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Ford Announces Help for Veterans with PTSD

CHICAGO- IL State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-CH), and local Veterans Organizations in Illinois will hold a press conference on Thursday, September 5th, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. at the James R. Thompson Center 15th Floor Blue Room to raise awareness and announce support for Veterans suffering from P.T.S.D in Illinois. The new law creates the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. It provides that the Secretary of State will issue an optional special P.T.S.D awareness license plate decal that will help fund programs that assist military members and others suffering from P.T.S.D.

“I am proud of the men and women who sacrifice everything to keep us safe,” said Ford. “We must take care of them once they return home and ensure that we are doing everything in our power to keep them safe and healthy. Veterans need support every day, not just on Veteran’s Day. Too many American veterans are homeless and unemployed because they are struggling with poor mental health.”

Many Veteran counselors have already used K9s for Veterans service for Veterans suffering from PTSD. Researchers estimate that 10–14 percent of service members who served in combat have developed P.T.S.D. Michael Tellerino is the CEO and founder of K9s for Veterans.

“K9s for Veterans is proud to work with Representative La Shawn K. Ford,” said Tellerino. “P.T.S.D is a serious affliction that is highly treatable. Purchasing this new license plate will help raise awareness of those afflicted and help those who suffer adjust once they are back home.”

WHO: State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, K9s for Veterans, Rush University, Wounded Warriors Project, Gold Star Mothers, and Service Dogs

WHAT: Press Conference Raising Awareness and offer support for Veterans suffering from P.T.S.D

WHEN: Thursday, September 5th, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: James R. Thompson Center 15th Floor Blue Room:100 W Randolph St, CH, IL 60601

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