



Suicide Prevention Month Outreach Recognition Nomination Form



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SUBJECT: Nominations for the Defense Suicide Prevention Office 2016 Suicide Prevention Month Outreach Recognition and Ceremony

Maintaining combat readiness takes a community effort from the Department of Defense, Service members, their families and DoD civilians helping to increase awareness about suicide prevention. One of the Department's most successful efforts is the nationwide promotion of prevention education through Suicide Prevention Month each September. This annual observance is a major force for raising public awareness and mobilizing communities to prevent suicide. This year's theme, encourages all members of the community to be aware of the signs of suicide and BeThere to provide support for someone in need. I strongly encourage installations, commands and units to participate in Suicide Prevention Month activities to raise awareness of the Department's commitment to a zero-suicide military community.

In addition to encouraging Suicide Prevention Month observance, the Department seeks nominations for the first Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Month Outreach Recognition. The Department will recognize the exceptional efforts made during Suicide Prevention Month by one military installation within each of the Services and one from either Reserves or National Guard. Details of eligible event(s) or activity/activities, criteria for evaluations and the nomination form are located in the attachment.

Submit nominations through the appropriate chain of command to the Defense Suicide Prevention Office email no later than Oct. 14, 2016. We are unable to consider submissions that have not been coordinated through the appropriate component command or headquarters. Installations being recognized will be notified by the end of October and will be honored during the Defense Suicide Prevention Office 2016 Suicide Prevention Month Outreach Recognition ceremony at the Pentagon in mid-November.

I encourage your participation in Suicide Prevention Month activities to promote suicide awareness and help the community and the Defense Suicide Prevention Office efforts become more robust and effective across the department. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Lakso or osd.dspo.outreach@mail.mil.

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Attachment: As stated



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