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National Commander Troiola to Congress: Apply ‘Pact’ to stop suicides.

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“Calling for Congress to apply the same urgency toward stopping veteran suicide as it did toward passage of the PACT Act last year, National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola laid out The American Legion’s legislative priorities before a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans’ Affairs committees Wednesday morning.

After praising Congress for passing the landmark legislation which opened benefits to millions of veterans exposed to environmental toxins, Troiola reminded lawmakers about the words associated with the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act.

“‘Pact,’ ‘promise’ and ‘honor’ are terms we must also urgently apply to the epidemic of veteran suicide,” Troiola said. “The American Legion’s ‘Be the One’ initiative, which raises awareness about the problem and seeks to destigmatize asking for help, is our organization’s highest priority today.

To us, suicide prevention is a pact we share with our friends and comrades of military service, a promise from each of us in The American Legion to ‘Be the One’ to save at least one other veteran from suicide.”

By John Raughter

As an auxiliary member, we “Thank” our veterans for their service, “Welcome” home to our Vietnam veterans. Now, we should ask “How are you? Do you need help? We do care? Of course, we do! Refer him/her to a Legionnaire or a veteran’s service officer to assist them.

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