

From: Katz, Ira R.

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There are about 18 suicides per day among America's 25 million veterans. This follows from CDC findings that 20% of suicides are among veterans it is supported by the CBS numbers.

VA's own data demonstrate 4-5 suicides per day among those who receive care from us.

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Folks,

In the Clips this morning, our friend Chris Adams in the McLatchy Papers alleges that 18 veterans kill themselves every day and this is confirmed by the VA's own statistics. Is that true? Sounds awful but if one is considering 24 million veterans.

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