Understand Other Potential Triggers Requiring Added Vigilance

☐ Certain anniversary dates may raise the veterans’ PTS to an acute state
  ▶ Killed in Action (KIA) dates of close friends
  ▶ Note the date on any KIA bracelet
  ▶ KIA flags, tattoos of KIA friends/dates of service
  ▶ Date of injury to him/herself
  ▶ Suicide attempts for past number of years always occurring in the same month
+ Peers may know of, but not reveal, prior suicide attempts, self-medicating, or other PTS/TBI signs or symptoms
  • Difficult to perform, but consider a method to sensitively seek this information from battle buddies

☐ If a veteran has a learning disability prior to his/her service, they are at greater risk for developing PTS

☐ Delayed onset of symptoms
  ▶ Indicators can occur many months post service. Consequently, there may be a failure to correlate the symptoms to the underlying service-related PTS condition