

SUICIDE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!

Suicide is the **LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH** in **Law Enforcement Officers**. **3 times** as many officers die by **suicide** as are killed by felons.



Greg O'Dell, 54



Terri Ann Weyrauch, 35

Each year in the U.S., roughly **400 PHYSICIANS** die by suicide. Suicide deaths are **250 – 400 %** higher among **FEMALE** physicians compared to those in other professions.

One Service Member completes suicide **every day**. More **Armed Service Men and Women** have died by suicide than have died in this war.



Christian Thor Miltersen, 21

The Crisis of Suicide with our Working and Middle Aged Population

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Robert Torres, 48

In wealthy countries, suicide is the **LEADING CAUSE** of death for **MEN IN THEIR 40's**, a top-five killer of men in their 50's. **ATTORNEYS** have the **5th** highest rate of suicide.

Suicide among the Working and Middle Aged Population is at an **all time high**. Men complete more often than women but for every **1 male suicide**, **3 WOMEN** attempt.



Terri Coughlin Sharp, 38



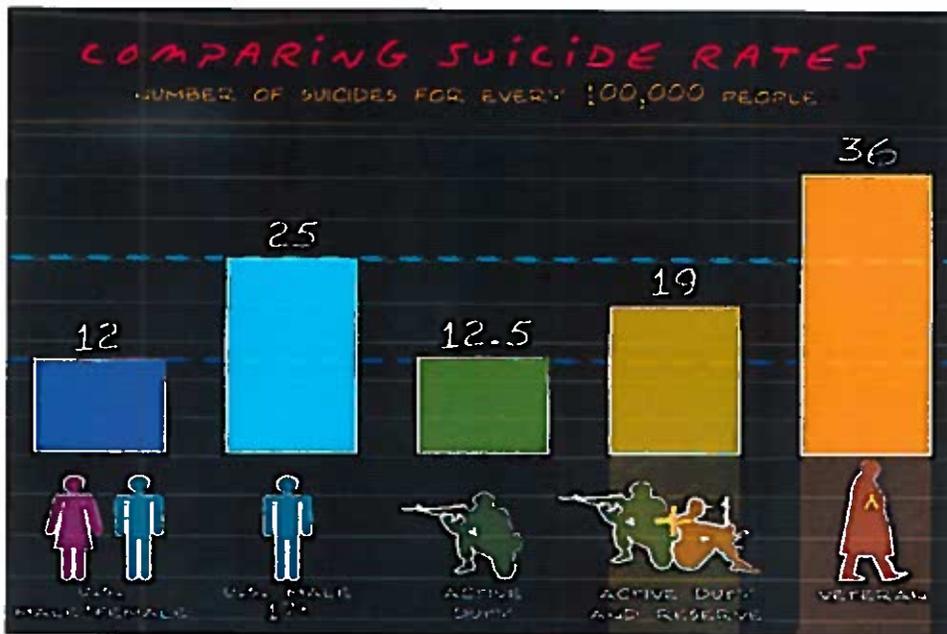
Richard P. Krupa, 54

VETERANS make up **7%** of the Population, but they account for **22%** of all suicides! Coming home for some doesn't mean their war is over; it means a new battle begins.

The Crisis of Suicide in our **WORKING AND MIDDLE AGED POPULATION**

Our Working and Middle Aged Population is the group with the highest rates of suicide. While there are a plethora of suicide prevention activities and research topics regarding suicide among teens, special populations and the elderly, there has been relatively little attention devoted to working and middle aged adults.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) analysis of U.S. suicide rates found sharp increases among certain population groups, including working and middle aged adults. **The suicide rate for men ages 35 to 64 years old increased more than 27 percent** in the last 10 years. **The suicide rate for women rose more than 31 percent.** Thirty-nine states registered a statistically significant increase in suicide rates among the middle aged. The West and the South had the highest rates.



People **35 to 64** account for about **57 % of suicides** in the U.S. We must begin to take action.

** The graphic above is a good representation of the relationship between the populations shown. The data varies slightly as it is from 2012, where most of the other data in this document is from 2014.

Many of these Georgians are **falling victim to trauma and PTSD** caused by working in positions that include protecting & serving our communities and our country.

THAT'S 349 SERVICE MEMBER SUICIDES IN 2012

A SERVICE MEMBER COMMITS SUICIDE EVERY DAY

A VETERAN COMMITS SUICIDE EVERY HOUR

THAT'S AROUND 8,000 VETERAN SUICIDES EVERY YEAR