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AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS, INC LAUNCHES NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR MILITARY SUICIDE AWARENESS

WASHINGTON, DC -- American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. is launching a national campaign for military suicide awareness with a walk-a-thon in Washington, DC on Saturday, September 23rd.

The walk-a-thon begins at 8:00 AM in front of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial located at 150 Washington Ave SW. It covers 2.2 miles to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, at 5 Henry Bacon Drive NW, and concludes with a wreath laying ceremony at 11:30 AM at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The public is welcome, and invited to attend and participate!

AGSM has approximately 1,000 members nationwide. Departments and chapters are being challenged to partner with organizations in their area to bring awareness to this national crisis. On a national level, members are asked to reach out to grassroots organizations who provide a broad range of services to veterans including counseling, recreational therapy, and/or service dogs.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an average of 22 of our service members and veterans die by suicide daily. More information about military suicide can be found at www.va.gov.

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. (AGSM, Inc.) is a national veterans' service organization (501c3) based in Washington, DC whose mission is "*to perpetuate the noble principles for which our sons and daughters fought and died*". For more information, visit www.goldstarmoms.com.

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