

VETERAN SUICIDE

STATS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

6,392 VETERANS

died by suicide in 2021, an increase of 114 over 2020.
Of these,

6,042

WERE MEN

350

WERE WOMEN

17 U.S. VETS

take their own lives each day.

The #2 cause of death for veterans aged 45 and under was

SUICIDE.

72.2%

of veterans used firearms to commit suicide,
compared to the rest of the U.S. population at 52.2%.

The firearm suicide rate was

62.4% HIGHER

for veteran men in 2021 than for non-veteran men.

The firearm suicide rate was

281.1% HIGHER

for veteran women than for non-veteran women.

Military suicide rates were highest among
Native American Indian or Alaska Native veterans,
with an unadjusted rate of

46.3 PER 100,000.