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Navy Captain Robert Koffman, M.D., is the Deputy Director of Clinical Operations at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence in Bethesda, Md. With over 17 years of operational experience as a Naval medical officer, Koffman's operational mental health expertise is unparalleled in Navy Medicine.

Koffman holds a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Santo Tomas and a Masters in Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. He also has collaborated on numerous studies and projects, including the work of the Mental Health Assessment Teams (MHAT) and a landmark study on the psychiatric sequelae of combat duty in Iraq, and was the 2008 recipient of the Sears Award, presented to the leading Navy psychiatrist.

Prior to coming to the NICoE in 2010, he served as a Navy collaborator and investigator to the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, where he continues to provide input as the Navy's expert in operational psychiatry. Among his other previous positions, he was the Navy's Director for Psychological Health to the Navy Surgeon General where he directed the management of over \$100 million in programs for psychological health and traumatic brain injury.

A subject matter expert in deployment health, Koffman has dedicated himself to improving the delivery of mental health care in operational settings. For more than two decades, he has provided behavioral health care services for service members in a multitude of operational settings, including standing-up Navy Medicine's first Combat and Operational Stress Control Consult position at the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), staffing one of the first Naval Combat Stress Centers in Operation Desert Storm, serving at Antarctica's McMurdo Station (Operation Deep Freeze), embarking aboard aircraft carriers and amphibious vessels, and most recently, several deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Koffman is a passionate advocate for increasing access of non-stigmatizing psychological services. He helped champion and develop the Operational Stress Control and Readiness (OSCAR) program. He also pioneered a revolutionary in-country three-day Warrior Transition redeployment program now considered the gold standard for Navy Expeditionary Combat Command. Collaborating with the Department of Veterans Affairs, he is a member of the VA's Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (MIRECC 6), and was also a member of the blue ribbon panel that crafted the current Acute Stress Disorder (ASD) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Clinical Practice Guidelines.