

# SVA Leadership Institute

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**#SVO3D**



# Overview

SVA – MFRI COLLABORATION

WHAT IS MFRI AND WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY  
LEARN FROM US?

AGENDA



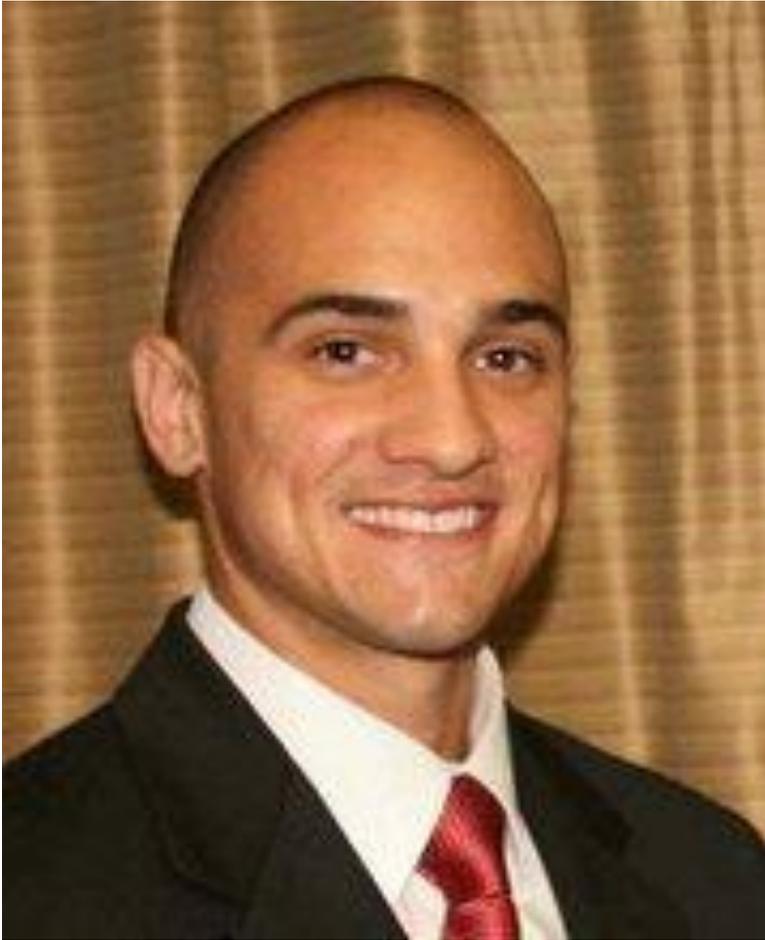
# John Powers

## SVA Co-founder

- MFRI Advisory Council
- Operation Diploma grant proposal panel
- Featured speaker:
  - 2009 annual meeting
  - 2011 statewide SVO conference



# Collaborations and Networking

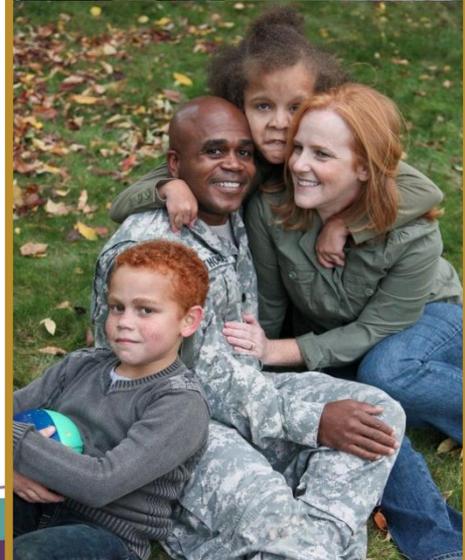


- 2010 SVA Midwest Regional Conference
- 2011 Statewide SVO Conference
- 2011 SVA Leadership Summit
- White Oak meeting
- “Success in 3-D”

# Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR FAMILIES WHO SERVE

1. Supporting the military infrastructures that support military families.
2. Strengthening the motivation and capacity of civilian communities to support military families.
3. Generating important new knowledge about military families.
4. Influencing policies, programs, and practices supporting military families.
5. Creating and sustaining a vibrant learning organization.



PASSPORT  
toward success  
Helping Military Kids and Families Connect

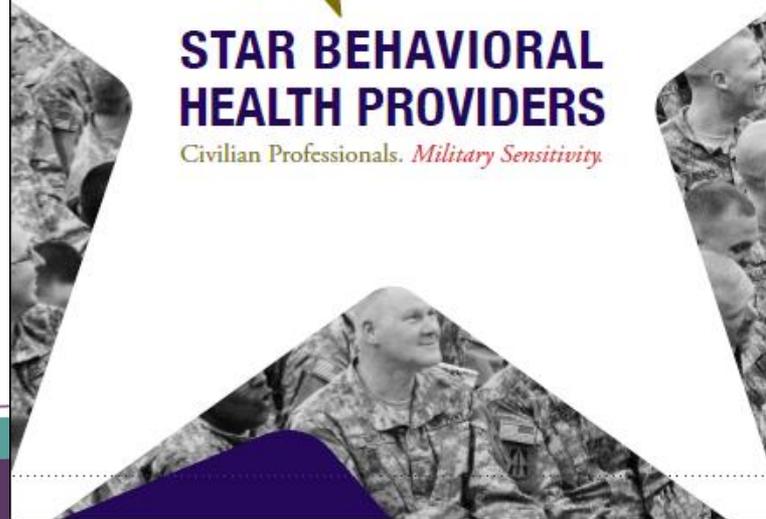


**AN INTRODUCTION  
FOR CLINICIANS**



**STAR BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH PROVIDERS**

*Civilian Professionals. Military Sensitivity.*



Our collaborators:

- DoD Center for Deployment Psychology
- National Guard
- Family Social Services Administration

# Sesame Workshop



123  
SESAME STREET

talk,  
listen,  
connect™

Deployments, Homecomings, Changes

**Generating  
important new  
knowledge about  
military families**

Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth  
David Riggs  
*Editors*

# Risk and Resilience in U.S. Military Families

 Springer

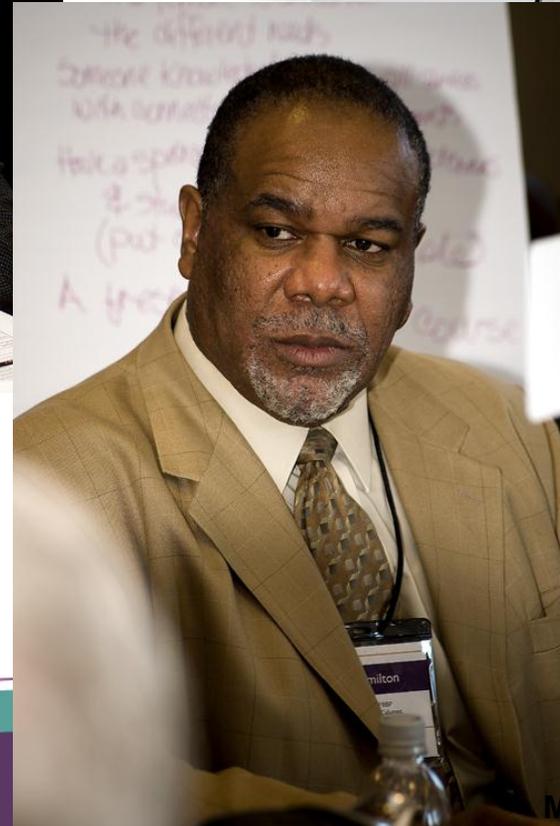
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# **Serving Military Families in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**



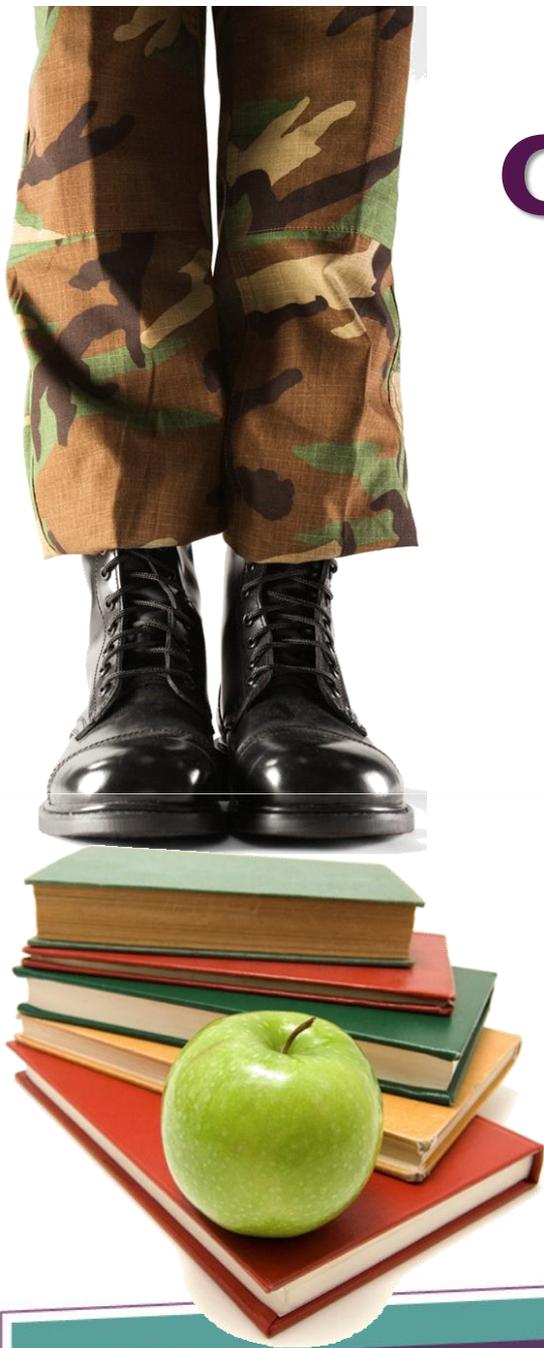
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Amy Dombro**

# Transforming the Postsecondary Landscape



# Operation Diploma

**Promoting academic success by supporting postsecondary institutions and student veterans' organizations**



# Strategic Goals

**Engage** institutions in strengthening supports and services for student service members and veterans.

**Educate** administrators and faculty about your unique attributes, expectations, and concerns.

**Generate** new knowledge about your campus experiences and effective strategies for supporting you.

**Strengthen** the efforts of student veterans' organizations.

# How do we do this?

Professional development and awareness raising

- “Military 101”
- Selected topics
- *Transformation* series
- Creating forums for communication & networking

# Establishing evidence

- Metrics
- Program evaluation
- Surveys
- Longitudinal studies
- Scientific literature



# **\$2.5 Million in Grants**

- Annual awards to institutions
- One-time special project grants
- SVO business plan competition awards

# Research

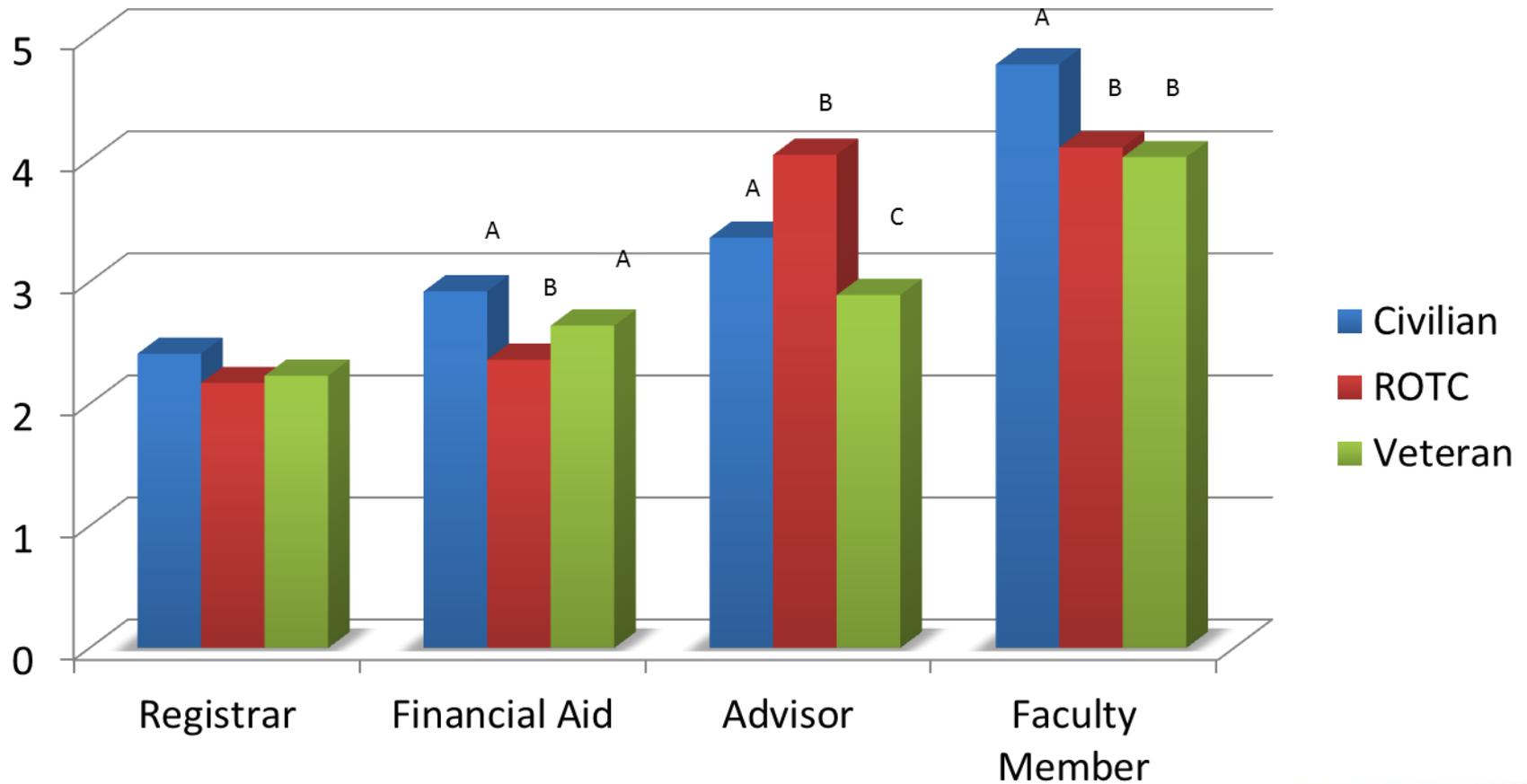
- Landscape surveys
- Longitudinal student surveys
- Translating the research of others
- Workforce development surveys
- SVO impact reports

# Student characteristics

	Civilian (n=362,000)	Veteran – combat (n=4,840)	Veteran – non-comb. (n=6,160)
<b>Age</b>			
< 24 years	94%	64%	21%
≥ 24 years	6%	36%	79%
<b>Male</b>	35%	70%	85%
<b>Transfer</b>	9%	28%	45%
<b>Full-time</b>	95%	83%	77%

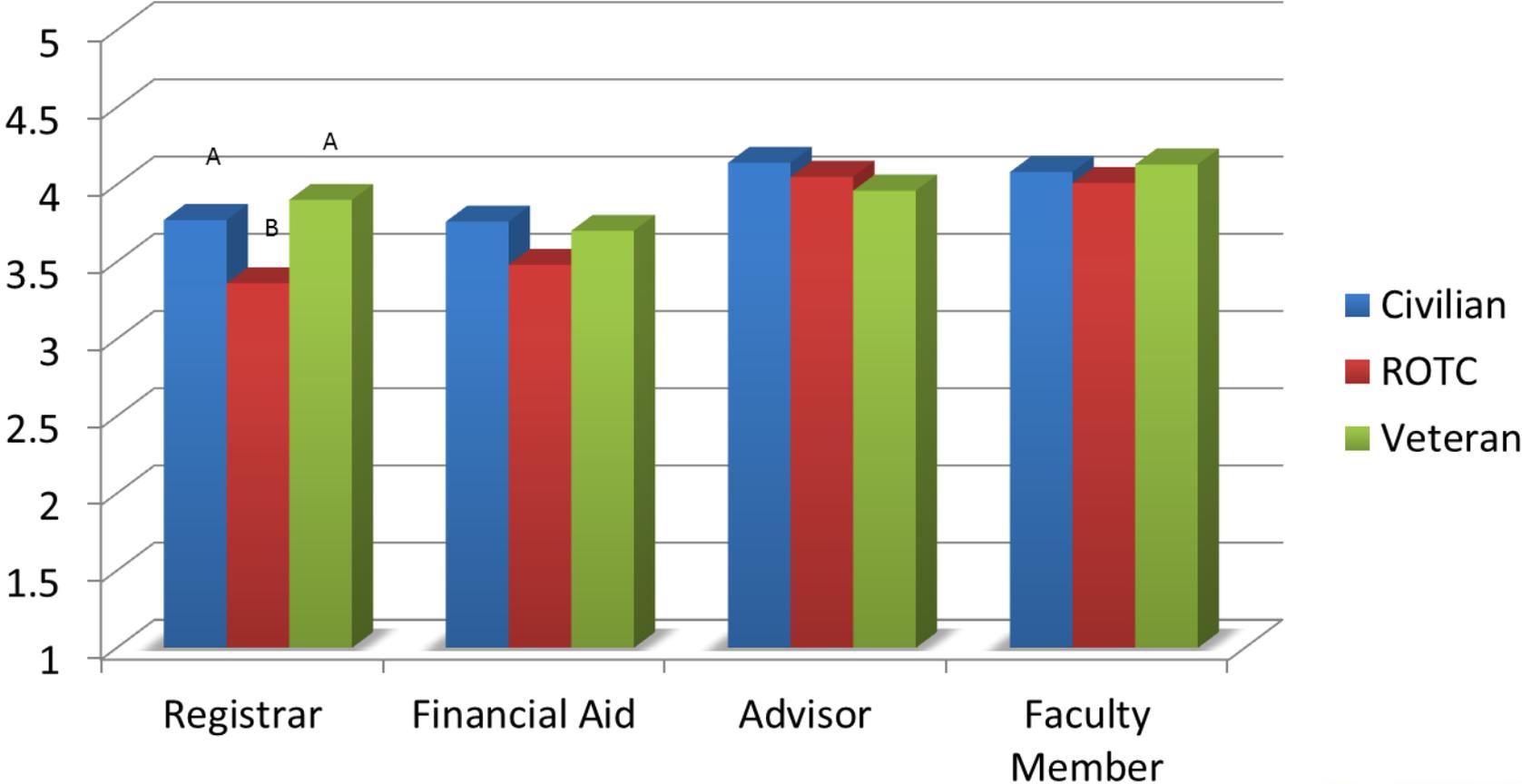
NSSE, 2011; First year data

# Points of contact

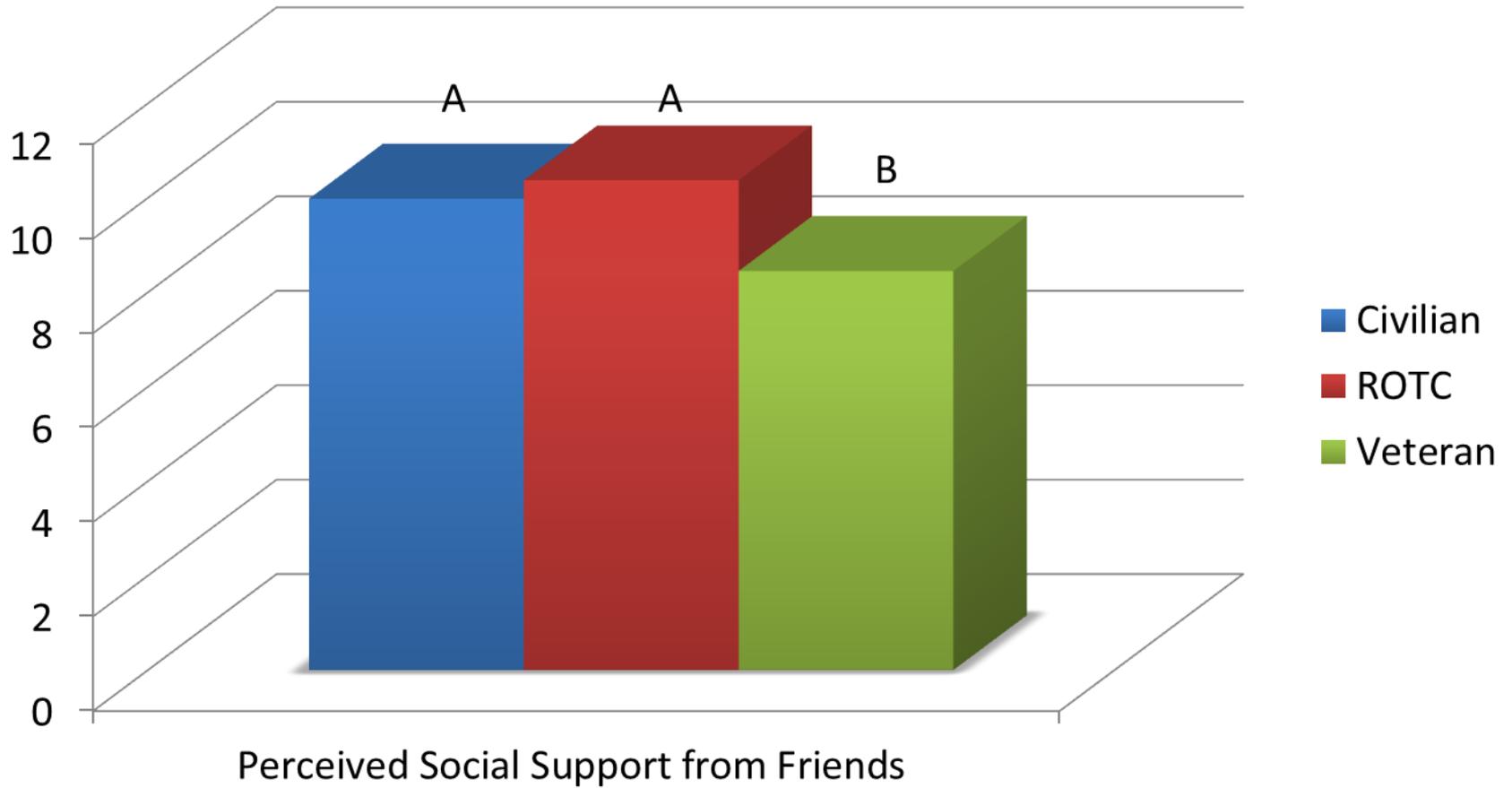


MFRI, 2010; n=354

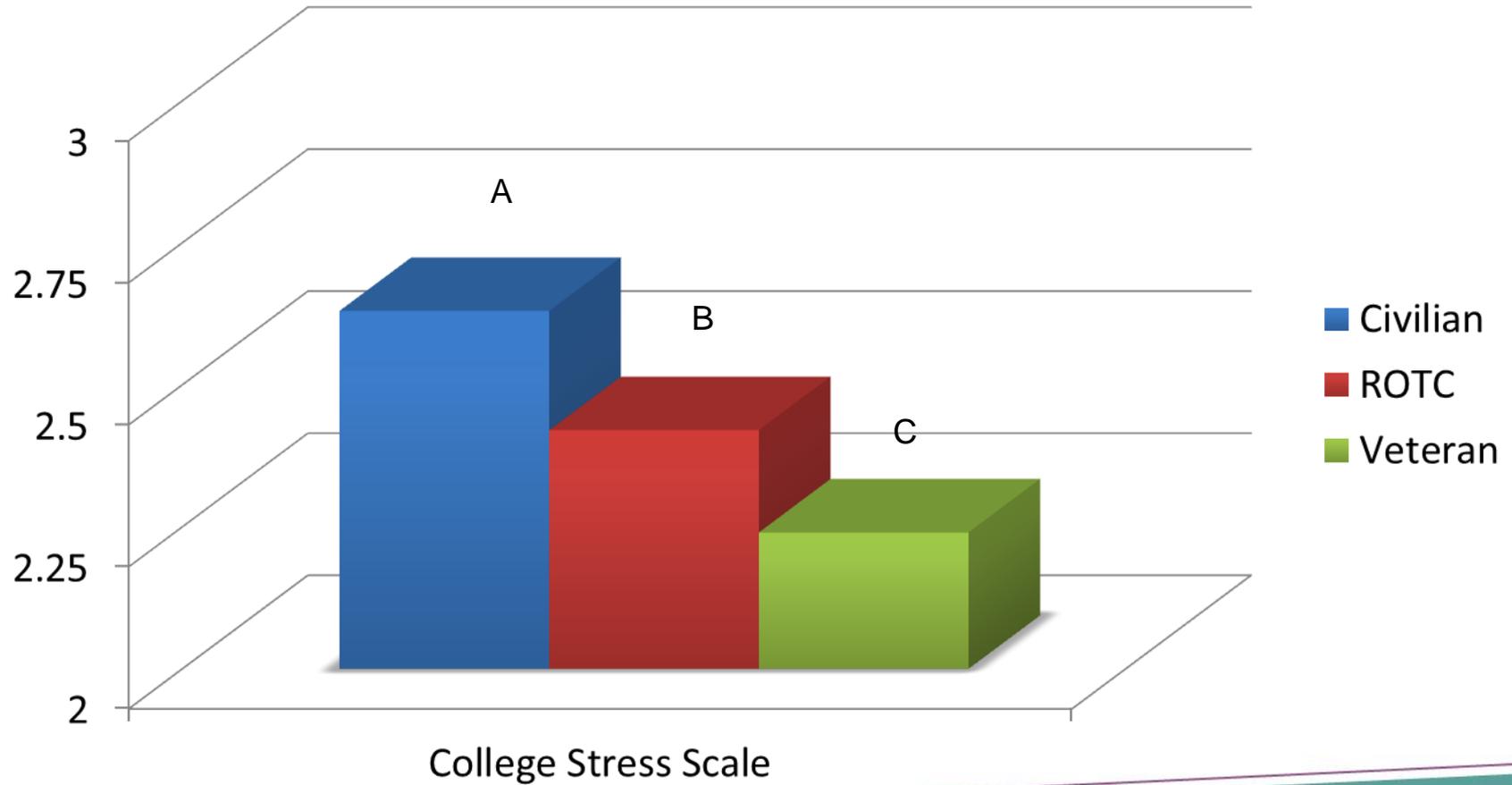
# Satisfaction with contacts



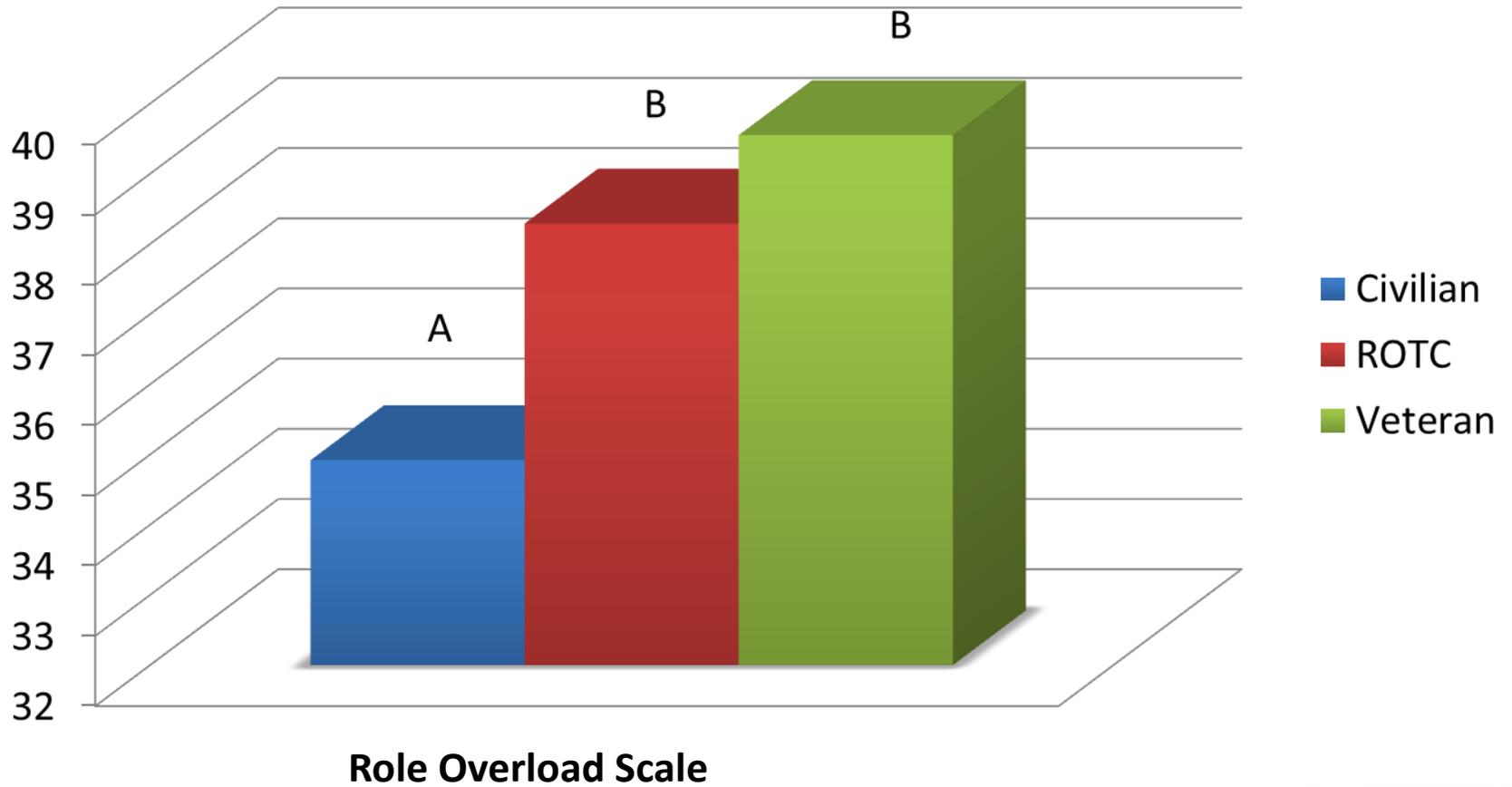
# Social support



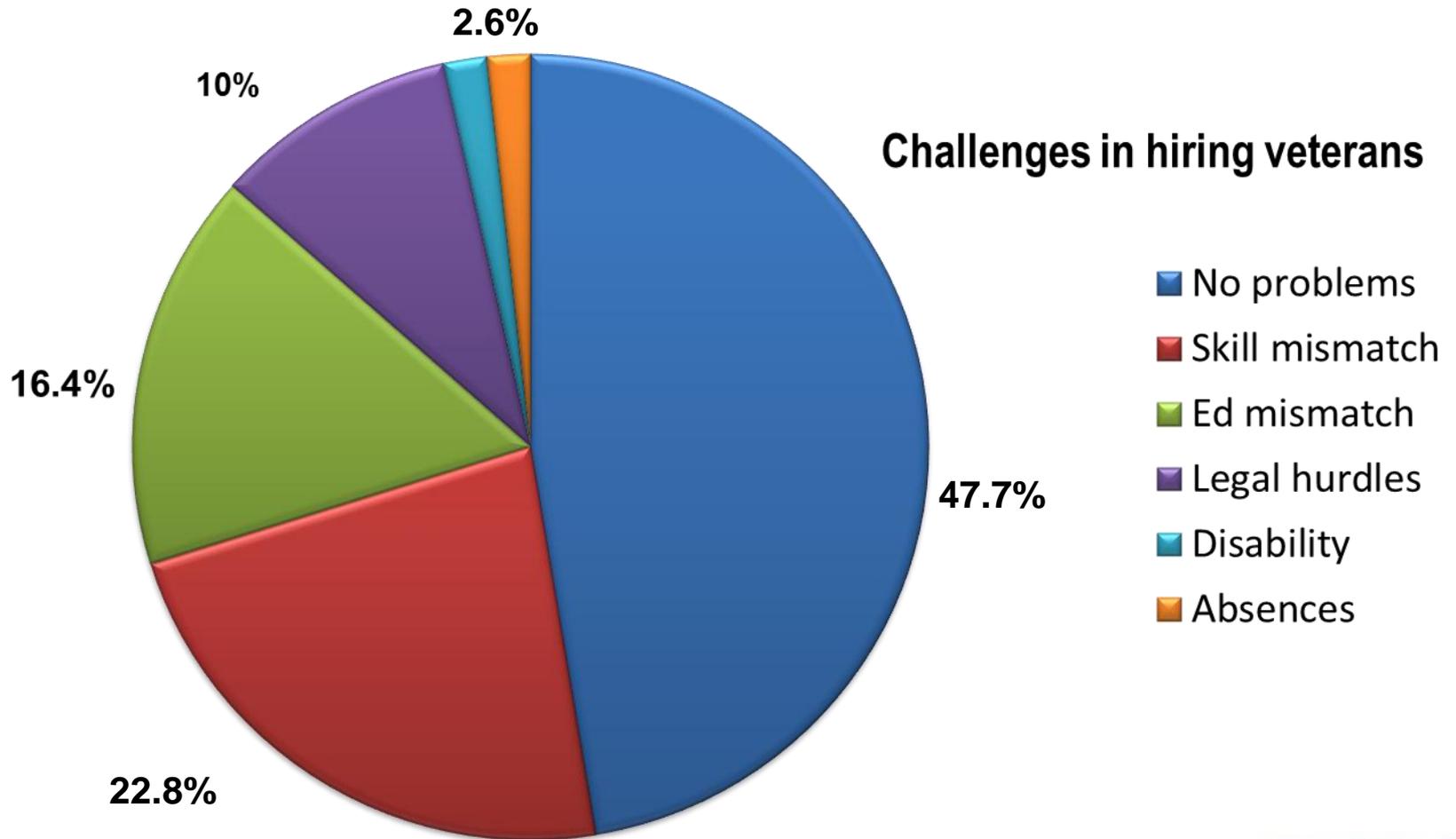
# School-related stress



# Role overload



# Employer Surveys



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# “SUCCESS IN 3-D”

# “Ten things we know to be true”

1. Focus on the user and all else will follow.
2. It's best to do one thing really, really well.
3. Fast is better than slow.
4. Democracy ... works.
5. You don't need to be at your desk to need an answer.

6. You can make money without doing evil.
7. There's always more information out there.
8. The need for information crosses all borders.
9. You can be serious without a suit.
10. Great just is not good enough.

<http://www.google.com/about/company/philosophy/>

*“There’s a difference between interest and commitment. When you’re interested in doing something, you do it only when it’s convenient. When you’re committed to something, you accept no excuses; only results.”*

*Art Turock*

*Fortune 500 performance consultant*