TALMNSC Meeting Minutes, 18 Apr23, 1730-1830 hours

Zoom Meeting

Present:

Laura Stumvoll, Community Engagement and Partnerships Coordinator, St. Cloud VA

Andrea Perry, Community Engagement and Partnerships Coordinator, Mpls VA

Dave Dahl, Commander 4th District

Paul Orson, 8 & 10 Vice- Commander

Gary Olson, 6 & 9th Vice-Commander

Rev. Kelley Adelsman, MN DEPT Chaplain

Krysta Stanenas, MNDVA Veteran Suicide Prevention Liaison

Agenda: Introductions of those present were made

Promote Save Training: Post 621 Augusta -

28Apr23 - Post 39, N. St. Paul, 10-1230 to be open to VFW, American Legion and First Responders who have had a recent death and our experiencing heightened emotions over the loss reported Andrea Perry.

St. Cloud Event/Rox Stadium

30Jun23 – Vet Resource Expo continues to be worked on. Will start at 5pm, game starts at 6pm. Table & tents, about 100,000 people expected to be present, Rox will have some signed baseballs. There will also be a pitch hitter program; American Legion, DAV, CVSO Table

Next Meeting: 16May23 at 11am

Gary Olson reported the Fargo Vet Event, 20Jun23 – this is a yearly event

TALMF-SPC Awareness Walk – Andrea led discussion around the possibility of scheduling this walk. Further discussion of the MNAL wants to piggy back a walk at one of the scheduled Department events.

MDVA Suicide Awareness & Prevention Day, 7 Oct 23 – Krysta reported on this walk. Would the coalition, a post or Dept want to participate in this walk? Krysta collecting data and would like any to reach out to her if they would like to participate

Military Mental Health Conference, 28Apr 23 – shared that this year’s theme was “Make it Okay”. There are some scholarships available if anyone want to attend. Contact Laura

Angst Showing, St. Cloud Library, 15May23 – Laura shared that the anxiety levels are high after the recent killing of a service office/first responder.

Suicide deaths expected to be more this year.

Action Items

1. Does the MNAL want to have a table at any of the St. Cloud Rox baseball games?
2. Does the Coalition want to participate in the 7Oct23 MDVA Suicide Awareness Walk?

Submitted by Rev. Kelley Adelsman, MNAL Chaplain