

Stop Soldier Suicide Appoints Chris Ford President and Chief Executive Officer

New executive brings decades of leadership experience and unparalleled passion to helping military-connected families.

RALEIGH, NC, UNITED STATES, January 8, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Stop Soldier Suicide today announced that the Organization's Board of Directors has appointed Chris Ford as President and Chief Executive Officer. As of today, he has assumed day-to-day leadership of the Organization. Ford, a 20-year Air Force veteran and founder of the National Association of Veteran-Serving Organizations (NAVSO), brings decades of leadership experience and unparalleled passion to helping military-connected families. Brian E. Kinsella, Stop Soldier Suicide's co-founder, has stepped down from his role as Chief Executive Officer and has been named Executive Chairman. Kinsella will also continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors.



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“It has been a tremendous honor to serve as the CEO of Stop Soldier Suicide since founding the organization and I am incredibly proud of everything our team has accomplished together over the last eight years,” said Kinsella. “We’ve made meaningful progress in building a community and a foundation to scale our capabilities to help service members, veterans, and military families.”

“The Board and I are confident that Chris is the right person to build on this momentum,” Kinsella continued.

“He is a seasoned leader with significant experience working across the veteran community and operating organizations at scale. We are lucky to have him as our next CEO.”

Before joining Stop Soldier Suicide, Ford served as the founder and CEO of NAVSO, the nation's only association focused on improving the veteran-serving marketplace to improve the lives of veterans and military families. “I couldn't be more excited about the opportunities in front of this team at Stop Soldier Suicide,” said Ford. “We have a clear but complex mission: saving the lives of veterans. The assembled team, including staff and board members, are passionate about driving down the high rates of veteran suicide. We're all in to do whatever it takes to change this unacceptable reality.”

Nick Black, Vice-Chairman of the Board added “After a 12-month search, we have no doubt Chris is the guy to lead Stop Soldier Suicide and the veteran community to see a day in which veterans

no longer face such a high risk of suicide.”

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About Stop Soldier Suicide: Founded in 2010, Stop Soldier Suicide is the first veteran-led nonprofit focused on preventing military and veteran suicide. The organization empowers the military community by providing resources and support to all service members and their families through a comprehensive network of individuals and organizations that meet the complex needs of the community. Its resource center staff is capable of anticipating and mitigating suicide risk factors, promoting resiliency, inspiring hope, and encouraging personal growth. Stop Soldier Suicide is a registered 501(c)3 organization and a Platinum GuideStar™ nonprofit headquartered in Raleigh, NC. For more information or to support their work, visit www.stopsoldiersuicide.org or follow Stop Soldier Suicide on Facebook.

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