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Operation Vet NOW Inc. (OVN), Teams Up with Golik Motorsports in Campaign for Veteran Suicide Prevention!

For Immediate Release – 15 May 22 — In 2022 OVN has launched a campaign focused on Veteran suicide prevention, with the message of “Be There for Our Veterans”. OVN is doing this in some common and uncommon ways, through various event platforms and with a team of Veteran athletes. These 11 athletes help spread the message of how they deal with the “invisible injuries” experienced from their time serving our country in the military and spreading the word that help is available.

Two of our team members are immediate family members of a veteran and active service member, a daughter of a Marine, and the father of an Airman who helps in our mission to get Veterans connected to care. The newest addition to this program is the father of US Air Force SSgt Patrick Golik, who’s currently serving as a C-17 Loadmaster, during the 2022 race season.

OVN has announced a joint project with the #98 Open Wheel Modified race car of Golik Motorsports, along with key organizations OVN works with in their mission to end Veteran suicide. OVN has brought together Stop Soldier Suicide, Mission 22, Vets 4 Warriors, and the Warriors of Chaos Veterans Assoc., all organizations dedicated to helping our veterans in the many areas that can affect their mental health and stopping veteran and active military suicides. *“Were excited to bring these organizations together in the mission to end veteran suicide, this grassroots effort is an initiative to connect with the many veterans that live in rural America. Racing is just one of many sports popular among Veterans and their families, and we see this partnership with Golik Motorsports as an effective way to elevate the message to thousands who attend races, watch the event live streamed on the Flo Racing Network, and at selected Veterans events that will have the #98 race car on static display”* stated Jeff Owen, Chairman at OVN.

The car will be formally unveiled at the 21 May race at Jennerstown Speedway Complex during the Armed Forces Appreciation Night, the event will include the OVN Veterans Village set up with our partners who provide direct care and support for our Veterans. The evening will also include a special tribute to our armed forces at the opening ceremony, local VFW & American Legion motorcycle riders, MonValley Military Vehicles will provide some vintage military

equipment for the parade lap, and many other features scheduled to honor our heroes who dawn the uniform every day in the mission to keep America free.

We would be remised if we did not mention our friends and supporters of our Veterans at Jennerstown Speedway, a NASCAR-sanctioned facility right here in western Pennsylvania. *“It’s great to have partners that share the same community priorities as OVN does with us. Using our platform at the speedway helps maximize awareness of this critical concern for our Veterans. This is a small token of appreciation for those who have served, and we are honored to be supporting this mission”* said Jennerstown Speedway General Manager Bill Hribar.

Founded in 2017, OVN is managed and operated by Veterans on an all-volunteer basis. OVN is a nonprofit organization providing support for Veterans and their families, who suffer from combat and transitional stress and are advocates in the battle against veteran suicide. If you are in crisis, you know a Veteran in crisis or you are concerned with their mental well-being, contact the Veterans Crisis Line 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255 Press Option 1, or Text at 838255. A non-Veterans Administration option is the Stop Soldier Suicide crisis line at 844-235-2764 or online at <https://stopsoldiersuicide.org/get-help> . #BeThereforOurVeterans

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For more information on our partnering organizations visit:

- **Stop Soldier Suicide:** www.stopsoldiersuicide.org
- **Mission 22:** www.mission22.com
- **Vets 4 Warriors:** www.vets4warriors.org
- **Jennerstown Speedway:** www.jennerstownspeedway.org