On June 20, nearly 25 leading VA researchers, some accompanied by Veteran study participants, showcased their latest advances in the Rayburn House Office Building as part of the second annual “VA Research Day on the Hill.” Among the topics featured were suicide prevention, spinal cord injury, PTSD, prosthetics, pain management, heart disease, and women Veterans’ health.

The event drew more than 200 attendees, including congressional staff and Veteran Service Organization representatives. Partners in the event included Friends of VA Medical Care and Health Research (FOVA), the National Association of Veterans’ Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF), and Research!America.

In attendance were representatives from various organizations, such as various Veterans Service Organizations, Researchers, Veterans, the press, and the general public. There were nearly 25 staff from congressional members representing the House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and the Senate Appropriations Committee. In particular, staff attended from the offices of Rob Wittman, Hank Johnson, Cory Gardner, Bob Casey, Jr., G.K. Butterfield, Frank Pallone, Jr., Jamie Raskin, Seth Moulton, Dan Sullivan, Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, William Timmons, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Hank Johnson, Tom Graves, Mike Thompson, Kevin McCarthy, and the office of the Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The VA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs facilitated Hill announcements. VA Research actively posted social media updates during the event via Facebook and Twitter, encompassing 25 facebook posts and 25 tweets, as well as posting to the VAntage Blog Post (771 views as of close of business, 6/24), see https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/62020/scientists-display-medical-innovations-va-research-day-nations-capital/

For a complete listing of exhibitors, go to www.research.va.gov/Events. More information about VA research is available at www.research.va.gov.