



# Veterans Action League 2.0

## Enhancement Award: Social and Chronic Pain

Chronic pain is a public health epidemic. Nearly one 1 in 10 veterans live with chronic pain. To date, medication is the most common treatment and opioid use is on the rise. Currently, there is no national platform to activate veteran's voices on chronic pain—engaging them to share in their own words the issues, questions, and outcomes that are most important to them.

Veterans Action League (VAL) 2.0 provides a neutral platform for veterans and key stakeholders to share opinions, obstacles, and research ideas for improving chronic pain management and treatment during the everchanging times of COVID-19. Those who attend will receive a \$10 gift card and a \$15 meal card.

If you are interested in engaging remotely with local veterans and key stakeholders in New Jersey, or learning more about the VAL 2.0 project, please visit the project website <http://tinyurl.com/y3ztqmcx> and/or contact the Veteran Unit Leader, LaShaunda Carter, and Collaborative Academic Research Members, Catherine Morse, with any inquires.

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