

## Athletes are Veterans too. Listen to their stories...



*NFL legend Joe Namath on Bloomberg discusses his HBOT experience:*  
<http://tinyurl.com/pdmo8xq>



*Joe Delamielleure, Buffalo Bills, HOF 2003, "Of all the therapies I have been treated with, Hyperbaric Oxygen has helped me the most."*  
<http://tinyurl.com/m5q8ued>



*Brig. Gen. Patt Maney describes his experience with HBOT after unsuccessful conventional treatment.*  
<http://tinyurl.com/m97x4jp>



*NFL Pro Bowl linebacker Bill Romanowsky explains why he feels HBOT should be standard treatment for concussions:*  
<http://tinyurl.com/mb67xw8>



*Marv Fleming of the Packers, Dolphins, Patriots discusses benefits of HBOT.*  
<http://tinyurl.com/ovq9lep>

## The Oklahoma Veteran Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Act is now law.

In June 2014, Oklahoma became the first state in the USA to create a fund which makes hyperbaric treatment available for battle casualties suffering from traumatic brain injury and PTSD. A dozen more states are following in Oklahoma's footsteps.

This marks a turning point in our country's struggle to address the epidemic of suicide—now at 22 per day—depression and mental illness among veterans who have found conventional drug-based treatments ineffectual or even harmful.

**But if the VA or Medicare won't yet pay for it...  
Can I get this treatment?**

**Yes.**

Other non-profit groups are also stepping up and helping to provide hyperbaric treatment to veterans of all wars at subsidized cost.

**Sites in Oklahoma, Colorado, Idaho, Florida, North Carolina and all over the USA can help:**

- [www.hyperbaricmedicineofflorida.com/testimonials.html](http://www.hyperbaricmedicineofflorida.com/testimonials.html)
- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gu5\\_-kRowfw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gu5_-kRowfw)
- [www.idahohyperbarics.com](http://www.idahohyperbarics.com)
- [www.independencehyperbarics.org](http://www.independencehyperbarics.org)
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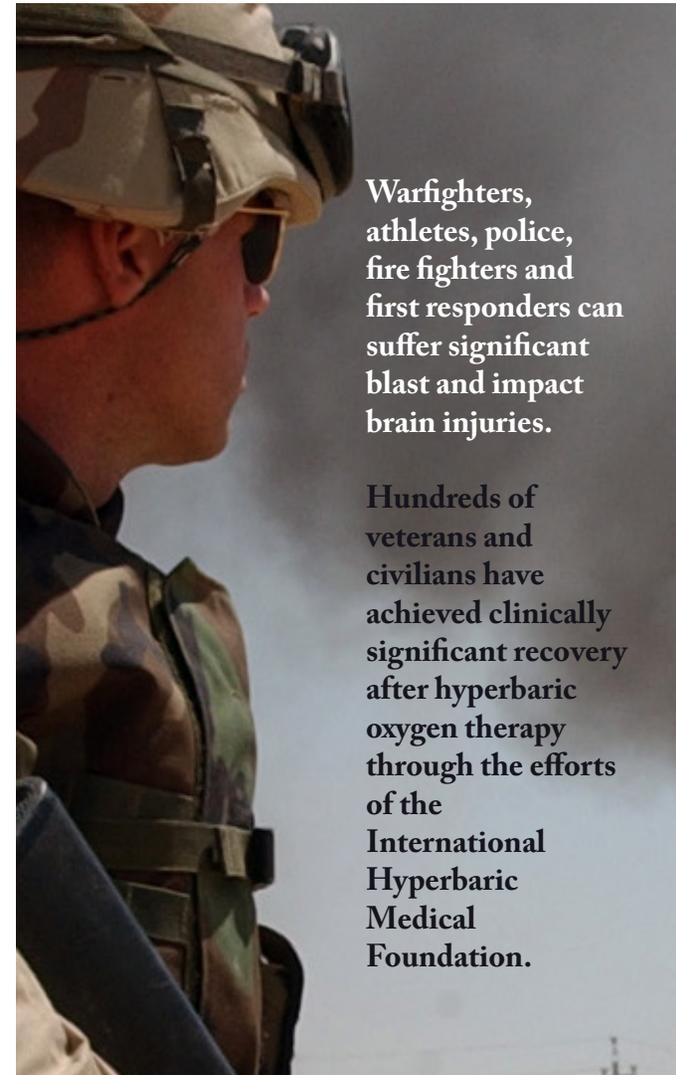
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## Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

**A promising technology to help fulfill our promises to veterans...**



Warfighters, athletes, police, fire fighters and first responders can suffer significant blast and impact brain injuries.

Hundreds of veterans and civilians have achieved clinically significant recovery after hyperbaric oxygen therapy through the efforts of the International Hyperbaric Medical Foundation.

[www.hyperbaricmedicalfoundation.org](http://www.hyperbaricmedicalfoundation.org)

[www.treatnow.org](http://www.treatnow.org)

(800) 288-9328



Veterans of the recent interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as previous wars, have experienced significant concussive blast injuries. The International Hyperbaric Medical Foundation (IHMF) has helped brain-injured veterans and civilians like athletes and police officers achieve clinically significant recovery after completing 40 treatments of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT).

Using a network of US civilian clinics, over the last three years, the International Hyperbaric Medical Foundation organized a multi-center study, using a coalition of mostly veterans working *pro bono*. These clinics successfully treated over 300 traumatic brain injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) veteran and civilian casualties. The IHMF's study protocol has had dramatic, life-altering success, returning fully-treated patients to a quality of life far above what they could receive from traditional or DOD medicine. A significant number were returned to active military duty, including Special Forces, **at cost savings running into the tens of millions of dollars.**



MAJ Ben Richards (USA, ret.) Iraq Veteran and TBI survivor, discusses his progress using HBOT.

<http://tinyurl.com/ologhrl>

## How does HBOT work?

The patient spends about one hour per session in a hyperbaric chamber, breathing pure oxygen under pressure which saturates the body's tissues and reaches damaged areas that had lacked blood supply and oxygen. With repeated treatments, the oxygen flow stimulates the body's healing processes and allows most patients to experience rapid recovery of cognitive and neurological functioning without surgery or drugs.



Breathing oxygen under pressure has long been used to treat scuba divers suffering from "bends" (decompression sickness). The FDA has now approved this treatment for a dozen more medical conditions, including carbon monoxide poisoning, air embolism, burns, and crush injury. Many more successful "off-label" treatments are now being documented in the US and abroad, and HBOT can be used to treat TBI and concussions with a doctor's prescription.

HBOT is a rapidly evolving branch of medicine which is now beginning to generate interest due to highly successful outcomes in cases of TBI and concussion. Notably, military veterans and athletes who have experienced serious complications due to heavy reliance on habit-forming pain relievers have turned their lives around after HBOT treatments.

For more information on how HBOT promotes healing, visit: [www.hbot.com/faq-2](http://www.hbot.com/faq-2)

*"Hyperbaric oxygen is a safe, easily used treatment that, in many cases, has resulted in a dramatic improvement in the symptoms of patients with TBI. Every day we are learning more about the mechanisms of this treatment and gathering more data validating its efficacy. ... There is sufficient clinical and research evidence to justify the use of HBOT as a standard-of-care treatment for traumatic head injuries... In particular, recent studies from the Israeli armed forces are especially compelling as to evidence of the effectiveness of HBOT in the treatment of head injuries following IED blast."*

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## Army Medicine has shown that HBOT is both safe and effective:

"[HBOT] offered statistical and in some measures clinically significant improvement over local routine TBI care." Also: "... total scores for [both] groups revealed significant improvement over the course of the study ..." Expert outside consultants declared that "[HBOT] is a healing environment."