

Axios Investigations Firm & Fort Bragg active service members, veterans join up to start 222 mile march to Camp Lejeune!

A group of veterans & active service members are marching to Camp Lejeune to bring awareness to mental health within the military and first responder community.

FORT BRAGG, NC, UNITED STATES, April 18, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The event, known as "Let's Walk it Out: 222+ Mile Ruck March" started on Thursday morning April 8th. As stated in the name, the group will walk 222 plus miles from Fayetteville to Jacksonville and back.

Tizoc "TJ" Jaimes, one of the organizers of the nine-day march, will be one of five people making the entire trek.



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"We're going highway 24 all the way there and back. We do have locals coming out, we have people who have signed up to do portions of each leg," Jaimes said.

The "Let's Walk it Out" event aims to educate on the importance of talking about mental health, including suicidal thoughts and post-traumatic stress.

Staff Sergeant Anthony Peterson is currently serving on Fort Bragg within the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. He tells ABC11 that he's marching for his close friend, Staff Sergeant Langston Watson, who died by suicide.

"It was really heartbreaking when I found out the news that he took his own life," Peterson said.

Peterson, during the initial portion of the march, brought with him his "Flag to Remember" which had the names of Watson and others who lost their lives to suicide or in the line of duty. "These

type of events are temporary, but this flag and the message that comes with it, that's a permanent solution that needs to be addressed," Peterson said.

By bringing this flag with him to every event, Peterson says he's making sure those names continue to be honored, "to me, this walk is supposed to...it kind of gives us a chance to feel, um, feel what the others have felt - which is alone."

The 222 miles represent the 22 veterans who take their own life on a daily basis. Jaimes tells ABC 11 it's also a symbol of change.



Axios Investigations Firm CEO Carrying Flag

"We're going to put ourselves through some physical pain and try to help out other people who are going through some mental pain," Jaimes noted.

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What a great feeling seeing the people honking and waving as we walked in the small towns of rural NC. Just reminds me that God and Country are still a part of our American culture.”

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[Axios Investigations Firm](#), CEO Jereme D (pictured in the article) carried the flag, created by Peterson, for the first half of the walk. "Flag to Remember" works in conjunction with "Off-Road Outreach" which is a part of the [Axios Inspires Foundation](#). Jereme stated, "Carrying the flag was a symbol of solidarity with all those who have carried their own burdens and fell victim to suicide. As military veterans, we have to continue to support one another and never forget those who have served and sacrificed."

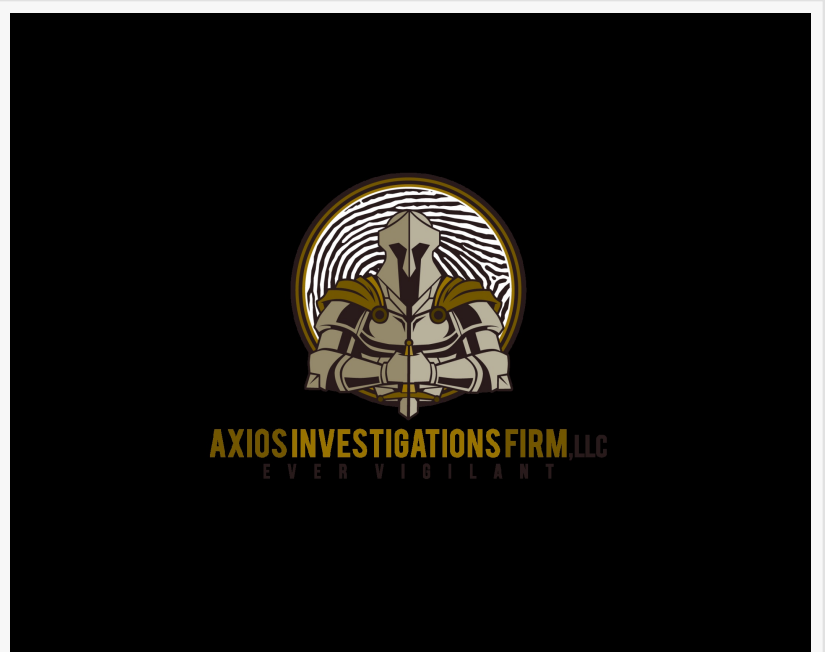
All of the proceeds and donations collected from this event will go towards tearing down the stigmas behind mental

health and providing resources to others in need.

If you would like to donate to the cause or keep track of the group's march, you can go to the "Axios Inspires Foundation" website.

They plan to finish up the march by April 17th and arrive at Charlie Mikes Pub in Fayetteville, N.C.

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