



Operation Shockwave

*Leading and Empowering Veterans to Choose Life and
Become Examples of Success in their Community*

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About Us

Operation Shockwave began operations in September of 2017. It is based out of the East Valley Veteran's Education Center in Tempe, AZ and provides services to all military service members and veterans in the Phoenix Metro Area of Maricopa County, AZ.

It was created out of the passion to help our nation's warriors become successful in all aspects of life. The epidemic of veteran suicide has found itself at the forefront of many movements, but the country is still scrambling to find a way to effectively combat the issue. No fewer than one veteran is lost to suicide each day in Arizona; veterans account for one-third of the overall suicides in the state. On a national level, veterans make up 7% of the total population yet account for over 20% of the overall suicide rate.

Operation Shockwave is led by a Marine Corps combat veteran who overcame extreme suicidal behavior, understands the tactics used on the battlefield and finds ways to use those same tactics here at home. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, guilt, shame, rage, addiction, etc., are all covered under one name... the enemy. There is no reason this enemy cannot be defeated using the same tactics and strategies that allow the nation's warriors to be victorious on the physical battlefield.

Operation Shockwave's programs are designed to bring the familiarity of military culture, jargon and traditions to the battle fought at home. Veterans of Operation Shockwave are guided to rediscover their **IDENTITY**, find a **MISSION**, discover and become proficient with their **WEAPONS**, know who their active **SUPPORT** is, to understand their **ENEMY**, to remember their **TRAINING** and to never become complacent as they press forward in victory.

Testimonials

Post 9/11 Army Veteran:

"Last year when I met you I was in the darkest and hardest spot I've been in ever. I had little to no hope of the future and after you helped me fix my motorcycle and gave me some great advice, things just started turning around for me. As of now I have my own townhouse, I have a new car and a job that I've been at for a year. You have no idea how much our meeting and [conversations] meant to me, but as I sit on top of the world I just wanted to say thank you for all that you've done for me."

Post 9/11 USMC Veteran:

"Your gift over the holidays lifted a huge burden off our family's shoulders and the kids had an amazing spirit-filled Christmas. My family owes you a debt of gratitude for your selfless gift and helping to make this a very memorable holiday!"

Gulf War Army Veteran:

"Thank you for the generous donation of food and hygiene products. I welcome the assistance you have brought into my life and I am finally making myself a priority. I am at your disposal if you ever need help with others."

Post 9/11 Army Veteran:

"I've passed two more tests in school and I'm [excelling] in class! I've been praying a lot and I'm staying sober too. I want to start giving back. If it wasn't for you guys I would not be here today. Thank you!"

Veteran Leadership Unit

Motivated, capable and available military service members and veterans attend a 16-hour training class for: Suicide Prevention, Crisis Intervention, Communication, Emotional Freedom Technique, Mentorship and using familiar military training to be successful in their lives now.

Once trained as Veteran Team Leaders, they are then ready to lead and empower other service members and veterans who are struggling to find hope and success in their lives. “Battle buddy” relationships are formed as we all engage in life together as a family.

Veteran Team Leaders who are interested also are trained further to become part of a Crisis Response Team. This team responds to veterans in crisis and provides follow-up services to ensure success in the veteran’s life.



Hold Your Position:

An Introduction to Suicide Prevention in the Veteran Community

FREE and available to all members of the community to come together and listen to personal experiences and gain knowledge about how to be effective in the fight against veteran suicide.

This three-hour introduction, given multiple times throughout the year, provides basic skills and knowledge given by the Operation Shockwave Crisis Response Team and includes: Emotional Freedom Technique, Tactics to Overcome PTSD, Communication Styles and more. The introduction is followed up with additional seminars that provide more in-depth teaching and hands-on practical application.



Veteran In Need Fund

This program is funded through community donations, 100% of which go to military service members or veterans in need of financial assistance for issues, such as (but not limited to):

- groceries and household Items
- clothing and blankets
- rental assistance
- utility bills, and
- transportation

Each year for the holidays we will provide military and veteran families with holiday dinners, as well as gifts for their children.



Meet The Team



Founder/Executive Director - Andrew Jones

Andrew is a Marine Corps combat veteran of the Iraq War, author of *Healing the Warrior Heart* and a member of the AZ Veteran's Hall of Fame Class of 2017. He has volunteered with several organizations, founded Operation Shockwave in 2017 and is a leader in the veteran community. He continues to share his story of success over suicide and leads other veterans to find true joy and success in their lives. Contact Andrew by phone or email at 480-259-1212 and ajones@operationshockwave.org



Suicide Prevention Trainer of Trainers - Sande Roberts, MA

Sande Roberts has worked in the crisis and behavioral health field for over twenty-five years. She has a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and is a certified Master Trainer in suicide prevention and Master Trainer for Personality Lingo communication styles. She is the author of *We Need To Talk About Suicide*, teaches Psychology at Phoenix College and serves on the Operation Shockwave Advisory Committee. Contact Sande by email at sanderoberts@mac.com



Veteran Leadership Trainer - Cassandra (CaS) Facciponti, MSM MA

CaS is an Army combat veteran of the war in Afghanistan and alumni of the United States Military Academy at West Point. After leaving the military, she worked at the Pentagon, taught at West Point and headed security for the National Basketball Association. She currently is pursuing a Doctorate in Naturopathy and serves the veteran community by training leaders for Operation Shockwave and serving on its Advisory Committee. Contact CaS by email at casfacciponti@gmail.com



What Happened In 2017?

OPERATION SHOCKWAVE began operations in September of 2017. With years of knowledge and experiences, the team set out to accomplish great things. In only 3 short months, they were able to make impacts with powerful **SHOCKWAVES!**



*Solid collaborations
with 15 companies and
organizations*



*11 Volunteers logging in
over 1,000 hours of
service*



*2 Community
Workshops with over 60
total in attendance*



*Directly assisted 9
Veteran families*



*Received \$3,000 in
grants and community
donations*



What's Happening in 2018?

OPERATION SHOCKWAVE has entered 2018 running and is already making impacts with powerful shockwaves. See what we have accomplished since the start of the year:



Solid collaborations with an additional 4 organizations



Volunteers logging in over 150 hours of service



Scheduled 3 community events focused on suicide prevention



Directly assisted 4 Veteran families with over \$1,000 in food and household items.



Provided Crisis Response Teams for conference with over 3,000 in attendance



Operation Shockwave Schedule Veteran Leadership Training Course for 10 veterans

Upcoming Events

Veteran Leader Orientation

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 2-4 pm

Foundation for Senior Living (FSL) - Caregiver House

1201 E. Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ

Open invitation to any and all military veterans who are interested in joining our Veteran Leadership Unit and mentoring other Veterans to choose life and find joy and success in their lives. Come prepared to receive details on the program and to have your questions and concerns addressed by our Crisis Response Team.

HOLD YOUR POSITION: Introduction to Suicide Prevention in the Veteran Community

Thursday, March 8, 2018 11:30 am - 3 pm

Phoenix College - Hacienda Room

1202 W. Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ

Join us for this FREE introduction as we provide experiences and knowledge to empower you to overcome suicide as a veteran, or to assist you with a veteran family member or loved one. Veterans, their friends and family, as well as the general public are invited to participate.

Veteran Leadership Training Course

Saturday, April 7-8, 2018, 8:30 am - 5 pm

Foundation for Senior Living (FSL) - Caregiver House

1201 E. Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ

Two-day training course for 10 selected veterans to become leaders in the Operation Shockwave Leadership Unit.

HOLD YOUR POSITION: Introduction to Suicide Prevention in the Veteran Community

Friday, May 4, 2018, 11:30 am - 3 pm

Lighthouse Psychiatry Advanced TMS Therapy and Research

4001 E. Baseline Rd, Gilbert, AZ

Join us for this FREE introduction as we provide experiences and knowledge to empower you to overcome suicide as a veteran, or to assist you with a veteran family member or loved one. Veterans, their friends and family, as well as the general public are invited to participate.