



The Steven A. Cohen
Military Family Clinic
at Red Rock

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Cohen Veterans Network to Open 23rd Mental Health Clinic for Veterans, Service Members and Their Families
Governor Polis among the leaders on hand to introduce the clinic to the community

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Cohen Veterans Network (CVN), a national non-profit network of mental health clinics for post-9/11 veterans, service members and their families, today opened a new location at 1915 Aerotech Drive, Suite 114, Colorado Springs, CO 80916. In partnership with Red Rock Behavioral Health, the 5,000 square-foot Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Red Rock is the 23rd clinic to open its doors in the U.S.

A Grand Opening celebration was held this afternoon. The event featured remarks from Governor Jared Polis, Medal of Honor Recipient Ryan Pitts, and other dignitaries.

"The opening of the clinic in a community of five military installations, is a pivotal moment for the mental health landscape in Southern Colorado," said CVN President and CEO, Dr. Anthony Hassan. "As we open our doors here in Colorado Springs, we are deeply committed to providing accessible, high-quality care to the veteran, active duty, and military family community statewide," said Hassan.

In addition to offering mental health care across the state with [CVN Telehealth](#), face-to-face video therapy, the new Colorado Springs clinic will serve as a location for in-person appointments to cater to the needs of the more than 40,000 military service members, post-9/11 veterans, and their family members that reside in Colorado Springs.

The event began with a moment of silence in light of the senseless tragedy that occurred in our community recently. Attendees recognized the lives lost, injured, and impacted at Club Q.

CVN offers client-centered therapy for an array of mental health challenges including, but not limited to, depression, anxiety, anger, grief, loss, domestic relations, PTSD, and children's behavioral concerns. Care is available to all post-9/11 veterans, including the National Guard and Reserves, regardless of combat experience, role while in uniform or discharge status. CVN additionally treats active duty service members with a TRICARE referral as well as the entire military family, including parents, siblings, spouses or partners, children, caregivers, and others.

"Red Rock is thrilled to be opening a second Cohen Clinic with CVN. We are building on the lessons learned from our successful Lawton, Oklahoma location, and believe we can make a similar impact in Colorado," said Red Rock Behavioral Health Services CEO, Verna Foust.

Since its inception in 2016, CVN has served more than 45,000 clients nationwide, provided more than 300,000 Telehealth sessions, and now features 23 clinics across the country.

For more information, visit www.cohenveteransnetwork.org.

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ABOUT COHEN VETERANS NETWORK

Cohen Veterans Network (CVN) is a 501(c)(3) national not-for-profit philanthropic organization for post 9/11 veterans, active-duty service members and their families. CVN focuses on improving mental health outcomes, operating a network of outpatient mental health clinics in high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. It was established in 2016 by philanthropist Steven A. Cohen with a commitment of \$275 million to build the network. Learn more about CVN at www.cohenveteransnetwork.org/.

ABOUT ANTHONY M. HASSAN, ED.D, LCSW

As the inaugural President and CEO of Cohen Veterans Network (CVN), Dr. Hassan leads and executes the strategic, operational, and financial direction for the \$275M Network which is tasked with carrying out the establishment of 25 mental health clinics nationwide. Hassan is a veteran of the United States Army enlisted and Air Force officer with 30 years of experience in military behavioral health, serving as a military social work officer, leader, clinician, and academic. He served during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 on the first-ever Air Force combat stress control and prevention team embedded with the Army. He also led the largest military substance abuse and family advocacy programs in the Pacific.

These programs were recognized as benchmark programs and training sites for all other Pacific bases. Hassan's last military assignment was at the U.S. Air Force Academy where he served as the Deputy Department Head, Leadership Directorate, and led the only graduate-level degree program at the Air Force Academy for top-tier Air Force Commanders.

Prior to CVN, Hassan served as the inaugural Director and Clinical Professor of the Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans & Military Families (CIR) at the University of Southern California School of Social Work. During his tenure at CIR from 2009-2015, Hassan was instrumental in the exponential growth of the school's military social work program and community-based research on veterans and military families. Dr. Hassan's former military and academic roles have positioned him to develop strong relationships with the most senior levels of leadership in the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Washington, D.C. Hassan holds a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of South Florida and is an alumnus of the Harvard Business School.

RYAN PITTS, CVN AMBASSADOR

Ryan Pitts was born in 1985 in Lowell, Massachusetts and grew up in Southern New Hampshire. In 2003, he enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 under the delayed entry program. He attended basic training and advanced individual training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Pitts attended the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga., before being assigned as a radio telephone operator for the 4th Battalion, 319th Field Artillery Regiment and 173rd Airborne Brigade at Camp Ederle, Italy from 2004-2005. He remained headquartered at Camp Ederle as part of the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade from 2006 to 2009.

While assigned to the 173rd, Pitts deployed twice to Afghanistan. His first deployment in 2005 lasted 12 months. His final deployment spanned 15 months beginning in 2007. Pitts departed the active-duty Army in 2009 at the rank of Staff Sergeant. Ryan Pitts was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Afghanistan on July 13, 2008, when a well-organized Anti-Afghan Force consisting of over 200 members initiated a close proximity sustained and complex assault against 49 Americans occupying Wanat Vehicle Patrol Base.

An immediate wave of rocket-propelled grenade rounds engulfed the Observation Post wounding Pitts and inflicting heavy casualties. Pitts had been knocked to the ground and was bleeding heavily from shrapnel wounds to his arm and legs, but with incredible toughness and resolve, he subsequently took control of the observation post and returned fire on the enemy. As the enemy drew nearer, Sergeant Pitts threw grenades, holding them after the pin was pulled and the safety lever was released to allow a nearly immediate detonation on the hostile forces. Unable to stand on his own and near death because of the severity of his wounds and blood loss, Pitts continued to lay suppressive fire until a two-man reinforcement team arrived. He quickly assisted them by giving up his main weapon and gathering ammunition all while continually lobbing fragmentary grenades until these were expended.

His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from the University of New Hampshire. He currently resides New Hampshire with his family.

