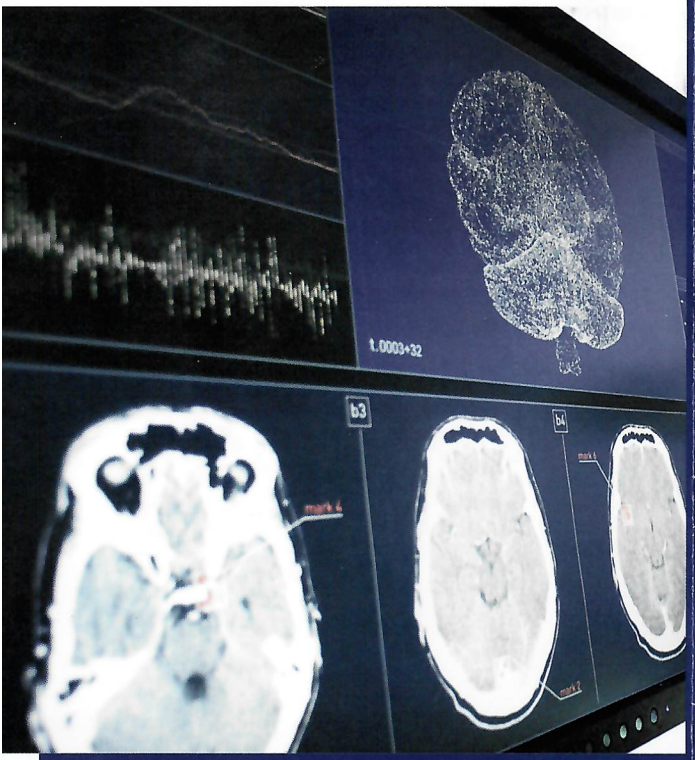
WHY RESEARCH TBI AND CTE?

More than 500,000 Service Members have experienced a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). While every individual's path is unique, research is essential to deepen our understanding of how these injuries affect brain health. By studying brain tissue, scientists can continue developing knowledge that may one day lead to better ways to prevent, identify, and address the effects of TBI.



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SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

Supporting brain donation research for Service Members and Veterans, in partnership with the UCSF Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, dedicated to the development of therapeutics to treat military-affiliated Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE).

THE MISSION

SPARC helps families honor their loved ones through the gift of brain donation. Their contribution advances research on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), conditions affecting hundreds of thousands of military personnel.

This research is vital for the development of therapeutics to treat TBI and CTE.

WHAT FAMILIES SHOULD KNOW

- Brain donation is a compassionate process and does not delay funeral plans or prevent open-casket services.
- SPARC specialists coordinate the brain donation process directly with funeral homes to reduce stress for families.
- A summary neuropathology report may be requested after research is complete.

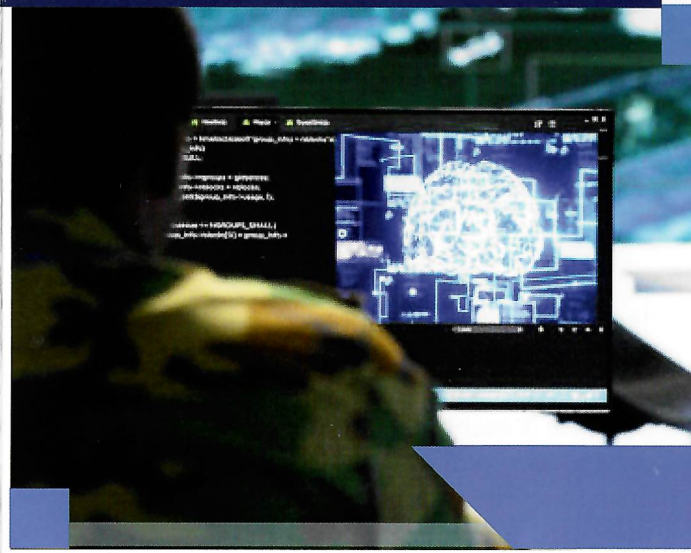


THE LEGACY OF SERVICE

Choosing brain donation is more than a medical decision; it is a profound continuation of a lifetime of service. For families, it represents a way to honor the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of their loved one by giving a gift that will help protect and heal future generations. This final act of service extends beyond the battlefield and beyond one's own lifetime, creating a legacy that strengthens the health and resilience of today's Service Members and those who will wear the uniform tomorrow. Families can take comfort in knowing that their loved one's contribution will continue to safeguard their brothers and sisters in arms, advancing research and inspiring hope for all who serve.

BRAIN DONATION PROGRAM

With each donation, we learn more about brain health. Service Members and Veterans between the ages of 18 and 60 who have a suspected history of head injury, even mild or previously undiagnosed, may be eligible to participate. Eligibility is determined at the time of referral to ensure the most significant impact for research.



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