



VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM



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FL DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME:

"One Family One Voice! One Team!"



2024

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME:

*"From Our Roots to Our Branches...
Extending Service to Our Veterans"*

Together, our focus this year is to *Keep Moving For-*

Remember: *REPORT, REPORT, REPORT*

DECEMBER IS THE TIME FOR GIVING!

Please Step Up and Give to Our Veterans, Their Families, and Our Communities!

RECENT CHALLENGES HAVE IMPACTED OUR STATE, OUR VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES. PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND FISCAL ISSUES CONTINUE TO MOUNT TO MANY WITHIN OUR STATE. WE ALL NEED TO STEP UP AND HELP!

WITH THE LOSS OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, HOMES, JOBS, ETC., DECEMBER IS A VERY DEPRESSING MONTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALONE, MISSING OR AWAY FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS, OR IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. MANY ARE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP OR ASK FOR HELP AND SO MANY REFUSE CHARITY. PLEASE HELP BY ADOPTING A VETERAN! BE EVER VIGILANT TO THOSE AROUND US AND GET INVOLVED IN THEIR LIVES. REMEMBER TO E-N-G-A-G-E!

SOME STAGGERING FACTS ABOUT VETERAN SUICIDES

- ♦ VETERANS ARE AT 72% HIGHER RISK OF SUICIDE THAN THOSE WHO HAVEN'T SERVED.
- ♦ THE RATE OF SUICIDE AMONG WOMEN VETERANS IS NEARLY DOUBLE THAT FOR NON-VETERAN WOMEN.
- ♦ THE 35-54 YEAR OLD VETERAN AGE GROUP HAS EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN AGE-SPECIFIC SUICIDE RATE.
- ♦ SUICIDE IS THE SECOND-LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR POST - 9/11 VETERANS.
- ♦ SINCE 2021, MORE THAN 50% OF VETERAN SUICIDES OCCURRED OUTSIDE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION CARE.

**WHEN THEIR
SERVICE IS OVER,
OUR MISSION
BEGINS!**

Our 2024-2025 National Goals

- Goal #1—National Veterans Suicide Prevention
- Goal #2—Childcare for Active-Duty Service Members
- Goal #3—Veterans and Military Support Programs

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