



**101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell
Fort Campbell, Kentucky 42223-5656**

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To the Leaders, Soldiers, Families, and Citizens of Fort Campbell

Yesterday Fort Campbell lost its ninth Soldier to suicide since February of this year. This Soldier was one of three individuals who took their lives over the past two weeks. This is unacceptable and it must stop. I want everyone associated with Fort Campbell to take pause, and to focus on what we can do as a community to reverse this trend.

As our Soldiers fight terrorism, the sacrifices asked of them and their Families have increased significantly. These sacrifices have been accepted with courage and commitment, and I am very proud of their contributions both at home and abroad. Regrettably, under such circumstances, it is natural for our people to feel the stress of these demands and to be overwhelmed at times. Tragically, these pressures too often end in suicide.

Suicide prevention has been a priority of Fort Campbell since I assumed command. In stressful times such as these, with so many pushed to the breaking point, it is vital that we ALL understand that we are not alone, and that EVERYONE has a role to play when it comes to suicide prevention. We have to make every effort to understand the people around us, to talk to them, and to get to know them on a personal level. Soldiers, civilians, spouses, and children must understand that they can talk through their difficulties. They must know that there is someone available to listen ... a chaplain, squad leader, supervisor, teacher, or simply a friend.

In the battle against suicide, knowledge is our main weapon. Understanding the signs of stress and depression, in yourself and others, can empower you to know when and how to seek help. Everyone should know the various agencies available to help identify and treat those who may be having suicidal thoughts. It is because of this, that I have directed every Soldier on Fort Campbell have a copy of the *Building Family Resiliency Tri-fold*. This is a great resource identifying agencies available at our Hospital. The digital copy of this Tri-fold is enclosed with this email and can also be obtained through your chain of command and at the Family Readiness Center (FRC).

Many suicides can be prevented. I expect everyone on Fort Campbell to take ownership of this problem for ourselves and those we care about. Working together we can make a difference and save lives. Air Assault!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Schloesser
Major General, US Army
Commanding

Resources for Treatment

Blanchfield Army Community Hospital Support Services

Other Treatment Resources

Adult Behavioral Health

Local Phone Number: (270)798-8802

Located in the hospital C Building on the 3rd floor of the hospital the Behavioral Health Department provides comprehensive mental health treatment to adult beneficiaries which includes medication and therapeutic intervention.

Army Substance Abuse Program

Local Phone Number: (270)798-8765

Located in building 7001 on Stands Alone Avenue in the 4th Brigade area the Army Substance Abuse Program provides substance abuse counseling to adult beneficiaries with medication management with group and individual counseling.

Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Service

Local Phone Number: (270)798-8437

Located in the bldg 2437 on 23rd Street across from the hospital the department provides counseling services for children ages 3-17 with medication and therapy as needed.

Behavioral Health Support Center

Local Phone Number: (270)798-8682

Located in building 2546 at the intersection of, 23rd and Kentucky Streets the department provides additional psychiatric counseling for active duty troops .

Social Work Services

Local Phone: (270)798-8601

Located in building 2523 on 2nd Street off of Indiana Social work services provides assessment and counseling services for victims, offenders and families of child abuse/neglect and spouse abuse. Services are also offered to families "at risk" for incidents of domestic violence. Services include individual, family and group therapy to address anger control, communication skills, relationship enhancement and parenting skills.

Family Advocacy

Local Phone Number: (270)798-8601

Marriage and Family Therapists

Local Phone Number: (270)798-8601

Hospital Based Social Workers

Local Phone Number: (270)798-8601

BACH Warrior Transition Battalion

Local Phone Number: (270) 956-0533

Hospital Chaplain

Local Phone Number: (270)798-8777

Chaplains provides spiritual counseling, grief support, and individual support in addition to assisting support groups for Families and Soldiers.

101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Providers

Local Phone Number (270)798-4677

Wounded Soldiers and Family Hotline

National Number: (800)984-8523

Military One Source

National Number: (800)342-9647

Provides an array of resources and confidential counseling to beneficiaries at no cost for up to 6 visits, ideally suited for relationship issues, anger or grief management, and other counseling.
www.militaryonesource.com

Healthnet Federal Services (TRICARE)-

National Number: (877)TRICARE

Provides mental health counseling to beneficiaries. The first eight behavioral health outpatient visits per fiscal year from a TRICARE network provider without a referral from their primary care manager. After the first eight visits, a TRICARE Prime beneficiary must receive prior authorization for care.

Poison Support

Middle Tennessee Poison Center: (800)288-9999
KY Regional Poison Center: (800)222-1222

Child Abuse and Neglect

Fort Campbell Abuse reporting (270)798-8601
Kentucky Abuse Hotline (800)752-6200
Tennessee Abuse Hotline (877)237-0004/0026
Domestic Abuse Hotline (800)799-7223

Rape and Sexual Assault Support

Rape & Sexual Abuse Center (931)647-3632
Tennessee Rape and Sexual Assault (800)879-1999
Sanctuary Rape Crisis Center (270)887-6200
Sanctuary, Inc. (800)766-0000

National Helpline Network (800)784-2433

Clarksville Crisis Hotline: (931)-648-1000