

PROTECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT US



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Dear Friend,

Every day, an average of 16 veterans across our nation die by suicide. That is not a statistic we can accept, and as your Assemblyman, I refuse to sit by and let it continue.

Many veterans face challenges that go beyond what is visible. Too often, they are dealing with co-occurring disorders, the combination of mental health conditions, such as PTSD, depression or anxiety, alongside substance use disorders. When these issues go untreated or are treated separately, it becomes even harder for veterans to get the help they need and deserve. That is why a comprehensive, integrated approach to care is so critical.

Our veterans answered the call when their country needed them. Now it is our turn to answer theirs. That is why I am proud to sponsor and co-sponsor legislation that directly addresses the crisis of veteran suicide here in New York State.

Your Assemblyman,

Keith P. Brown

1. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2026/02/12/va-releases-newest-veteran-suicide-data-heres-what-they-found.html>

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Dear Governor Hochul and Distinguished Officials:
As you know, New York is home to a population in the nation, giving us a firsthand view of the challenges our country's men and women who have served our country. health and reintegration into society. Gaps in treatment and reintegration support have had a more alarming rate: nationally, roughly 10% of veterans attempt to harm themselves each day.

Re: Urgent Policy Action Needed: Expand Services to Reduce Veteran Suicide

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LEGISLATION I'M FIGHTING FOR

A.6037 — PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR VETERANS

This bill would create a formal peer support program, connecting those in crisis with trained fellow veterans who truly understand what they've been through.

A.9645 — VETERAN SUICIDE MORTALITY REVIEW BOARD

This bill would establish a statewide review board to examine veteran suicide deaths, identify systemic gaps, and recommend evidence-based solutions to save lives.

A.10163 — PRE-RELEASE BRIEFINGS FOR INCARCERATED VETERANS

This bill would ensure veterans receive comprehensive briefings on available federal and state benefits before release, giving them a real chance at a successful transition.

A.7672 — VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS AND REMEMBRANCE DAY

This bill would designate September 22nd as Veteran Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day in New York State, ensuring we never stop honoring those we've lost and never stop fighting for those still struggling.

A.7657 — A FLAG FOR VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS

This bill would authorize a state flag to be flown in recognition of veteran suicide awareness: a visible, powerful symbol of our commitment to the men and women who served.

VETERAN CRISIS LINE:



If you or someone you know is a veteran in crisis, please scan this QR code or visit the link below to reach the Veterans Crisis webpage. You are not alone.

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

For more information on this or any other state matter, please visit Assemblyman Brown's official website, or contact his district office at 6080 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 310, Commack, NY 11725, 631-261-4151, or email him at brownk@nyassembly.gov

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