



FACILITATOR'S ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF SUICIDE PREVENTION



OUR PURPOSE: Help ensure every veteran and first responder feels seen, heard, and connected through facilitator-lead conversations.

WHY WE FACILITATE PATRIOT POUR



EVERYONE DESERVES A VOICE.

The goal is to make sure everyone in the room has an opportunity to participate and feels seen and heard.



CONNECTION SAVES LIVES.

When veterans and first responders feel seen, heard, and connected, isolation loses ground and lives improve.



SOME TALK MORE THAN OTHERS.

Without a facilitator, a few strong personalities can dominate the conversation while quieter members remain on the sidelines.



THE FACILITATOR KEEPS IT MOVING.

A facilitator guides the conversation, encourages participation, and creates space for everyone to be part of it.



FROM COFFEE TO CONNECTION.

A guided conversation around the table can open the door to friendship, purpose, and belonging.

HANDLING THE DIFFICULT ROOM

Two common scenarios. How would you handle this?

SCENARIO ONE: MANAGING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS



THE MONOPOLIZER

One person takes over the conversation and doesn't give others a chance.



THE STORYTELLER

They share stories but never get to the point.



THE INTERRUPTER

They jump in, talk over others, and disrupt the flow.



THE POLITICAL TURNER

They try to steer the conversation into politics.



THE CHRONICALLY NEGATIVE PARTICIPANT

They focus on complaints, problems, and negativity.



THE QUIET ATTENDEE

They attend regularly but rarely speak or share.



THE GOAL: Redirect the conversation respectfully, without embarrassing or alienating anyone, and bring the focus back to inclusion, positivity, and connection.

SCENARIO TWO: THE 60-SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



A business with a connection to veterans or first responders is given a 60-second opportunity to address the group.

You give them the floor—but after 60 seconds, they keep going.

- ✓ How do you regain control of the meeting?
- ✓ How do you stop them without creating an uncomfortable situation?
- ✓ How should we set expectations before giving someone the floor?
- ✓ Where is the line between a useful announcement and a sales presentation?



YOUR ROLE CREATES THE ENVIRONMENT WHERE CONNECTION. PURPOSE. BELONGING.



THANK YOU FOR LEADING THE WAY.
You make a difference.