



DEFENSE SUICIDE PREVENTION OFFICE

Suicide-Centered Lived Experience Working Group (SC-LEWG) Interest Application

Name:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Current Job Title (if applicable):	
Organization (if applicable):	
Service:	
Component:	
Location:	
Rank/Grade:	
Race/Ethnicity:	
Sex Assigned at Birth:	

Purpose

The Suicide-Centered Lived Experience Working Group (SC-LEWG) is being established to incorporate the insights, perspectives, and expertise of individuals with suicide-centered lived experiences. Individuals with suicide-centered lived experience can include those who have:

- Had thoughts of suicide (suicide ideation).
- Survived a suicide attempt.
- Lost a loved one to suicide (survivor of suicide loss).
- Or provided substantial support/care to a person with direct experience of suicide.

➤ Note: This includes providing care in a professional or personal capacity

The SC-LEWG will be included in the process of developing and implementing suicide prevention efforts that support the mental health and well-being of its workforce and families. Additionally, the SC-LEWG will help inform and enhance Department of Defense (DoD) policies, programs, and practices and help ensure they are inclusive, equitable, and effective in addressing suicide prevention and support, at a minimum, in the areas of expertise/interest below.

Expectations/Resource/Time Commitments

- Membership requires an 18-month commitment. Membership will be reviewed periodically throughout the 18 months to determine active participation and continued fit for the group. Members who are determined not to meet the agreed-upon expectations or SC-LEWG criteria will be removed from the group after two incidences of non-compliance over a six-month period.
- All members will receive ad-hoc taskings that may require quick-turn responses ranging from 24-72 hours or at times less. Members can expect to receive, at a minimum, one task per month for input.
- All members are expected to attend virtual meetings and respond to ad-hoc tasking within established timelines.
- All members are expected to share insights/expertise to inform the SC-LEWG's work.
- All members are expected to engage in the initial onboarding and any ongoing training and support activities.
- All members are expected to engage in respectful and constructive dialogue.
- While monetary compensation cannot be provided for SC-LEWG members, there may be professional development opportunities (e.g., training, conferences, networking, and mentoring, ability to impact decision-making directly, and authorship credit or acknowledgment in papers, reports, and presentations)

Based on the above, are you able to commit to the SC-LEWG and actively participate in discussions and/or activities?

Yes

No

If "No," or, "I'm not sure," please specify the reason you are unable to participate in the discussions and/or activities.

Are you aware of any projected deployment or extended TDY within the next 18 months (if applicable)? [Note: Do not reveal any OPSEC-related information like specific times/dates or locations]?

Yes

No

If "Yes," please explain.

Area(s) of Expertise/Interest

Please indicate your specific area(s) of expertise/interest by checking below:

Policy (e.g. DoD Instructions, DoD Manuals, Procedural Instructions, Policy Analysis, Policy Development).

Legislation (e.g., Laws, National Defense Authorization Act, Congressional Directives, Legislative Process, Legislative Writing, Legislative Evaluation, and Implementation).

Support Services (e.g., Medical and/or Non-Medical Counseling; Caregiver Support)

Response Services (e.g., Crisis Response, 988, First Responders, Emergency Departments)

Suicide Prevention

Suicide Intervention

Suicide Postvention

Suicide Prevention Education and Training (e.g., Diverse perspectives, Curriculum Development, Education on Health Equity).

Suicide Data Research and Evaluation (Data Collection, Data Analysis, Program Evaluation).

Under-represented/high-risk populations

Specify any particular population

Other. Please specify

Area(s) of Suicide Centered Lived Experience

Please indicate your specific area of expertise/interest by checking below:

Suicide ideation

Suicide attempt

Survivor of suicide loss

Substantially supported/cared for a person with direct experience of suicide

Experience and Skills

Please describe your relevant professional or volunteer/other experience in relation to the SC-LEWG purpose.

Please list 2–3 key achievements in these roles.

What specific skills do you have that will benefit the SC-LEWG?

Do you have experience working in teams or collaborative environments? If so, briefly describe (Example: Roles in teamwork, collaboration in prior groups, etc.)

Motivation/Interests

Explain why you are interested in the SC-LEWG.

What do you believe you can contribute or gain from this experience? How will your experience and skills support the purpose of the SC-LEWG?

Additional Information

Is there anything else you would like to add about your candidacy (Any other experiences, goals, or information that would support your application)?

References

Please provide your command's information and one or two professional or personal references who can speak to your qualifications.

Reference Name:	
Reference Type:	
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If selected to serve as a member, by signing below, you agree that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the expectations/resource/time commitments above and that all information provided with this application is true to the best of your knowledge.

Signed:

Date: