

For Immediate Release

Veterans invite the entire community to participate in a Massive Multi Cultural Drum Event "To Beat-Out Suicide"

December 21st is the Winter Solstice: the longest night of the year. Sadly, it is also a peak time for suicide.

Central Utah Veterans want to do something good about this. Thanks to the leadership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Max De St Jeor post 8376 and the Provo Towne Centre in Provo, **we invite everyone to bring out their drums, pans, and buckets and participate in a life altering suicide prevention happening.**

December 21, 2022 12 noon to 9 p.m.

Provo Towne Centre, Town Centre Blvd. Provo, UT

We have invited drummers from every culture we can reach to help create a spirit of Community Unity at this massive

Multi Cultural Drum Event

"To Beat Out Suicide"

We have invited:

- Taiko Drummers from Japan
- Polynesians
- Hispanic, Chilean, Mexican
- Indian from the Shri Shri Radha Krishna Temple in Spanish Fork
- African American
- Drum lines from every school and university in Utah cooperating rather than competing for a change
- Native Americans from the Ute nation

It seems that we all look different on the outside, but on the inside we are just the same. We all love drumming!

The Vets have also invited suicide prevention teams from Wasatch Mental Health, Utah State University, the UVU Veteran Success Center, the National Alliance for Mental Illness, (NAMI), the Gail Halvorsen Veterans Center, and the George E. Whalen Veterans Affairs Hospital, Also invited are Governor Spencer Cox, The Utah Department of Multi Cultural Affairs, LiveOnUtah, the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs and Provo Mayor Michelle Kaufusi.

If you have questions or comments please call or text Andrew Wilson at 801 380-5886 or email utahvet@gmail.com. If you or your drum group would like to perform between noon and 7 pm please call or text 801 380-5886 or email utahvet@gmail.com to reserve your time. **Limited time slots left.**

We encourage everyone to bring their drums, bucket, bells, pot or pan to join in this celebration of hope from 7 pm till 9 pm. All are welcome. Drum with us. Give Hope to the hopeless. Stop suicide!