PROJECT NEW HOPE

The mission of Project New Hope is to provide all combat veterans and their families the education, training and skills, at a retreat in a relaxed rural setting that elevates their ability to manage life experience. Project New hope is free to soldiers and their families. No one is turned away. The camp locations are rural, pristine and private for a relaxed environment. Sessions are based on the veterans need and pace. Child care is provided so couples can focus on session time. Licensed professional counselors are 100% volunteer and available 24/7.

Why do Lions feel a need for this project?
- 50% of the more than 1.6 million troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan have been deployed twice or more.
- 2 out of 3 veterans that require some form of help are not getting or seeking help.
- Suicide rates for veterans age 20-24 are 400% greater than their civilian counterparts.
- Recent military study shows that 75% of all suicides are the result of a failed relationship once the solder returns home.
- Veterans that have died by suicide now out number the number of combat veterans killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan combined.
- Statistics say every 40 minutes a soldier tries to commit suicide. Every 80 minutes a soldier does commit suicide.
- Many veterans may be in denial or not recognize issues resulting from their time of service. Family members can be encouraging and supportive in seeking help for themselves and their soldier. They come home to "normal" life…that is often a "new normal".

Although, many of these statistics are based on Iraq and Afghanistan soldiers, this program is available for all veterans; including Korean and Vietnam veterans.

Please share this information with family members, clergy, medical provides, counselors, American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc. and help Lions spread the word to our veterans who may be suffering. For more information on Project New Hope go to:
www.ProjectNewHope.net

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