



GUEST VIEW: Nonprofit The Battle Continues assists veterans

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As this month marks the fifth anniversary of the death of Osama Bin Laden thanks to the brave Navy SEALs, it is important to recommit ourselves to our service men and women who continue to fight battles here at home.

Bin Laden was responsible for the deaths of 2,996 civilians and the injury of almost 6,000 more on September 11, 2001. Thankfully, 10 years later, his life of terror ended. But the fight against terrorism is far from over. And for many of our service members, the battle continues once they're back home.

When our soldiers return back to the States, readjusting to civilian life with physical or mental injuries can be a difficult task. Dr. Sudip Bose, an Odessa physician, wants to ease their transition. He founded a nonprofit, called The Battle Continues, to help service members to adapt and adjust to civilian life.

Dr. Bose understands the challenges veterans face. He served proudly in the United States Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom and saw firsthand the harsh reality of war. He earned the Bronze Star for serving one of the longest combat tours by a physician since World War II.

The goal of The Battle Continues is to assist veterans with the medical help they need by connecting them with trained medical professionals that have experience in the field.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates 11-20 percent of American military members who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom have post-traumatic stress disorder, commonly known as PTSD. Additionally, in 2012 the VA provided data that showed on average, 22 veterans commit suicide every day in the United States.

Those statistics are startling. Thankfully organizations like The Battle Continues (TheBattleContinues.org) and people like Dr. Sudip Bose are pushing for better care and stronger connections to make a difference in the lives of our most patriotic citizens.

I encourage everyone to reach out and continue to thank veterans for their service and find ways to assist in ensuring they are able to share in the American Dream they helped provide for us all. One way that you can make an impact right now is to visit TheBattle

Continues.org and support Dr. Bose's mission.

May God bless our military and their families and may God bless Texas.

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