HOW YOU CAN BE THE ONE

What: The American Legion's Be the One initiative encourages American Legion Family members, veterans, servicemembers and others to take action when they believe a veteran is at risk of suicide.

Why: To reduce the alarming number of veteran suicides.

How: Our goal is to destignatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can Be the One.

Who:

Veterans

- Talk with fellow veterans about how you are feeling.
- · Ask for help when you think you need it.
- Know there are millions of people ready to help you.
- · Remember your family and friends care.

Non-veterans

- · Ask veterans in your life how they are doing.
- Listen when a veteran needs to talk.
- · Reach out when a veteran is struggling.

American Legion posts

- Educate members, other veterans and civilians on the campaign.
- Display resources at your post or in your community.
- Share events or success stories at legiontown.org.

RESOURCES

American Legion support: Stories, videos and promotional items related to this initiative are available for posts, members and others. Visit betheone.org

For urgent help: Veterans experiencing a crisis can call **988** and press **1** for mental health assistance. Counselors are available 24/7. They may also text **838255** or visit the VA crisis line website veteranscrisisline.net





Veterans Crisis Hotline: Dial 988 #1

SUICIDE PREVENTION: TEAM CT 950 CAMPBELL AVENUE WEST HAVEN, CT 06516 (203) 932-5711 EXT: 8319

VA Resources:

West Haven VA Hospital 950 Campbell Avenue West Haven, CT 06516 (203) 932-5711 Open 24/7

Errera VA Clinic 114 Orange Avenue West Haven, CT 06516 (203) 932-5711 Open M-F; 8:00-4:30

Danbury VA Clinic 7 Germantown Road, Suite 2B Danbury, CT 06810 (203) 798-8422 Open M-F; 8:00-4:30

John J. McGuirk VA Clinic 6 Shaw's Cove, Suite 104 New London, CT 06320 (860) 437-3611 Open M-F; 8:00-4:30

VA Resources:

Newington VA Clinic 555 Willard Avenue Newington, CT 06111 (860) 666-6951 Open M-F; 7:00-4:30

Orange VA Clinic 200 Edison Road Orange, CT 06477 (203) 508-7700 Open M-F; 8:00-4:30

Stamford VA Clinic 1275 Summer Street, Suite 102 Stamford, CT 06905 (203) 325-0649 Open M-F; 8:00-4:30

Waterbury VA Clinic 95 Scovill Street Waterbury, CT 06706 (203) 465-5292 Open M-F; 8:00-4:30

Willimantic VA Clinic 1320 Main Street Willimantic, CT 06226 (860) 450-7583 Open M-F; 8:00-4:30

Winsted VA Clinic 115 Spencer Street Winsted, CT 06098 (860) 738-6985 Open M-F; 8:00-4:30 To contact an American Legion Service Officer for FREE assistance, whether you are a member or not:

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