## Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Connecticut Veterans and Family Support September 2023 Judith Barnes, Chairman

## SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH What can we do as an Auxiliary and as an individual? Utilize these and other resources!

- 1) Download and print the 'VA S.A.V.E. Training Supporting Our Veterans' sheet and distribute it to members.

  https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide\_prevention/docs/VA\_SAVE\_Training.pdf
- 2) Download and read the 'VA Suicide Prevention Tool Kit for Caregivers'. This 28-page guide includes a Veteran Safety Plan Template. <a href="https://www.caregiver.va.gov/pdfs/VA-Suicide-Prevention-Toolkit-for-Caregivers.pdf">https://www.caregiver.va.gov/pdfs/VA-Suicide-Prevention-Toolkit-for-Caregivers.pdf</a>
- 3) Take the 'VA S.A.V. E. Training Course'. This is a free video designed with PsychArmor Institute to help viewers learn how to identify Veterans who may be at risk for suicide. <a href="https://learn.psycharmor.org/courses/va-save">https://learn.psycharmor.org/courses/va-save</a>
- 4) START THE CONVERSATION, AND OFFER SUPPORT!
- 5) Remember the numbers below, and give them out freely.



or Text <u>838255</u>

or 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

"Remember Your Why" "Banding Together for Our Veterans"