



United States Army Signal Center of Excellence & Fort Gordon

Public Affairs Office, Nelson Hall, Building 29801, Room 209, Fort Gordon, GA 30905-5735

News Release

Release Number: 12-44

Date: September 24, 2012

Contact (706) 791-6001

mediarelations@gordon.army.mil

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

FORT GORDON, GA – Fort Gordon will observe an Army worldwide suicide prevention week and a full day stand down Monday, September 24th through Friday, the 28th. The Army's theme is "A Healthy Force is a Ready Force."

Army Vice Chief of Staff General Lloyd J. Austin III ordered a Sept. 27th stand down following the release of July suicide figures presently under investigation. As of July, 120 active-duty Soldiers were confirmed to have taken their lives while another 67 deaths are under investigation.

As part of the week-long activities, Fort Gordon will conduct a Community Health Fair Tuesday, Sept. 25th, at Freedom Park and on Barton Field from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for uniformed and non-uniformed members of the force, families, and retirees. The focus of the Health Fair is wellness of the force in general, including behavioral health and suicide prevention. Information tables and interactive booths ranging from blood pressure checks, to behavioral health/substance abuse, and religious support services will be available. Outdoor recreation opportunities will also be available for family members.

For all the suicide prevention week/stand down activities you can go to our website at: gordon.army.mil/suicide_prevention_month or call 706-791-3702.

To view all news releases visit www.gordon.army.mil/pao/mediarelations.htm

