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## Biden Emboldened: 'I'm Going to Ban Assault Weapons!'

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## Federal Judge Agrees w/ Biden's DOJ: No Guns for Pot Smokers

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## Expect Background Check Delays As New Federal Gun Control Rolls Out

And .....

## Learning to Shoot a Handgun with a Red Dot: Simple but not Easy

**BEARING ARMS**

## Study: 1 out of 179 Americans Will be a Murder Victim

*The object of life is not to be on the side of the majority, but to escape finding oneself in the ranks of the insane. —*

**Marcus Aurelius**

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife is opening applications for "exceptional shooters" to cull elk at Great Sand Dunes National Park and National Wildlife Refuge. Volunteers must pass a shooting test to qualify. - *from Axios.com*

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Pew Research Center

## **The Changing Face of America's Veteran Population**

This piece was received ON Veterans Day, so it missed publication in the November 11 version of *Potshots*. Several results of a study taken by Pew stood out, so were felt to be important enough to publish in this issue.

America's first true military fought in the Revolutionary War against the English. About three (3) percent of the population at the time participated in the military, hence the name III Percenters, which has taken on an entirely new meaning over the years since then. Today, less than 10% of the total U.S. adult population are veterans (about 19 million).

Gulf War vets account for the largest percentage (7.8 million), taking over first place from Vietnam vets (5.9 million) in 2016. About 933,000 served in Korea, and about 240,000 World War II vets are still living. Those who served through several eras were included in the numbers for their earliest era.

In all, 78% of veterans served during wartime, while the remaining 22% served during peacetime.

Veterans numbered about 7% of the U.S. adult population in 2018, down from 18% in 1980. Active duty numbers also dropped significantly, from about 3.5 million in 1968 during the Draft that ended in 1973 to about 1.4 million in today's all-volunteer military. Today's numbers are less than 1% of the adult population, and by 2046, the number of vets is expected to decrease another 35%, to about 12.5 million men and women.

Men make up 89% of the current veteran rolls, with women making up the remainder. The number of women is expected to go up to about 18% by 2046. Female veterans will increase from about 2 million today to about 2.2 million in 2046, while males will decrease from 17 million today to about 10.3 million in 2046.

In the current Congress, 17% of lawmakers in both houses had prior military experience. The highest numbers for the Senate came in 1975 at 81%, while House members peaked in 1967 at 75%.

Read the complete report here:

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/04/05/the-changing-face-of-americas-veteran-population/>

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## HOW YOU CAN BE THE ONE

**What:** The American Legion's Be the One initiative encourages American Legion Family members, veterans, servicemembers and others to take action when they believe a veteran is at risk of suicide.

**Why:** To reduce the alarming number of veteran suicides.

**How:** Our goal is to destigmatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can Be the One.

### Who:

#### Veterans

- Talk with fellow veterans about how you are feeling.
- Ask for help when you think you need it.
- Know there are millions of people ready to help you.
- Remember your family and friends care.

#### Non-veterans

- Ask veterans in your life how they are doing.
- Listen when a veteran needs to talk.
- Reach out when a veteran is struggling.

#### American Legion posts

- Educate members, other veterans and civilians on the campaign.
- Display resources at your post or in your community.
- Share events or success stories at [legiontown.org](http://legiontown.org).

## RESOURCES

**American Legion support:** Stories, videos and promotional items related to this initiative are available for posts, members and others. Visit [betheone.org](http://betheone.org)

**For urgent help:** Veterans experiencing a crisis can call **988** and press **1** for mental health assistance. Counselors are available 24/7. They may also text **838255** or visit the VA crisis line website [veteranscrisisline.net](http://veteranscrisisline.net)



# We can all Be the One

Here's how veterans and civilians can help reduce the rate of veteran suicide.



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[legion.org](http://legion.org)



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OPERATION IRON RUCK



VETS 4 VETERANS

## HOW AMERICAN LEGION POSTS ARE LEADING THE WAY

American Legion posts and members are raising awareness about PTSD and veteran suicide by providing resources, hope and camaraderie for those at risk.

### VETS 4 VETERANS

**Who:** American Legion Post 171, Crystal Lake, Ill.

**What:** The day-long event, which debuted in 2021, connects local veterans to dozens of local service providers that offer different resources related to mental wellness.

**Impact:** More than 100 veterans turned out for the most recent event. By connecting these veterans directly with service providers, the nonprofits are able to assist more veterans and, in turn, veterans are able to receive the help they need.

### 2.2 FOR HEROES

**Who:** American Legion Burrows-Young Post 114, Volga, S.D.

**What:** A 2.2 for Heroes event was held at the Volga Veterans Memorial where participants walked, ran, biked, roller bladed or even rode a motorized scooter, for 2.2 miles. When participants crossed the finish line, they received a dog tag that featured the American flag, 2.2 for Heroes and the Legion emblem.

**Impact:** In its inaugural event, the post rallied its community to raise \$7,000 toward local programs that assist veterans in crisis.

### OPERATION IRON RUCK

**Who:** American Legion Department of Alabama

**What:** The department supports student veterans who ruck 151 miles for the Operation Iron Ruck, leading up to the annual Alabama-Auburn football game in November. Each participant carries rucks weighing between 17

and 22 pounds, representing the estimated number of veterans who die by suicide daily.

**Impact:** In 2021, an American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors grant paid for the items in the rucks. After the march, those items – toiletries, socks and other comfort items – were distributed to homeless veterans.

### BIGFOOT SCAVENGER HUNT

**Who:** American Legion Post 4, Billings, Mont.

**What:** After a friend's death by suicide, Legionnaire Jim Clark created Post 4's Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt for Halloween. Each of the 12 stops provided community resources for veterans who may not know where to go for help.

**Impact:** The inaugural event educated about 30 participants. "They all came up to me, gave me hugs and said, 'Jim, we had a blast. We learned a ton about what veteran resources are available in our community. We're going to tell everybody we know about it.'"

# Upcoming “Holidays” to Look Forward To

## **November**

November 1-30: National Novel Writing Month

November 19: International Men’s Day

November 20: Universal Children’s Day

November 21: World Hello Day

November 24: Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday of November)

November 25: National Day of Listening (the day after Thanksgiving)

November 26: National Cake Day

November 27: Small Business Saturday (Last Saturday of November)

November 29: Electronic Greeting Card Day

November 30: Computer Security Day

## **December**

December 1: World AIDS Day

December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 4: National Cookie Day

December 5: World Soil Day

December 6: Microwave Oven Day

December 8: Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day

December 9: National Salesperson Day (Second Friday of December)

December 10: Human Rights Day

December 10: Nobel Prize Day

December 11: International Mountain Day

December 21: Crossword Puzzle Day

December 21: First Day of Winter (Varies between December 20-23 each year)

December 27: No Interruptions Day

December 31: New Year’s Eve

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