

Why do we exist?

Each year approximately 200,000 men and women leave military service and transition to civilian life. Not all of these men and women are prepared for the challenges the civilian world presents to them. Some will struggle with finding employment; many will be underemployed. Others will struggle with mental health and substance abuse issues and still others will find themselves face to face with the criminal justice system. What are you doing to steer them away from it?



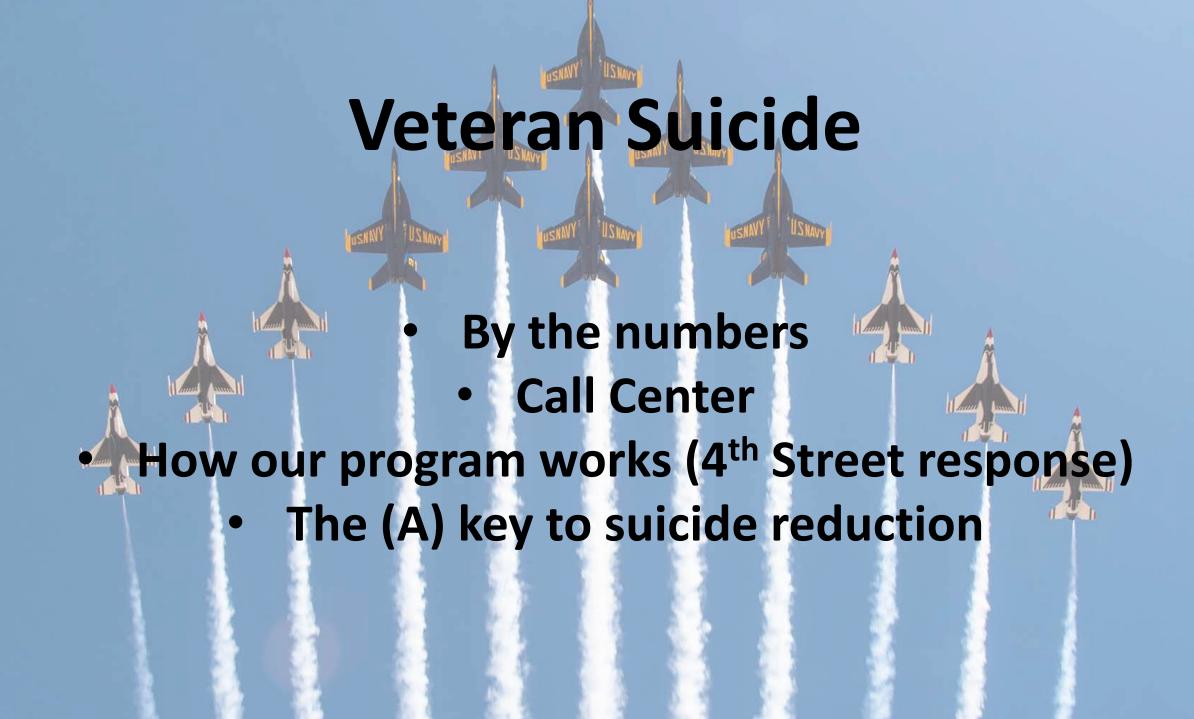
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- National Recognition
- Congressional Support
 - Community Buy In
- Veteran Appreciation



SGT Corlett

I hope this email finds you safe and healthy in our current national situation. SUNDAY May 3rd marked the 2 year anniversary of the lowest point in my life.

I'm not real sure if you remember that night, but I won't forget it. I locked my self in a factory by the training academy and was gonna take my life. Its the time of year that I wanted to reach out and again say thanks. Words can't express how thankful I am that you were able to get thru to me.

Two years after I'm thriving. Its been 735 days since I've spoken to my son but we are in reunification therapy. So I'm hopeful it will be soon. I am off of probation on June 13th, and am moving from being seen in Veterans Court to being a mentor. I got remarried Febuary 12. And my wife and I are expecting a son in October..... none of this would have been possible without you and I am forever grateful.

I hope you stay safe and healthy

"Only the dead have seen the end of war"

-Plato

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- A 2021 study showed the US Veteran population at 18.84 Million
- 1.64 million veterans are female
- 8.4 Million Veterans are in the workforce
- As of 2016 4.2 Million Post 9/11 Veterans

In a 2017 study involving 5,826 United States veterans, 12.9% were diagnosed with PTSD. This is a striking high rate compared to the incidence of PTSD among the general population: Just 6.8% of the U.S. population will experience PTSD at any point in their lives.

- •An estimated 107,400 veterans were serving time in state or federal prison in 2016—the majority (98%) of which were male.
- •The majority of male veterans in state (56%) and federal (53%) prison served in the Army.
- •About 1 in 4 male veterans in state (28%) and 1 in 5 in federal (21%) prison were combat veterans.
- •An estimated 74% of male veterans in state prison and 77% of those in federal prison received an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.
- •Male veterans in state prison (26%) were twice as likely as male non-veterans in state prison (12%) to be serving time for a violent sexual offense.

- In 2019, there were 6,261 Veteran suicide deaths
- Firearms were more often involved in Veteran suicides in 2019 than in 2018 (among Veteran men who died from suicide: 69.6% in 2018, 70.2% in 2019, among Veteran women who died from suicide: 41.1% in 2018, 49.8% in 2019).
- In 2020, the Veterans Crisis Line averaged
 1,756 calls per day and had roughly 300
 contacts a day through chat and text programs.