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DIRECTOR FOR FORCE MANAGEMENT AND
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RESERVE AFFAIRS AND AIRMEN READINESS
DIRECTOR, MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL, JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: 2017 Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Suicide Prevention
Conference

The 2017 DoD/VA Suicide Prevention Conference is approved and planned for the Denver, Colorado area, for August 2017. This conference supports the Defense Suicide Prevention Program mission, as described by section 533 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2012, and section 591 of the NDAA 2016.

The bi-annual conference is the only suicide prevention conference that specifically addresses suicide in the military and veteran populations at a national level. The conference workshops, the majority of which provide continuing education units, bring together experts from a variety of disciplines for cross-training and pollination of research findings, clinical pathways and empirical experience that cannot be gained via other means. The DoD and the VA recognize that education on a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention, which includes line leader involvement, peer interaction, and appropriate clinical care, when needed, are vital to preventing suicide.

I'd like for you to commit and set aside funding to ensure your subject matter experts, line leaders, Service members, clinicians, community leaders, and community-based mental health providers attend.

For additional conference information please visit: www.DSPO.mil/conference.


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