

# ASU programs help vets find peace after war

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JONESBORO, Ark. (FOX13) -

Finding peace after being in war is never easy. Our brave men and women often come with injuries both mentally and physically.



In Jonesboro, Ark., at Arkansas State University there is place for them to get necessary treatment. The Beck Pride Center offers physical help and encourages the veterans to continue their education.

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The funding came from a generous alumnus named Buddy Beck. He invested more than \$1 million of his own money after hearing about a very troubling statistic that needed to change.

"It's the number of veterans who are committing suicide. It's been reported to me that once every 65 minutes a veteran commits suicide," Beck said.

These guys endure war for our freedom and they return home and lose their will to continue? It's a troubling factor!

I asked Beck what made him decide to make the personal and financial investment to create the Beck Pride Center on the campus of Arkansas State.

"My son had competed in the Marine Corps Marathon and after it was over, he was there with a lot of seriously wounded young men and women who were trying and participating in that," Beck said. "He approached our family and said, 'Dad we have to do something about these kids that are coming back from the war.'"

"This program that we have started there has three facets to it," Beck added. "It does with rehabilitation, and injuries of the veteran but it also deals with reintroduction of the veteran and provides them with an education and pulls that together and compliments the VA program and not duplicates it.

"I am not sure what my legacy will be," he added "I will let that be judged by others. I do know that my family and I are very happy to participate."

The Beck Pride Center has received many national awards. The number 32 might bring a smile to Beck and his wife Charlotte. That's the number of veterans who have gone through the Pride Center and earned a college degree.

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