

You Are Invited to Participate in the VA sponsored



To Help

Break the Silence

Against

Military Sexual Trauma

July 27-29th

9am—3pm

Located at the Fargo VA Medical Center
Flagpole
2101 Elm St. N

To raise awareness about military sexual trauma (MST), sexual assault and sexual abuse and its impact on Veterans, the Fargo VA is planning a

“Clothesline Project.”

The Clothesline Project is a visual display that allows survivors to share their stories about the impact of sexual violence on their lives by decorating a shirt in a way that reflects their experience. Shirts are then hung side-by-side to **“Break the Silence”** and to bear witness to sexual violence. Both male and female Veterans are invited to participate in the Clothesline Project we will be hosting here at the Fargo VA.

How Can You Help?

If you would like to participate in designing a shirt either for yourself, a loved one who has suffered from military sexual trauma, or would like to design a shirt to show support for this program and the victims that we support, join us:

July 22-23; 10am-3pm
Fargo VA Medical Center, 3rd Floor Auditorium

Please RSVP Heather Prigge at Heather.Prigge@va.gov or by sending a fax to 701-237-2578

PLEASE NOTE: Any and all information provided by those who wish to participate will be kept confidential.

Interested in designing a shirt but can't make it on July 22nd or 23rd?? Just contact one of the military organizations provided below to schedule an appointment!

Fargo:

Heather Prigge
1-800-410-9723 ext 4311
Heather.Prigge@va.gov
(Location: Fargo VA Medical Center)

Grand Forks:

Heidi Sanger
701-335-4380 ext 2236
Heidi.Sanger@va.gov
(Location: Grand Forks CBOC)

Bismarck:

1LT Rachael Walters
701-425-4821
Rachael.Walters@us.army.mil
(Location: Service Member & Family Support Center)

Participation in this event serves many purposes:

- It acts as an educational tool for those who come to view the Clothesline Project.
- We hope that it can become a healing tool for anyone who makes a shirt,
- By hanging the shirt on the line, survivors, friends and family can literally turn their back on some of that pain from their experience and walk away.
- Finally, it allows those who are still suffering in silence to understand that they are not alone.



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