

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Stop 22 is a partnership initiative between the Department of NY Veterans of Foreign Wars and one of the nation's leading health and well-being companies HUMANA to increase awareness of Veterans committing suicide – 22 each day.

On Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the Department of NY Fall Conference and at every Post in the Department and throughout the month of October, VFW and Auxiliary members will take the opportunity for a 22-minute walk/run to increase public awareness on veteran suicide. HUMANA will donate \$1,500 as a sponsorship donation to the project.

Each Post and/or Auxiliary that desires to participate will register participants on the enclosed sheet and collect \$1.00 per participant, a portion of which will go to the Commander's Special Projects in support of Higher Ground and Alliance 180 that work to remediate symptoms of PTSD and MST and a monetary award to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Post who best promotes awareness in the community of the tragedy of veteran suicide.

\$500.00 to First Place Post/Auxiliary

\$250.00 to Second Place Post/Auxiliary

\$100.00 to Third Place Post/Auxiliary

Registration sheet, photographs and other supporting materials must be submitted to Department HQ by November 15, 2023, to be considered for the contest. Each post at the Fall Conference will be considered an individual entrant so bring as many members as you like to boost your Post's chances of winning and increasing the numbers in support of suicide awareness. Participants in the walk will need NOT be VFW or Auxiliary members – the public is invited and encouraged to participate!