

MILITARY appreciation MONTH

An estimated 7.8 percent of Americans experience Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in their lives, many of those active and former members of the military. The common trend among the medical community is to treat the disorder with various anti-depressants and prescription drugs, as demonstrated through an alarming study by the Department of Defense, showing the rate of substance abuse among veterans as twice the rate of their non-veteran counterparts. With this type of abuse afflicting millions within the community, it begs the question: could medical marijuana be the alternative that veterans need?

Recent studies have demonstrated that medical marijuana has been

successful in alleviating and treating PTSD symptoms through cannabinoid receptors in the body and brain. As medical marijuana programs expand throughout the country and legalization dominates the national conversation, industry leaders continue to stress the critical need to explore medical marijuana's many functions, particularly as an alternative to prescription medications. Those leaders have redoubled efforts to educate legislators and the public about the importance of medical marijuana, especially in terms of increasing the ease of access to medical cards and reducing the cost to procure the cards.

When it comes to the vulnerable communities most

commonly afflicted by mental disorders, it's important for influencers in the community to advocate for access and education. With the amount of misinformation shrouding the truth regarding medical marijuana as an alternative, the stigma often drives veterans away. It's for that reason that local influencers are working to reshape the narrative that has plagued medical cannabis for so long.

The+Source dispensary, works with medical experts and veterans on a regular basis to determine best uses of cannabis for individuals on a case-by-case basis, focusing on providing resources for education and best paths for treatment.

"The medical program is expanding exponentially, as new legislation is approved and the negative stigma of marijuana is exhausted," says CEO and owner of The+Source, Andrew Jolley. "We work with a high volume of veterans and active military for the best usage options to appropriately manage their PTSD symptoms and have had an incredible response from successful customer testimonials."

The+Source always offers a 10 percent discount to those with military identification cards and looks forward to celebrating these customers throughout Military Appreciation Month in May. For more information visit thesourcenv.com. 🌿





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