



American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

Indian River County Chapter

Chartered February 19, 2019
Installed April 13, 2019
Chapter Headquarters
Vero Beach, Florida 32963

Chapter President
Michelle Dale

Vice President, Roma Anderson
Secretary/Treasurer, Diana D'Angelo
Chaplain Tammy Thurber
Laura Clement, Historian

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 20, 2019

CONTACT: Michelle Dale
PHONE: 570-885-2811

REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP NOW OPEN FOR
1ST ANNUAL WALK-A-THON FOR MILITARY SUICIDE AWARENESS
PRESENTED BY AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS, INC., INDIAN RIVER COUNTY CHAPTER

VERO BEACH, FL – Registration and sponsorship is now open for the first Walk-A-Thon for Military Suicide Awareness on November 16, 2019. American Gold Star Mothers (AGSM), Inc. Indian River Chapter will be hosting this event to benefit Mental Health Association, Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County and Dogs For Life, Inc. These Indian River County organizations champion the prevention of military suicide through counseling for PTSD. Registration and activities will be located at Walking Tree Brewery, 3209 Dodger Road, Vero Beach FL 32960. Registration is available online at www.ircgoldstarmoms.org or begins at 9:00 a.m. on day of event. Participation is \$30 per person and includes a T-shirt and bracelet. Sponsorship information is also available online at www.ircgoldstarmoms.org or by contacting Michelle Dale. Sponsorship offerings close October 23, 2019.

This event is a 2-hour repeating 2k-lap walk to represent the 22 suicide deaths a day by our military service members as a result of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) or other service related conditions. The public is invited to attend and participate. Activities will include East Harbor Band, KONA ICE, food trucks, TCJC Jeep Display, Patriotic Art Auction American Legion Riders bike display, and informational booths. This is a family-friendly event.

To pre-register or for more information visit www.ircgoldstarmoms.org or contact Michelle Dale by e-mail at michdaleircgoldstarmoms@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook at **Indian River County American Gold Star Mothers** for event updates.

AGSM, Inc. Indian River County Chapter was founded by Michelle Dale and received its charter from National President Becky Christmas on February 19, 2019. JoAnn Maitland, National Service Officer, installed the chapter on April 13, 2019.

AGSM, Inc. has approximately 1,000 members nationwide. Departments and chapters are being challenged to partner with organizations in their area to bring awareness to the national crisis of military suicide. Our chapter has accepted this challenge to partner with organizations throughout Indian River County and its neighboring cities to bring awareness to this national crisis. By working with grassroots organizations who provide a broad range of services to veterans, including but not limited to counseling, therapy and service dogs, our hope and goal is to drastically reduce and maybe someday eradicate the average of 22 per day suicide deaths of our veterans and service members. (For more information about military suicides visit www.va.gov.)

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. is a national veterans' service organization (501c3) based in Washington, DC whose mission is "to perpetuate the noble principles for which our sons and daughters fought and died". For more information, visit www.goldstarmoms.com.

###