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**Department of Military
and Veterans Affairs**



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and Delinquency**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: MONDAY IN CUMBERLAND
COUNTY – DMVA, PCCD to Host Suicide Prevention
Roundtable in Observance of National Suicide Prevention
Month**

Wormleysburg, PA – On Monday, the **Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA)**, in partnership with the **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)**, will host a suicide prevention roundtable, bringing together veteran mental health advocates and legislators to discuss the growing suicide epidemic across the Commonwealth's veteran population.

Additionally, representatives from both the **Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS)** and **Pennsylvania National Guard** will join DMVA and PCCD delegates at the roundtable discussion.

In 2022, male veterans over age 35 experienced increased suicide rates, while females aged 18-34 had the highest suicide rates among their peers. The firearm suicide rate among female veterans was 144.4% higher than female non-veterans. For males, it was 69.6% higher, demonstrating a persistent and elevated risk.

Pennsylvania is home to nearly 650,000 veterans, with nearly 17,000 residing in Cumberland County. The adjacent Perry, Dauphin, York, Adams and Franklin counties are home to over 60,000 total veterans.

WHAT: DMVA & PCCD Suicide Prevention Roundtable

WHEN: Monday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m. to noon

WHERE: American Legion of Pennsylvania Headquarters, 800 N. Front St., Wormleysburg, PA 17043

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NOTE: Commonwealth Media Services will livestream the roundtable discussion and distribute video through [PAcast](#) after the event.