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## **Every Three Days an Alabama Veteran Dies by Suicide!**

To help quell Alabama Veteran suicides, the need for a dedicated Veteran-oriented suicide prevention online portal is vital!

The Krulak Marine Alliance of Alabama (KMAA), is an action-oriented 501(c)(3) Veteran organization, that realized the need for a dedicated Alabama veteran suicide prevention portal. KMAA picked up the gauntlet, and created the first single-source place where Alabama Veterans and their loved ones could go to find a comprehensive source of consolidated emergency assistance, suicide information, and resources.

Launched in February 2019, our SPARE-a-Life™ initiative adds a new element to its Veteran suicide prevention arsenal. Coinciding with National (world) Suicide Prevention month, on September 10<sup>th</sup> (Suicide Prevention Day) KMAA will launch [www.vetforcemultiplier.org](http://www.vetforcemultiplier.org), a dedicated portal that offers a wide-ranging array of Veteran self-intervention, third-party support services, suicide information, resources, and prevention tools.

“It has been a long time coming, but now after a year of research and development, there is a dedicated Alabama Veteran suicide prevention portal. Our hopes are that Veterans across the state, and nation for that matter, will find an alternative to suicide, life itself.”  
Greg Garcia, KMAA President.

Believing *Isolation* from family, friends, and faith is central to a person taking his or her life, the “Vet Force Multiplier” website focuses on ending isolation by promoting camaraderie, renewing one’s faith, and providing understanding and resources to help circumvent suicide ideation.

- “Suicide prevention is a team effort; the rules are simple: Observe - Engage - Reverse suicidal thoughts.” says John O’Malley, KMAA Vice President, who oversees the SPARE-a-Life™ Veteran suicide prevention initiative.

VetForceMultiplier.org is a growing body of information, and we would encourage entities to contribute to our online Suicide Prevention Portal by submitting their resources online at: <https://vetforcemultiplier.org/resource-submission/>

Patriots who wish to support the SPARE a Life™ and Vet Force Multiplier™ initiatives and/or KMAA can do so by going to [www.KrulakMarines.org](http://www.KrulakMarines.org) or [www.VetForceMultiplier.org](http://www.VetForceMultiplier.org).

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