

Flags for Forgotten Soldiers



Flags for Forgotten Soldiers was founded by Howard Berry in memory of his son, SSG Joshua Berry, who died by suicide on February 13, 2013. SSG Joshua Berry suffered from PTSD after serving in Afghanistan and after witnessing the Fort Hood shooting on November 5, 2009. After the loss of his son, Howard and his family became one of 660 families who lose a veteran to suicide every month in our country. The mission of Flags for Forgotten Soldiers is to organize displays in each of the fifty states . The display of 660 flags that remains standing for one month is a visual reminder of the veteran lives we lose every month. It is our hope that this display will raise awareness of veteran suicide and that that awareness will grow into additional help for our veterans. Although our Goal is to someday be at zero Veteran Suicides each month, we are pleased that our numbers have gone down over the past few years and we are now at an average of 532 per month, so we will be displaying that number in the Fremont Veterans Park.

Located at: 1630 E Military Avenue, Fremont NE 68025

Help us continue this fight and keep getting the awareness of the support for our Veterans Out there.

Fremont Flags for Forgotten Soldiers

1pm, Sunday, October 6th

Fremont Veterans Park



Nebraska Flags for Forgotten Soldiers

In 2018; Meredith Smith brought Flags for Forgotten Soldiers to Fremont after losing her father, Allen Way (Fremont High School Class of 1964) to suicide in August of 2017. Al, a Vietnam veteran, struggled with PTSD, had been diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury and after death was diagnosed with Stage 3 Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE).

With the help of the Avenue of Flags team, everyone at Veteran's Park, and a wonderful group of volunteers, Flags for Forgotten Soldiers was displayed for the first time in Fremont in 2018.

This year will be our 7th year with this program with 532 Veterans still struggling and taking their lives each Month. The Veterans Park and Avenue of Flags committee will continue this until the day we have zero Veteran Suicides.

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