
THE BRINKLEY CENTER

*Optimizing Whole Person Healing and Health Promotion with Caregivers, Veterans
and Those Living Through Trauma and Injury*

I. ABOUT THE BRINKLEY CENTER

The Brinkley Center Foundation (DBA The Brinkley Center) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in September 2024 by Dannion Brinkley, headquartered in South Carolina. The organization is mission-driven to advance whole-person healing through non-invasive, non-pharmacological, and integrative approaches. It serves veterans, caregivers, first responders, survivors of human trafficking, and individuals navigating grief, trauma, and life transitions.

The Center is designed as a sanctuary for those whose needs are underserved or inadequately addressed by conventional pharmaceutical-based care. Its programming integrates palliative care principles, hospice-informed compassion, biofield and energetic healing modalities, and community-based peer support — anchoring care in the lived experience of the individuals it serves and in the wisdom accumulated over Dannion Brinkley's fifty-year career of service.

The Brinkley Center occupies a unique position as both a mission-based healing organization with deep roots in veteran and trauma care, and an emerging research and education partner positioned to advance non-chemical, whole-person mental health solutions in alignment with the current federal policy agenda.

II. FOUNDER: DANNION BRINKLEY



On September 17, 1975, at age 25, Dannion Brinkley was struck by lightning while on the telephone during a storm. More than 180,000 volts passed through his body, stopping his heart. He was clinically dead for approximately 28 minutes. During that time, he underwent a profound near-death experience (NDE) — traveling through a luminous realm, receiving visions of the future, and encountering what he describes as beings of light who shared with him knowledge of healing, service, and the nature of human consciousness.

Upon his return, Brinkley was profoundly transformed. He endured a lengthy and difficult recovery, relearning fundamental physical functions. That journey of recovery gave him firsthand insight into the healing process at the deepest levels — physical, emotional, energetic, and spiritual. He dedicated his life to service and to understanding the mechanisms by which the human body heals.

Brinkley is the author of three international bestsellers: *Saved by the Light* (1994), *At Peace in the Light* (1997), and *Secrets of the Light*. His 1994 book was adapted into a television film which ranks number 2 of all time made for TV movies. He co-founded the Twilight Brigade (formerly Compassion in Action), a national nonprofit that has placed thousands of volunteers at the bedsides of dying veterans, ensuring no veteran dies alone. The Twilight Brigade as an organization was retired several years ago and transformed into the No Vet Die Alone, a program of the Veterans Administration.

Brinkley's near-death experience — itself an extreme bioelectromagnetic event — gave him a distinctive perspective on the human body as an electrical, energetic system. This perspective has informed his sustained advocacy for complementary, non-chemical healing and his deep commitment to those for whom conventional systems have failed or not fully served.

III. THE SCIENCE: THE HUMAN BODY AS AN ELECTRICAL AND ENERGETIC SYSTEM

A foundational premise of the Brinkley Center's healing philosophy — and one with robust and growing scientific support — is that the human body functions as a complex bioelectrical and bioelectromagnetic system. Every cell generates and responds to electrical signals. Neural transmission, cardiac rhythm, immune regulation, and tissue repair are all governed in significant part by bioelectric fields. Modern bioelectromagnetics research confirms that the body's electromagnetic environment is not merely a byproduct of metabolic function — it is itself an organizing, regulatory, and healing force.

The field of bioelectromagnetics — the study of electromagnetic field interactions with biological systems — has documented measurable bioelectric activity across organs, tissues, and even the extracellular matrix. Researchers have demonstrated that pulsed electromagnetic field (PEMF) therapy, transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), and photobiomodulation (light therapy) can positively modulate cellular function, neural activity, and mood regulation without chemical intervention. Transcranial magnetic stimulation, in particular, has demonstrated clinical efficacy in treating treatment-resistant depression — a finding that directly supports the White House's mandate to find innovative, non-pharmacological solutions for serious mental illness.

Björn Nordenström, former chairman of the Nobel Assembly, proposed that the human body contains a biologically closed electrical circuit (BCEC) system that plays a central role in healing and immune function — a concept analogous to the ancient concept of chi or prana across healing traditions worldwide. Contemporary research supports the view that emotional states, trauma histories, and mental health conditions are expressed in measurable disruptions to the body's bioelectric and biofield signatures, and that restoring coherence in these systems produces meaningful clinical outcomes.

The Brinkley Center proposes that the body's electrical and energetic architecture represents an underexplored, evidence-informed frontier for mental health treatment — one that is non-addictive, non-invasive, patient-controlled, and aligned with the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) framework for reducing dependence on pharmaceuticals.

IV. NON-CHEMICAL, NON-INVASIVE HEALING MODALITIES

The Brinkley Center integrates and seeks to research the following evidence-informed, non-chemical healing modalities, particularly as they apply to trauma, PTSD, anxiety, depression, and moral injury — conditions disproportionately affecting veterans, caregivers, and trauma survivors:

- **Chiropractic Care:** Doctors of Chiropractic address the neuromusculoskeletal system, restoring proper spinal alignment and neurological signaling. The nervous system is the primary highway of the body's electrical communication; vertebral subluxation disrupts this signaling and can contribute to autonomic dysregulation, a key feature of PTSD and chronic stress. Chiropractic care is non-pharmacological, patient-empowering, and has demonstrated effectiveness in reducing pain, improving sleep, and supporting stress recovery.
- **Sound Therapy and Vibroacoustic Healing:** The human body is permeated by vibrational frequencies. Sound therapy — including tuning forks, singing bowls, binaural beats, and

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vibroacoustic devices — has demonstrated capacity to shift brainwave states, reduce cortisol, and facilitate the release of trauma stored in the nervous system. Sound operates directly on the body's bioelectric and resonant field, offering a powerful, non-invasive tool for calming the dysregulated autonomic nervous system.

- **Light Therapy and Photobiomodulation (PBM):** Specific wavelengths of light interact with mitochondrial cytochrome c oxidase, increasing cellular ATP production, reducing neuroinflammation, and improving cognitive function. Photobiomodulation has shown promising results in peer-reviewed literature for traumatic brain injury (TBI), depression, and PTSD — conditions that affect veterans at significantly elevated rates.
- **Biofield Therapies (Reiki, Healing Touch, Therapeutic Touch):** Peer-reviewed studies published in journals including the *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine* document reductions in pain, anxiety, and fatigue in populations receiving biofield therapies. These approaches align with the bioelectromagnetic understanding of the body's energy field as a target for therapeutic intervention.
- **Meditation, Breathwork, and HeartMath Coherence Training:** Research by the HeartMath Institute demonstrates that heart rate variability (HRV) — a direct measure of autonomic nervous system balance — can be improved through intentional breathing and emotional regulation practices. These methods are cost-free, scalable, and directly address the physiological underpinnings of PTSD and depression.
- **Near-Death Experience (NDE)-Informed Care:** The Brinkley Center is uniquely positioned to bring NDE-informed therapeutic frameworks into its programming. Research by Dr. Raymond Moody, Dr. Melvin Morse, and others documents profound and lasting psychological transformation following NDEs, including the resolution of suicidal ideation, fear of death, and existential distress. This experiential knowledge base constitutes a novel, non-pharmacological pathway for addressing the deepest dimensions of mental health crises.

V. ALIGNMENT WITH THE APRIL 18, 2026 EXECUTIVE ORDER

President Trump's Executive Order of April 18, 2026, "Accelerating Medical Treatments for Serious Mental Illness," explicitly acknowledges that "innovative methods are needed to find long-term solutions for these Americans beyond existing prescription medications." The Order directs HHS and ARPA-H to invest in breakthrough research for patients whose conditions persist after standard therapy — a description that precisely characterizes the veterans, trauma survivors, and caregivers whom the Brinkley Center serves.

While the Executive Order's primary focus is on psychedelic therapies, its underlying logic — that conventional pharmaceutical paradigms have failed a large population of Americans with serious mental illness, and that novel, non-standard approaches merit federal investment — provides direct policy justification for the expansion of federally-supported research into the full spectrum of non-chemical

healing modalities. The Brinkley Center respectfully submits that bioelectromagnetic, energetic, and integrative approaches represent the next logical frontier in that same innovation mandate. The Center's target populations — veterans with PTSD and TBI, caregivers experiencing secondary trauma, and survivors of acute physical and psychological injury — are precisely those populations the Order identifies as most urgently in need. The Center's approach is:

- Non-addictive and without adverse side-effect profiles
- Grounded in growing peer-reviewed scientific literature
- Patient-controlled and supportive of informed consent and autonomy
- Consistent with MAHA's goals to reduce chronic illness through non-pharmaceutical means
- Scalable through community-based nonprofit infrastructure at significantly lower cost than clinical pharmaceutical trials

VI. POSITIONING AS A GRANT AND CONTRACT RECIPIENT

The Brinkley Center Foundation is prepared to serve as a primary recipient or sub-recipient for federal grants and contracts directed toward:

- Research into non-pharmacological, bioelectromagnetic, and integrative mental health interventions for veterans and trauma survivors
- Development and evaluation of whole-person healing protocols combining chiropractic care, sound therapy, light therapy, biofield modalities, and peer support
- Community-based pilot programs serving veterans, caregivers, and trauma survivors in underserved populations
- Education and training programs for clinicians, volunteers, and peer supporters in integrative, non-chemical healing approaches
- Data collection and outcome measurement for NDE-informed and biofield-based therapeutic frameworks

The Center's founder brings unparalleled lived experience, five decades of service, national name recognition, and a demonstrated track record of volunteer mobilization and community engagement. The organization's mission is directly harmonious with the administration's commitment to finding innovative, patient-centered solutions that reduce reliance on prescription medications and empower Americans to take control of their own health and healing.

The Brinkley Center invites federal agencies, ARPA-H program officers, and congressional appropriators to engage in dialogue regarding the inclusion of bioelectromagnetic, energetic, and integrative healing research in the portfolio of federally supported mental health innovation.

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