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Nebraska Launches Effort to Reduce Number of Veteran Suicides

(KTNC) - Nebraska has launched an effort to reduce the number of veterans who take their own life.

A program entitled "Not One More Life" seeks to raise awareness about veteran suicides and help combat it.

Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs Director John Hilgert says everyone who has attended a military funeral knows the cost of war. (play audio :22)

Hilgert says depression can affect any veteran. (play audio :14)

State Adjutant General Judd Lyons says the Nebraska National Guard is not immune to the problem. (play audio :23)

Lyons says it takes a team effort to address the problem. (play audio :25)

The country loses an average of 20 veterans a day to suicide.

The "Not One More Life" campaign will use bumper stickers and radio public service announcements to promote the veterans crisis line...1-800-273-TALK. (8255)

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