



The Department of Defense Announces Suicide Prevention Month Outreach Recognition Recipients

Washington, D.C. — May 2019: The Department of Defense (DOD) announces recipients of the 2018 Suicide Prevention Month Outreach Recognition award for their exceptional suicide prevention efforts during Suicide Prevention Month.

The DOD's annual Suicide Prevention Month observance is a major national effort to expand suicide prevention and education during the month of September.

Each year, the DOD recognizes one military installation from each of the Services, including the Reserves and National Guard, for their exceptional and innovative suicide prevention efforts during this month. To be considered for the recognition, installations must have implemented a comprehensive Suicide Prevention Month program for Service members, their families and DOD civilians, during the previous year observance month. Nominations were evaluated by a recognition committee based on criteria established by the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO).

This year, the following installations are recognized as the recipients of the Department of Defense 2018 Suicide Prevention Outreach Recognition:

- Army: Fort Carson
- Marine Corps: Air Station Iwakuni
- Navy: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- Air Force: Misawa Air Base
- Reserve Component/National Guard: Indiana National Guard Camp Atterbury

Each recipient built on the theme to *#BeThere* for Service members, their families and DOD civilians by extending awareness and building community support for suicide prevention. Their Suicide Prevention Month activities included trainings, publications, media promotions, activities fostering community engagement and social interactions, and dissemination of information on suicide prevention, intervention strategies and resources.

The DOD applauds their efforts to increase awareness and build a community of support for suicide prevention. On May 15, 2019, the DOD will honor the 2018 Suicide Prevention Outreach Recognition recipients in a ceremony at the Pentagon Hall of Heroes. The DOD remains actively engaged in suicide prevention efforts during September and throughout the year.

If you, or someone you know needs help, support is available 24/7. Service members and their families can call Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647, or chat at militaryonesource.mil. Service members, veterans, and their loved ones can also call the Military and Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat at veteranscrisisline.net, or text to 838255.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at 1-800-273-8255.