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6th Annual El Paso Veteran's Symposium

Keynote Speaker, Thom Tran

U.S. Combat Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient and now Standup Comedian

(El Paso, Texas August, 2018) Emergence Health Network (EHN) together with its Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) Program is gearing up for the 6th Annual El Paso Veteran's Symposium.

"This symposium is such a great event for our local military community and each year, it's bigger and better. It's a nice networking opportunity, great way to link with community resources, and this year we also have an exciting keynote speaker," said Juan Carlos Mendoza, EHN's Military Veterans Peer Network Coordinator.

Thom Tran is a first generation Vietnamese-American immigrant who became a U.S. soldier and combat veteran. He turned a literal lifetime of war and tragedy into a successful career as a comedian who now uses the therapy he found in comedy as a way to help other veterans. "As veterans the men and women in our military can face challenges whether it's adjusting to civil life, dealing with PTSD, or simply working through a deployment. At the symposium we address many of those issues and this year we are inserting some humor," said Noreen Jaramillo, EHN Director of Communications. "We hope our veterans and their families take advantage of this event."

The Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) is a state funded program at Emergence Health Network dedicated to supporting Texas Veterans and their families.

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Keynote Speaker scheduled to speak 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

When: Saturday, August 18, 2018

Where: Armed Forces Reserve Center

11701 Montana Ave. El Paso, TX

9 am – 3 pm