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OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

• Background
• Functionality of the app
• Training materials
• Field test
• **VA DoD Veteran Link**
  
  – A social networking app that enables you to find and communicate with other Veterans and service members who have common interests, life circumstances and health conditions
  
  – Find, create and participate in groups about topics that interest you
  
  – Engage in groups and add to the conversation to help build a community for you and your fellow Veterans
Enter DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account credentials.
Navigate the app using its two slide-out menus:

- App Options
- User Menu
The first time you log in to the app, you will be prompted to set up your profile. You can update your profile at any time by tapping **Edit My Profile** in the App Options Menu.
The more information you share, the easier it will be for other Veterans and service members to connect with you.

- Screen name*
- First name
- Last name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Affiliation
- Status
- Military rank

- County
- City, state, zip
- Home and cell phone number
- Email
- Diagnoses
- Picture
- Comments

*Only detail you are required to share
Find other Veterans or service members with common interests and life circumstances, by searching the information they have entered and shared in their profiles. To access:

- Tap **Search** from the App Options menu
- Tap your search criteria
- Tap **Search**
After you tap Search, you will see a list of users whose shared profile information matched your search criteria.

Tap the screen name of the individual about whom you would like to know more. You will go to that individual’s detailed profile where you can see all information he/she has selected to share.

Tap **Add to Personal List** so you can easily find his/her profile again in the future.
Your Personal List is a list of your favorite contacts, which allows you to save the contacts of people with whom you most frequently converse, have the most in common or have established a close connection. To access:

- Tap **Personal List** from the App Options menu
- Tap on an individual’s user name to see their profile
- Tap **Add to Personal List**
After you have found Veterans/service members with whom you would like to connect, and if they have chosen to share their email address, their profile will show an envelope icon. Tap on the icon.

Based on the settings for your mobile device, a new email draft will open in the email account associated with your device.
Find, create and participate in groups about topics that interest you. To access, tap **Groups** from the App Options menu.

The Groups screen has two tabs:
- My Groups
- Join Groups
From the My Groups tab, tap the name of the group where you would like to either read or submit comments. You will go to the group’s conversation screen where you will see the comments members have contributed, as well as the date and time they were submitted.

To submit a comment, tap Comment. Type your message, and tap Post.
JOINING A GROUP

From the Join Group tab, you will see a list of groups that are available for you to join. If you would like to filter and narrow down this list, enter the name of the group you are looking for into the Search List text box. Tap **Join** next to the name of a group to become a part of it.

Groups currently available to join include the below.

- High Blood Pressure
- Diabetes
- Mental Health
- PTSD
- Pressure Ulcer/Injury
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- WWII Campaign
- Korean War Campaign
- Vietnam War Campaign
- Persian Gulf Campaign
- Afghanistan War Campaign
- Iraq War Campaign
- Returning to work after Campaign
From the Join Group tab, tap **Create New Group**. A pop-up Create Group box will appear. Enter a group name and a group purpose. Tap **Save**.

The group will be established, and you will automatically become a member.
To learn more about the app and to access its training materials, visit mobile.va.gov/app/beta/va-dod-veteran-link
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mobile.va.gov/appstore/beta-apps-tester
What future topics would you like to discuss?

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