

EVENT WILL INCLUDE:

-Free donations of clothing and household items to veterans in need.

(*Must show valid proof of service...i.e. VA card)

-Vendors

(*Anyone interested in hosting a table or booth, see below / reverse for contact information)

-Music/Poetry Readings

-Honored Guests

-Vigil Ceremony

..AND MORE!

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ABOUT N.V.L.B.

No Vet Left Behind, Inc. is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2009 by Mary Porter, a disabled veteran who has tirelessly carried out the "mission" of honoring and advocating for her fellow veterans long after her service in the U.S. Army was over.

The organization strives, in many ways, to re-establish "quality of life" for veterans in need, particularly those who are disabled, homeless, or struggling in any way. This is done through providing donations, support with claims, finding transitional housing, education and job placement, and otherwise by lending a compassionate ear to those who have so often been marginalized or minimized despite their honorable and selfless duty in service to our nation.

In addition, we actively work to raise and maintain awareness to the many issues that we and our fellow veterans face. Whether it is by public speaking engagements, meeting with politicians and members of the press, or through our bi-monthly newsletter (*The Warrior*TM) we make sure that the service and sacrifices of the veteran community, as a collective, is *never forgotten*.

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NO VET LEFT BEHIND, INC.
PRESENTS

OPERATION S.O.S.

("SAVE OUR SOLDIERS")

TO RAISE AWARENESS,

RESTORE HONOR,

AND

PROMOTE HEALING

BY

'STANDING-TO'

July 27, 2013

Veterans Memorial Park
Shelton, CT

8am-4pm

ABOUT OPERATION “S.O.S”

WHAT WE MEAN BY “SAVE”:

As of the most recent VA estimates, an average of *twenty-two* veterans or active-duty service-members take their own lives *every day* in the United States. Although this is widely known throughout veteran and military circles, we at *No Vet Left Behind, Inc.* believe it is time for *society* to be aware of the devastating toll that is being paid by our troops, particularly those returning from combat with PTSD, TBI, and/or MST. As such, we are issuing an “S.O.S.” call—which in times past was the signature call for “distress.”

Did you know?

More veterans of the Vietnam War have died as a result of self-inflicted wounds after the war

ended than *died in the war itself*. How did we allow this, as a nation, to happen? And, can we simply “stand by” and watch as it happens again to a new generation? Are these not, in their own way, *casualties of war*?

In addition, veterans of all generations also face staggering rates of homelessness, service-connected disabilities, and, as a result, struggle to maintain “quality of life.”

WHAT WE MEAN BY “SOLDIERS”:

Although the term “soldier” typically refers to a member of the U.S. Army or National Guard, the fact is, we honor ALL service-members—Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guard.

After all, the issues we veterans face as a “collective” affect us across *all* branches of service, regardless of rank or military experience (i.e. whether or not we have been in combat) so we see no distinction between all those who serve and sacrifice to defend the liberties we enjoy as U.S. citizens.

HOW WE PLAN TO ‘RESTORE HONOR’ and ‘PROMOTE HEALING’:

On July 27, 2013, we will be gathering to “stand-to*” at Veterans Memorial Park in Shelton. In other words, we will be joining together to remember those of our fellow veterans and members of the Armed Forces who we’ve lost along the way, to raise awareness for the struggles veterans like us continue to face, and otherwise to help and support those in need by providing everything from donated goods to a space to **reflect, share, and heal.**”

***** On July 27th, we will be proudly wearing (and distributing to all attendees so they can do the same) MAROON ARM BANDS in remembrance of all our brothers & sisters who we have lost to suicide, as well as to remind us that, tragically, we continue to lose 22 each day.***

*NOTE:

In military terms, “STANDING-TO” means to be “ON GUARD.”