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PRESIDENT AND CEO, COHEN VETERANS NETWORK

As the inaugural President and CEO of the 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. These clinics are designed to improve the quality of life for post-9/11 veterans and their families by focusing on improving mental health outcomes, especially those associated with post-traumatic stress, through high-quality, free- or low-cost, and accessible mental health care. In addition, he leads all efforts to advance the field as a learning mental health system through funded research initiatives and training programs that improve care within the Network and set CVN up to serve as a model for others.

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. He loves playing golf but isn't that good!