



THE ZERO VETERAN SUICIDE INITIATIVE

Working together to end veteran suicide.

Suicide is preventable. Lets work together to end veteran suicide.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is a leader in providing benefits to the veterans of Wisconsin. WDVA is now combating mental health issues for veterans because of the unsettling upward trend of veteran suicide.

Confidential help for Veterans and their families:

**Veterans Benefits
Resource Center**
WisVets.com
1-800-947-8387

Veterans Crisis Line
U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs



**Text to
838255**

Vets4Warriors
Personalized Peer
Support 24/7
vets4warriors.com
855-838-8255



Veterans at Heightened Risk for Suicide:

- Veteran suicide nationwide has increased from **22 to 27** veterans daily.
- Male veterans are **twice** as likely as their civilian peers to die by suicide.
- 69% of Veteran suicides are among those age 50 years and older.
- Suicide deaths among female veterans **increased** by **40%** over the last decade.
- In Wisconsin from 2007-2011, 680 veterans died by suicide. This accounted for 19% of all suicides among people aged 18 and over.

The WDVA Zero Veteran Suicide Initiative:

Empower veterans and our communities to prevent veteran suicide through proactive resourcing and education

Become an essential mental health resource for Veterans and their family members

Eliminate Veteran suicide in Wisconsin