edu.

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WHO ARE WE?

With former JAG officers turned law professors, William & Mary Law School students open doors for disabled veterans and active-duty service members to get the compensation and services they need – legal, medical, psychological or social. Our legal expertise is enhanced by a partnership with the Center for Psychological Services and Development at Virginia Commonwealth University.



KEEPING AMERICA'S PROMISE

More and more heroes come home from military service with scars – seen and unseen. Their service takes a toll on their lives and their families. They need help with reintegration into civilian life. Help finding the right doctor. Help getting the benefits America promised for their service and sacrifice.

When they need help, we're here.



WHAT ARE THE CLINIC'S PLANS?

To help meet the surge in veterans' claims nationwide, the Puller Clinic and VCU's Center for Psychological Services and Development have expanded their model by forming a consortium of specialists under the name Helping Military Veterans through Higher Education.

Today, HMOVHE ("Humvee") brings together Virginia's colleges and universities to provide life-changing assistance to veterans while educating tomorrow's professionals with real-world clinical experience. After showing statewide success, the objective will be to replicate the model nationwide.



WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS?

Veterans from World War II to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan come to our clinic for help. Many are indigent and homeless. Some have complex legal issues. Many have hit a stone wall in the benefits process.

We provide legal services at no charge. For those who need financial assistance, our representation also includes the cost of medical evaluations and related transportation.



WHO SUPPORTS THE CLINIC?

W&M and VCU support us in many ways, including facilities and services. Special individual donors have invested in our efforts and we are part of the Jessie Ball duPont family of grant recipients. Securing additional support will help us expand our service to veterans.



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