#### **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

Veterans who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives (including childhood and after military separation) are welcome to take part in this group.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Barbara Archambeau

at 307-823-2268

**Michael Oberst** 

at 307-757-5852





If in need of immediate help, contact your primary care doctor or mental health clinician.

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline** 

1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) Text "START" to 88788 www.thehotline.org

National Sexual Violence Hotline 1-800-656-4673 (HOPE) www.rainn.org

National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 Text "INFO" to 233733 www.humantraffickinghotline.org

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 Text 838255 www.veteranscrisisline.net/

StrongHearts Native Helpline Call or Text 1-844-762-8483 (7NATIVE) www.strongheartshelpline.org



# COURAGE -GROUP-

A SKILLS-BASED TREATMENT FOR VETERANS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE



#### WHAT IS COURAGE GROUP?

A skills-based support group designed to help Veterans heal from the impact of sexual violence. Sexual violence refers to unwanted sexual attention or contact experienced against someone's will. This includes:

- Childhood sexual abuse
- Sexual harassment or assault
- Military sexual trauma (MST)
- Sexual violence within an intimate partner relationship

Courage Group provides a safe and supportive space for Veterans to discuss emotional wellbeing and practice skills to manage life's challenges.



#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?



# Promotes Healing and Self -Discovery

Veterans learn skills to enhance their self-worth and ability to cope with day-to-day stress.



### **Seeks to Empower**

Veterans learn to act on their personal strengths and use skills that will benefit their healing.



#### **Provides Peer Support**

Veterans can connect with peers who have experienced similar life challenges. This can help with rebuilding a sense of trust, safety, and belonging.



## WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Based on local availability, Courage Group may involve 6- or 12- sessions. Sessions will be held every week or two virtually or in-person. Groups are led by trained therapists who help Veterans to:

- Understand the impact of sexual violence on their lives and health.
- Build skills to cope with strong emotions, maintain a sense of control, and strengthen relationships.