



The Matthew Patton Foundation (MPF)

The Matthew Patton Foundation (MPF) is a nonprofit organization cofounded by John and Lynn Patton after their son SGT Matthew Patton, a Bristol resident, died by suicide on May 13, 2013. Matthew served five years with one year in Afghanistan. He faced horrific experiences, and consequently, developed multiple psychological disorders for which he did not receive appropriate care in a timely manner.

MPF provides education and advocacy using a public health model to achieve its mission and goals. We gather information from Service members about their experiences with the military mental health system, which we use to fulfill our goal to improve services. Early intervention with evidence-based care is key so psychological problems are appropriately treated, which ultimately makes suicide a less viable option.

MPF personnel take no salary. Your donation will fund our anonymous website and trips for suicide prevention talks where we speak about how Matthew's suicide has affected us and provide education to end stigma so more Service members seek help. See matthewpattonfoundation.org for more information.

Suicide rates have increased dramatically to 550 per year (rounded up), which is over 100 lives lost than the prior year for Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserves. We have lost too many precious service members and gained too many devastated families. We need to do more and with help from friends like you, we will!

Thank you for considering MPF for your donation. We are a 501(c)3 organization (EIN 47-3599680), so your donation is tax deductible.

Please send donations to:

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