

Vets 4 Veterans and BLUE Families

“Start the Conversation”

Family Involvement and Difficult Conversations

June 11, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, IL



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MAJ. GEN. MUKOYAMA JR. SPEAKS ON PTSD VS MORAL INJURY AT VETS 4 VETERANS' and BLUE FAMILIES

(Crystal Lake, IL) Family involvement and difficult conversations are the core of the Vets 4 Veterans' and BLUE Families event on Saturday, June 11th hosted by American Legion Post 171. Veterans and their families are invited to "Start the Conversation" 9 am to 5 pm, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 Pathway Ct., Crystal Lake.

Major General James H. Mukoyama Jr., a nationally recognized expert will speak on Unmasking the Truth about PTSD versus Moral Injury. Professional Speaker Ashley Jordan and her husband, Medevac Helicopter Pilot Aaron Kinney will present on Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS). Speakers from RUSH University Hospital Road Home, Veterans Path to Hope, and VA Lovell will present on PTSD as well as Suicide Prevention. Christy Lister of BLUE H.E.L.P. and Tiffany Wells, Mrs. Illinois will engage First Responders in conversation. BraveHearts and Veterans R & R will provide equine therapy demonstrations.

"We will start conversations to let folks know they are not alone," stated Bob Dorn, Vice Commander of American Legion Post 171 and organizer of the event. "National statistics on Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) among veterans indicate epidemic proportions. And, an average of 20 veterans per day lose their life to suicide in the United States."

The gathering tent for veterans and spouses, called Coffee Café, will continue the conversation. Children will have their own tent with games and activities to include a petting zoo. More than 30 partner agencies will have booths at the event to offer help and hope through local resources.

Live music will be performed, and STAR 105.5 FM Radio will have a live remote.

Motorcycles will be on display from Woodstock Harley Davidson. Classic cars will be shown. JA Frate will have their Fallen Heroes Semi-trailer on display at the entrance by Route 14 and

Teckler Blvd.. Food trucks will offer a variety of menus. .

Vets 4 Veterans' Families is free to all veterans. Details available from Bob Dorn at rdorn2@gmail.com, or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionCrystalLake>.