

STOP SOLDIER SUICIDE

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Stop Soldier Suicide Overview

Mission

- To prevent those who serve from taking their own lives.

Vision

- To bring awareness to, and actively curb, the growing suicide epidemic among active and veteran service members.

Purpose

- To connect soldiers and veterans to free mental health care.
- To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid in support of soldiers and veterans in need.
- To unite the efforts of fellow veteran focused non-profits to combat the issue of soldier suicide.
- To build community groups that are able to provide individual and tailored support to soldiers and veterans in need.
- To directly intervene on behalf of soldiers and veterans in order to fill the gaps left by the existing network of organizations.

Who We Serve

Stop Soldier Suicide is the first national, civilian, non-profit organization dedicated to preventing soldier suicide. The organization raises awareness about the issue of soldier suicide, and aids service members in the Active, Reserve, and National Guard components, as well as veterans of all branches of military service, by connecting them with free mental healthcare.

Stop Soldier Suicide is a civilian bastion for soldiers and veterans contemplating suicide. We serve those in the military who want to work through their issues outside their chain of command, yet still want the comfort and reassurance of working with people who have also endured the unique stressors of military service and combat deployments.

How We Serve

Stop Soldier Suicide has an intimate understanding of the military lifestyle and its associated hardships thanks to the service record of its Board of Directors, a team primarily composed of former Army officers and current active duty Army officers.

We leverage that experience to actively curb the growing rate of soldier and veteran suicides by connecting soldiers and veterans to free mental health care, other military oriented non-profit organizations that address issues which lead to suicide, and by directly intervening to fill the gaps left by existing organizations.

For veterans, Stop Soldier Suicide creates an environment built on camaraderie and mutual understanding. We will provide access to resources that are often hard to utilize once separated from the military. We will replicate the built-in support network that was formerly provided by their units, and help to meet the needs of veterans in whatever way necessary.

Donations are used for

1. Providing relief to service members who fall into the gaps between our network of partner organizations.
2. Supporting partner organizations whose mission is directly related to helping service members whose needs could possibly lead to suicide.
3. To market the Stop Soldier Suicide brand in order to increase our network/reach.

Stop Soldier Suicide will maintain an all-volunteer staff, requiring no money for its day-to-day operations for the foreseeable future.

Where We're Headed

Stop Soldier Suicide hopes to become the primary civilian capture organization for the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, connecting all service members in need to free mental health care.

Ride for Life Overview

Mission

Two-week cross-country motorcycle tour to create new partnerships that will help bring free mental health care to US service members and veterans.

Vision

Brian Kinsella, SSS CEO, will speak with senior military leaders, suicide prevention professionals, and veterans at 12 military installations. Discussion topics include the SSS mission, partnerships, recent inquiries for service, current suicide trends, and partnerships.

Who (1-2 people per installation)

Brian Kinsella, SSS Founder & CEO

Chapter President and/ or SSS COO at specific locations

When and Where

- Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington – Friday, Sep. 28th
- Fort Carson, Colorado – Monday, Oct. 1st
- Fort Riley, Kansas – Tuesday, Oct. 2nd
- Fort Leavenworth, Kansas – Tuesday, Oct. 2nd
- Fort Sill, Oklahoma – Wednesday, Oct. 3rd
- Fort Knox, Kentucky – Friday, Oct. 5th
- Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia – Monday, Oct. 8th
- Fort Bragg, North Carolina – Tuesday, Oct. 9th
- Fort Lee, Virginia – Wednesday, Oct. 10th
- Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC – Thursday, October 11th
- Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD – Friday, Oct. 12th
- Times Square Recruiting Station, New York, New York – Saturday, October 13th

Total Distance: 4,840 miles