

UNITED STATES ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND



AGENDA:

- CID Investigative Philosophy
- CID Death Investigation Procedures
- Army Suicide Statistics

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CID Investigative Philosophy

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- **CID investigates all deaths that occur on military installations (less attended and hospice deaths)**
- **All deaths are treated as potential homicides, until evidence establishes otherwise**
- **Rapid response, timely investigation**
- **Assign most qualified agent available**
- **Task Force if necessary**
- **Maximum effort to solve the case**
- **Sensitive to Victims/Witnesses/Families**

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- **Keep NOK/Commanders informed, includes:**
 - Existence of investigative report
 - Assistance in obtaining reports & related documents
- **All death investigation reports are provided to the AFME**
- **All evidence in death investigations is collected/evaluated for probative value**
- **Final determination of the manner of death based upon the totality of a thorough investigation**
 - Following evaluation of all available information and evidence
 - Not based solely on conclusion of medical examiner

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- **State of the art tools:**
 - Polygraph
 - Forensic Science Officer (FSO)
 - Forensic / Lab Expertise

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CID Death Investigation Procedure

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RECEIVE NOTIFICATION:

- Normally the “duty agent” (documenting time and person making notification)
- Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC) notified, determines agent response requirements
- Agents respond
- SAC responds to death scene (assists with PAO and Crime Scene)

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ARRIVE AT THE SCENE:

- Initial interviews of first responders
- Confirm or have deceased pronounced dead
- Determine scene safety
- Protect integrity of scene
- Conduct scene walk-through
- Determine nature and scope of investigation
- Identify specific investigative responsibilities
- Initial interviews of first responders/witness conducted

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DOCUMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF SCENE:

- Obtain photographic/video documentation
- Develop incident scene sketch
- Develop descriptive documentation
- Establish probable location of injury or illness

DOCUMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF BODY:

- Photograph/video the body
- Conduct external body examination (superficial)
- Preserve any evidence on body
- Document postmortem changes
- Establish identification of decedent
- Prepare remains for release (bagging of hands, etc.)
- Release remains to Coroner or Pathologist

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COLLECT, INVENTORY, AND SAFEGUARD PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE:

- Follow applicable laws for collection of evidence found at scene
- Scene examined with any special equipment, such as forensic light sources or electro static dust lifter (for shoe impressions)
- Evidence collected, chain of custody established
- Sketches/photography/video of scene completed (to include triangulation of scene, body and evidence)
- Conduct second search of scene, and obtain/document/photograph any additional evidentiary items

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY AT SCENE:

- **Conduct beyond the scene examination**
- **Conduct further interview of first responders/witnesses at scene**
- **Neighbor canvassing**
- **Determine whether anyone had any motive to harm victim**
- **Develop list of additional personnel and witnesses for interview**
- **Participate in scene debriefing**
- **Decide to either release or retain the scene for future/follow-on exams**

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AUTOPSY:

- Attend forensic autopsy
- Collect any physical evidence
- Record Pathologist's preliminary cause & manner of death
- Coordinate with the OAFME for a psychological autopsy, if cause and manner of death cannot be determined or if death is equivocal

FORENSIC ANALYSIS:

- Identify evidence requiring forensic analysis (DNA, notes, firearms, projectiles, fingerprints, etc)
- Submit evidence to the US Army Crime Laboratory
- Submit Request for Computer Forensic Analysis to CCC (as necessary)
- Ensure comparable evidence is forwarded (fingerprint cards, standards)
- Review of case by CID Forensic Science Officer

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CONDUCT ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY:

- Determine motives, means and opportunity of possible homicide
- Determine victim last known whereabouts and who was last with victim
- Apprehend suspect
- Conduct suspect interview
- Verify any alibis
- Interviews of family members, co-workers, and other witnesses who may be able to provide pertinent background information, risk factors and stressors
- Checks of background, family advocacy, social services and medical records
- Conduct additional witness interviews
- Conduct chain of command & NOK briefings

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Suicides by Component

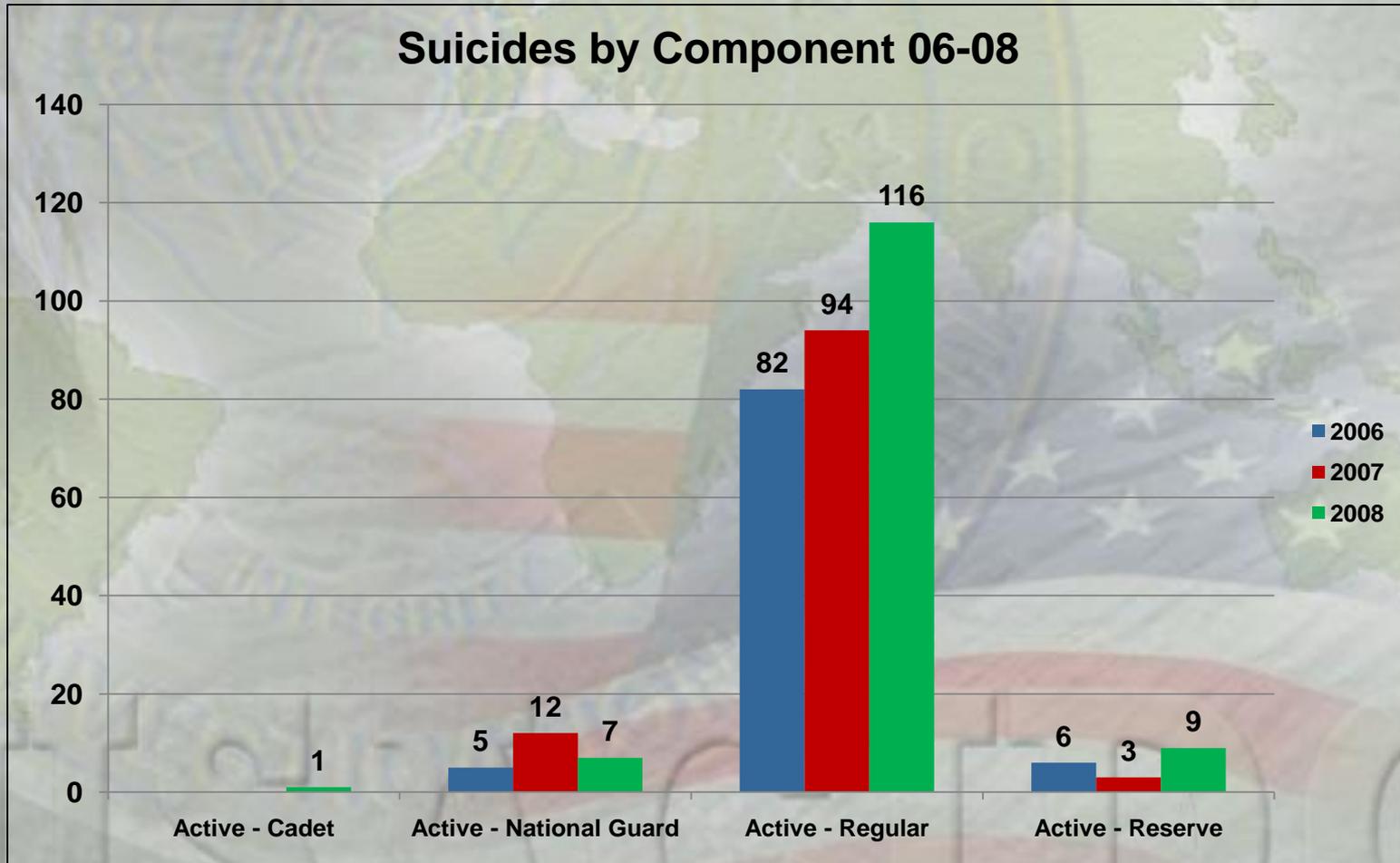


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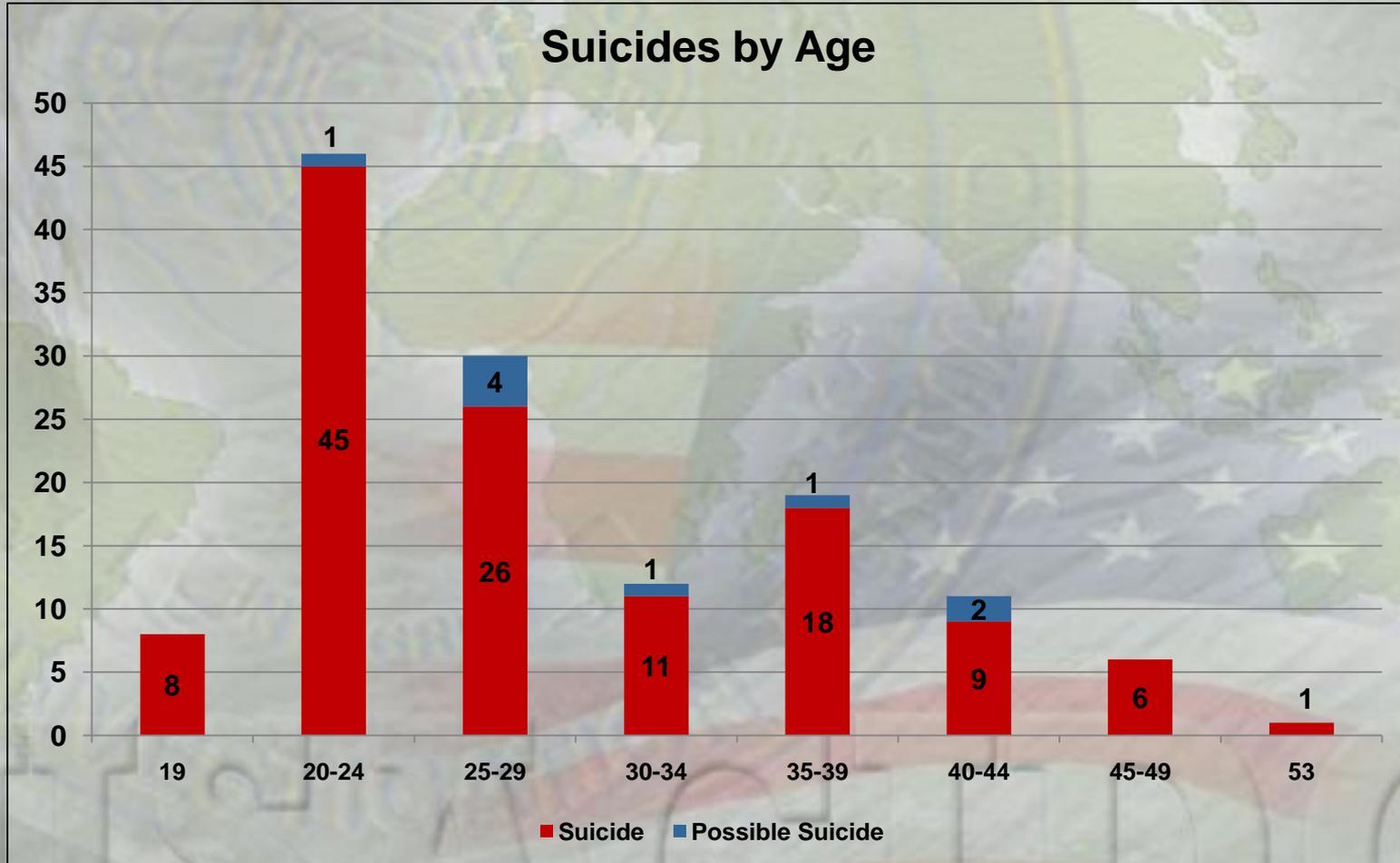
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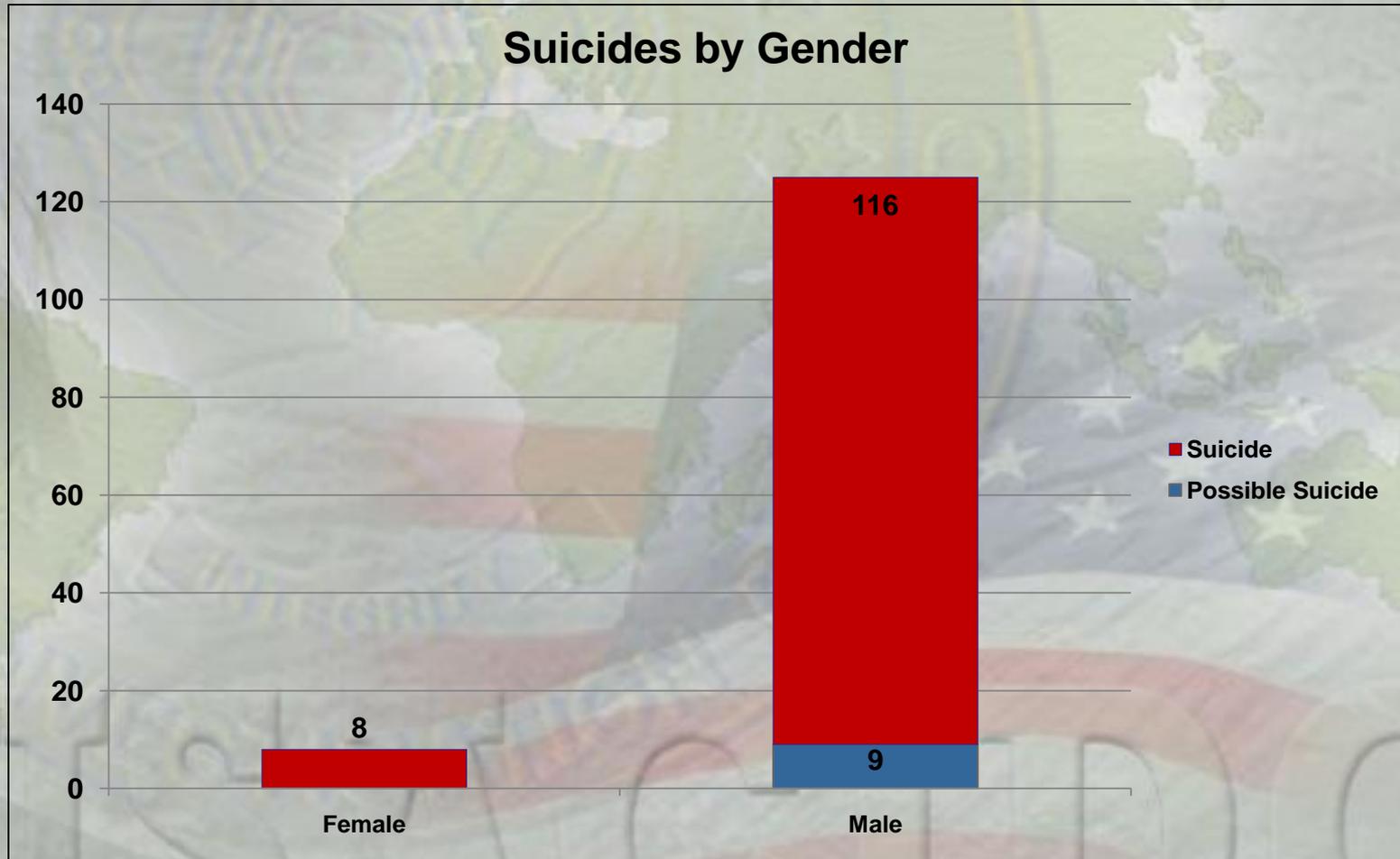
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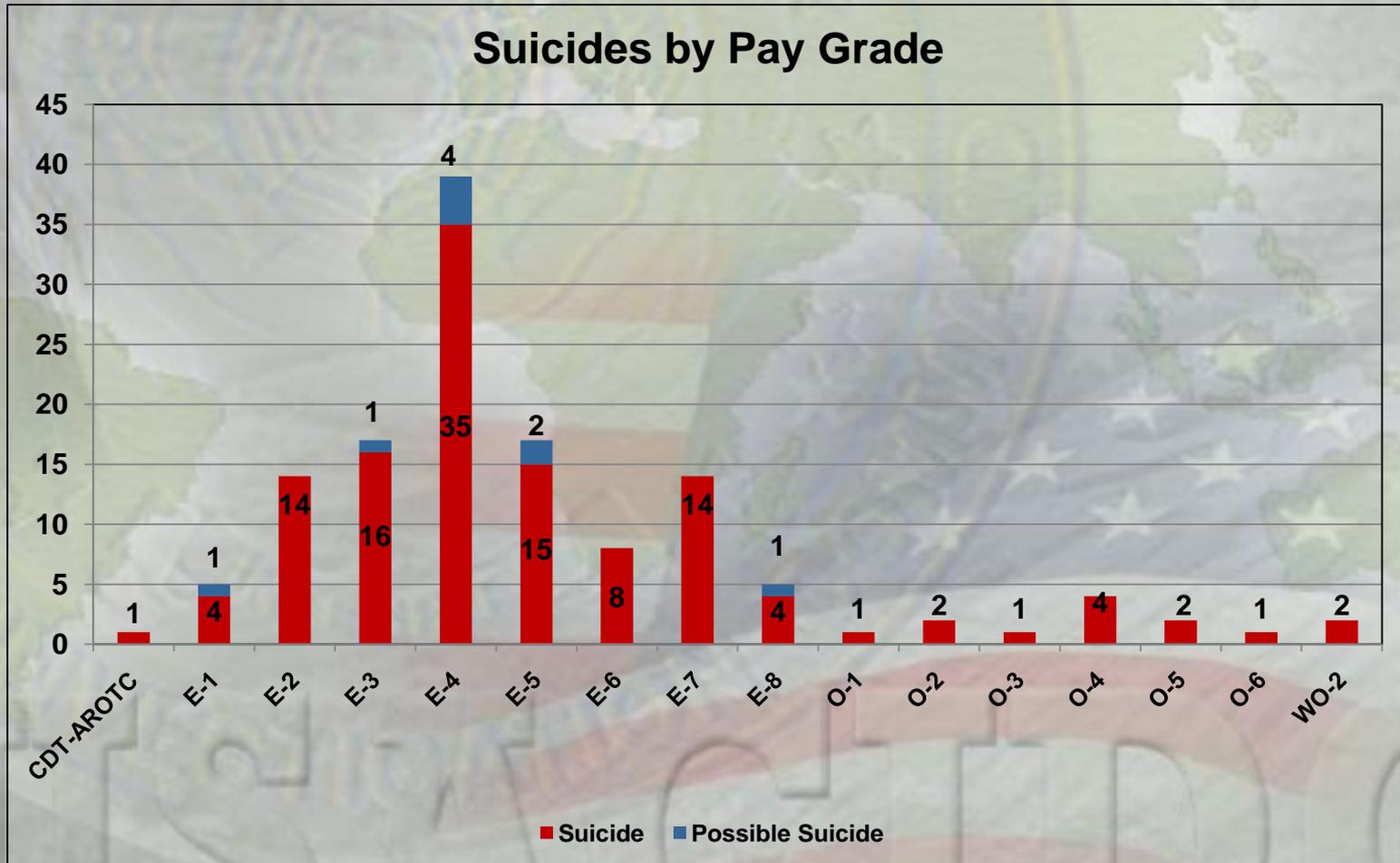


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Suicides by Pay Grade

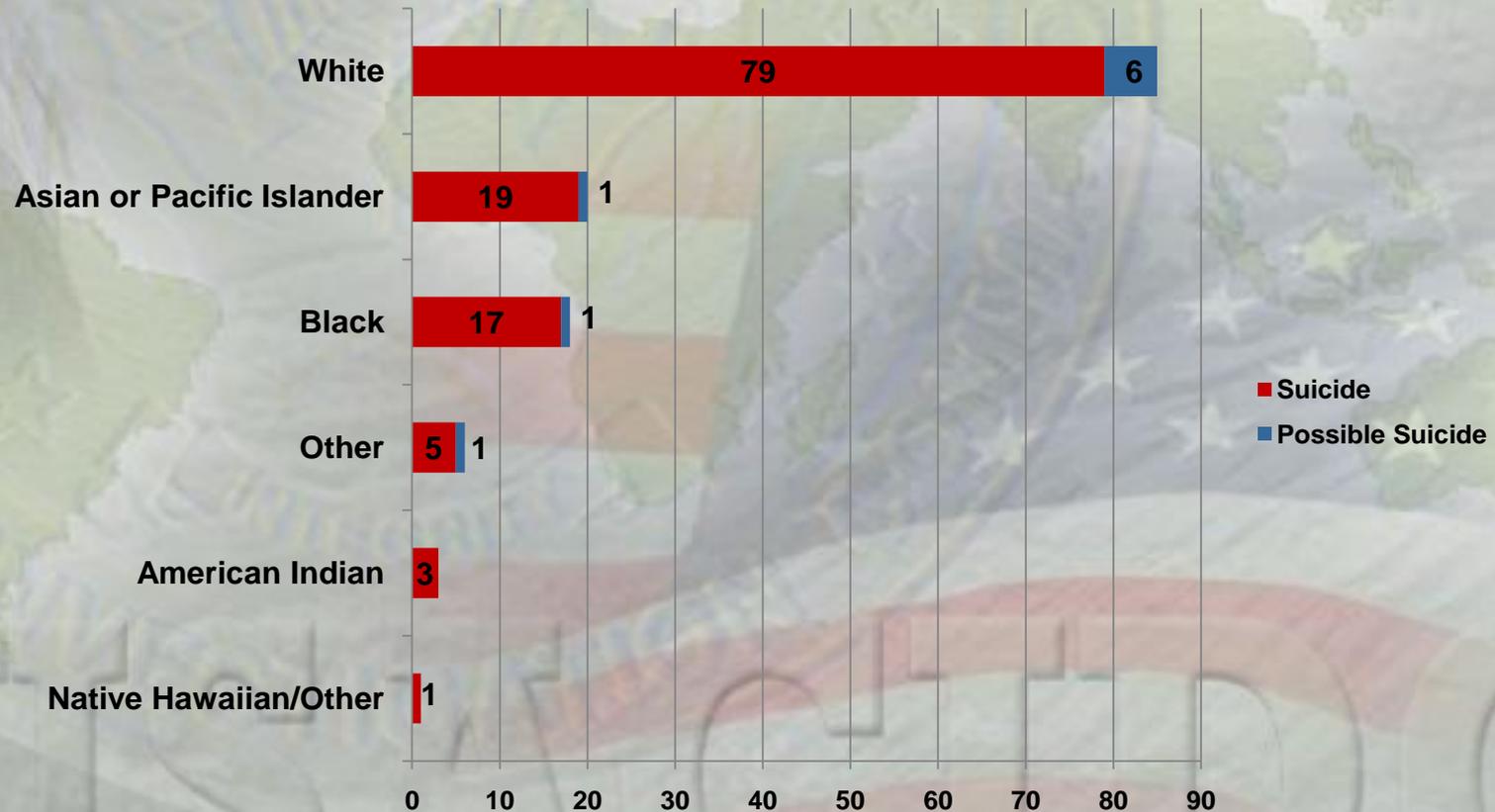


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Race of Suicide Victim

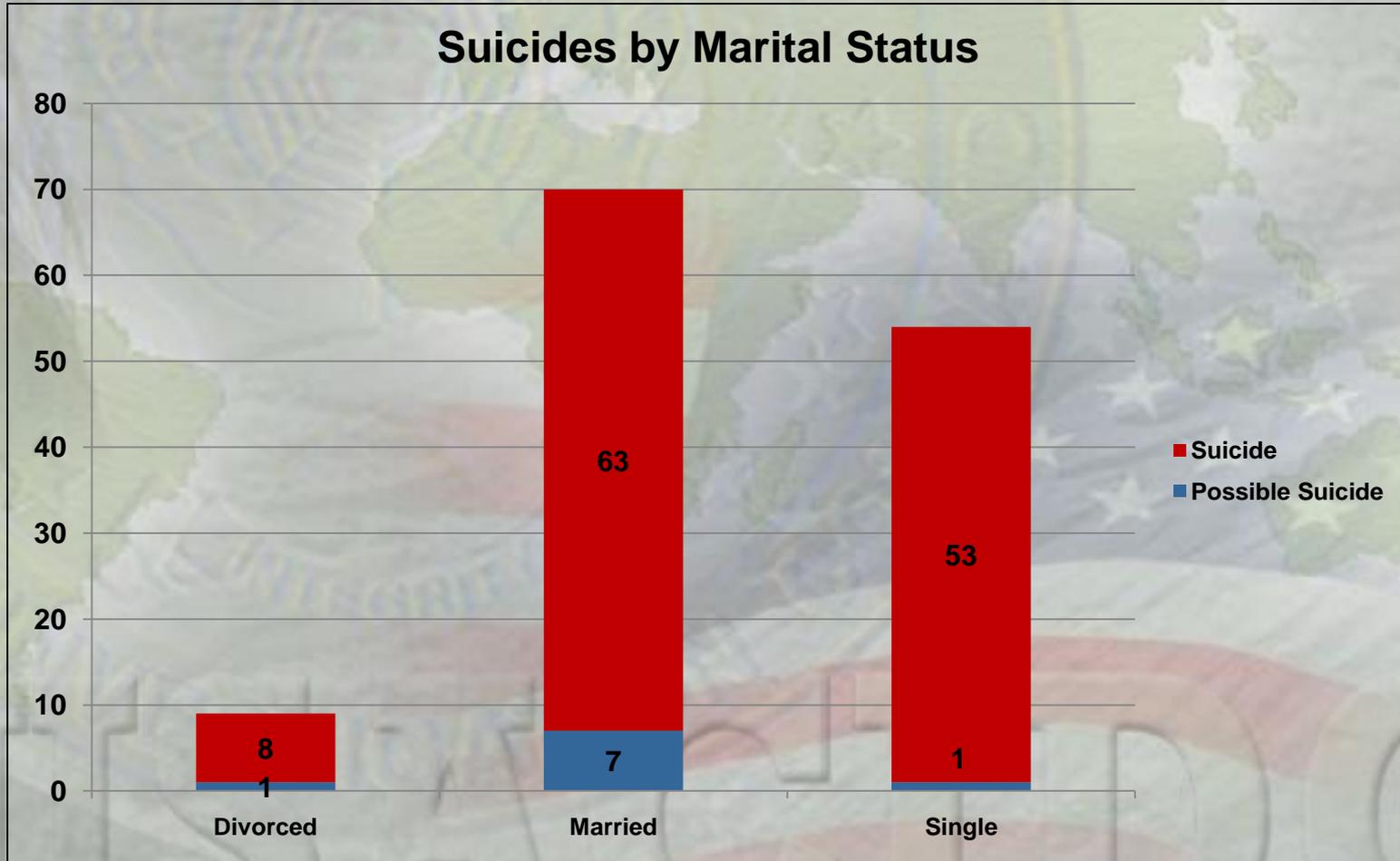


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Suicides by Marital Status

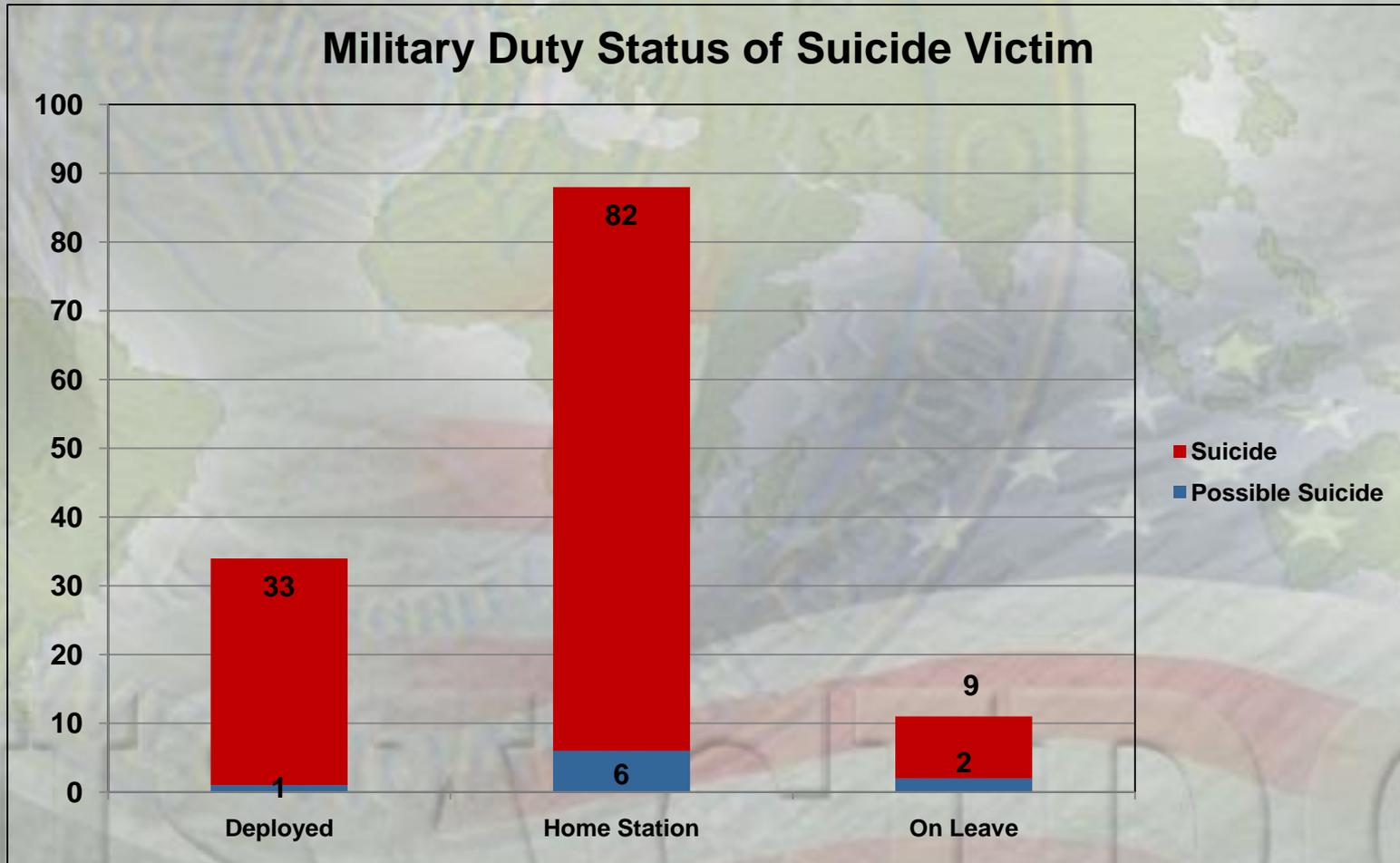


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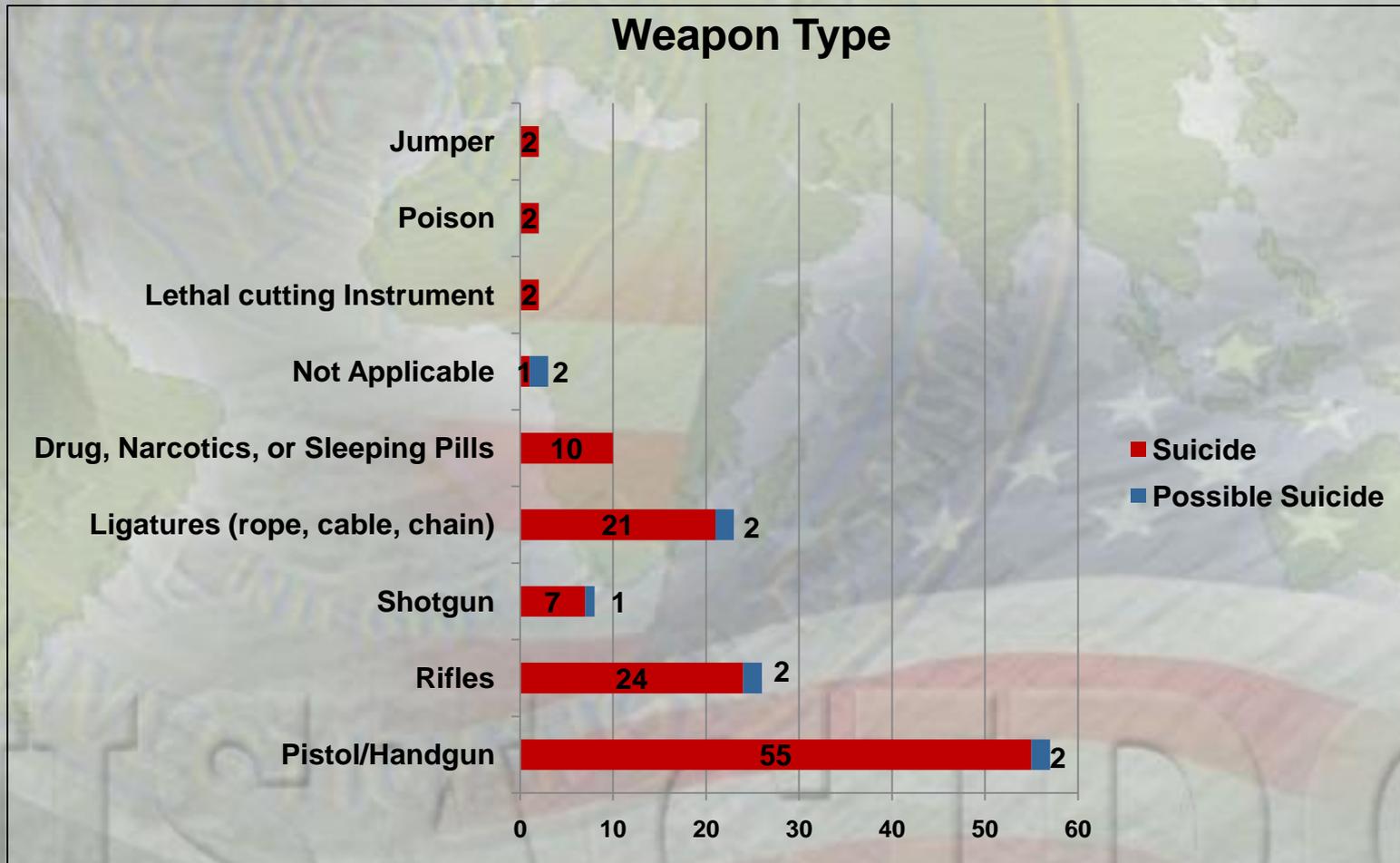
Military Duty Status of Suicide Victim



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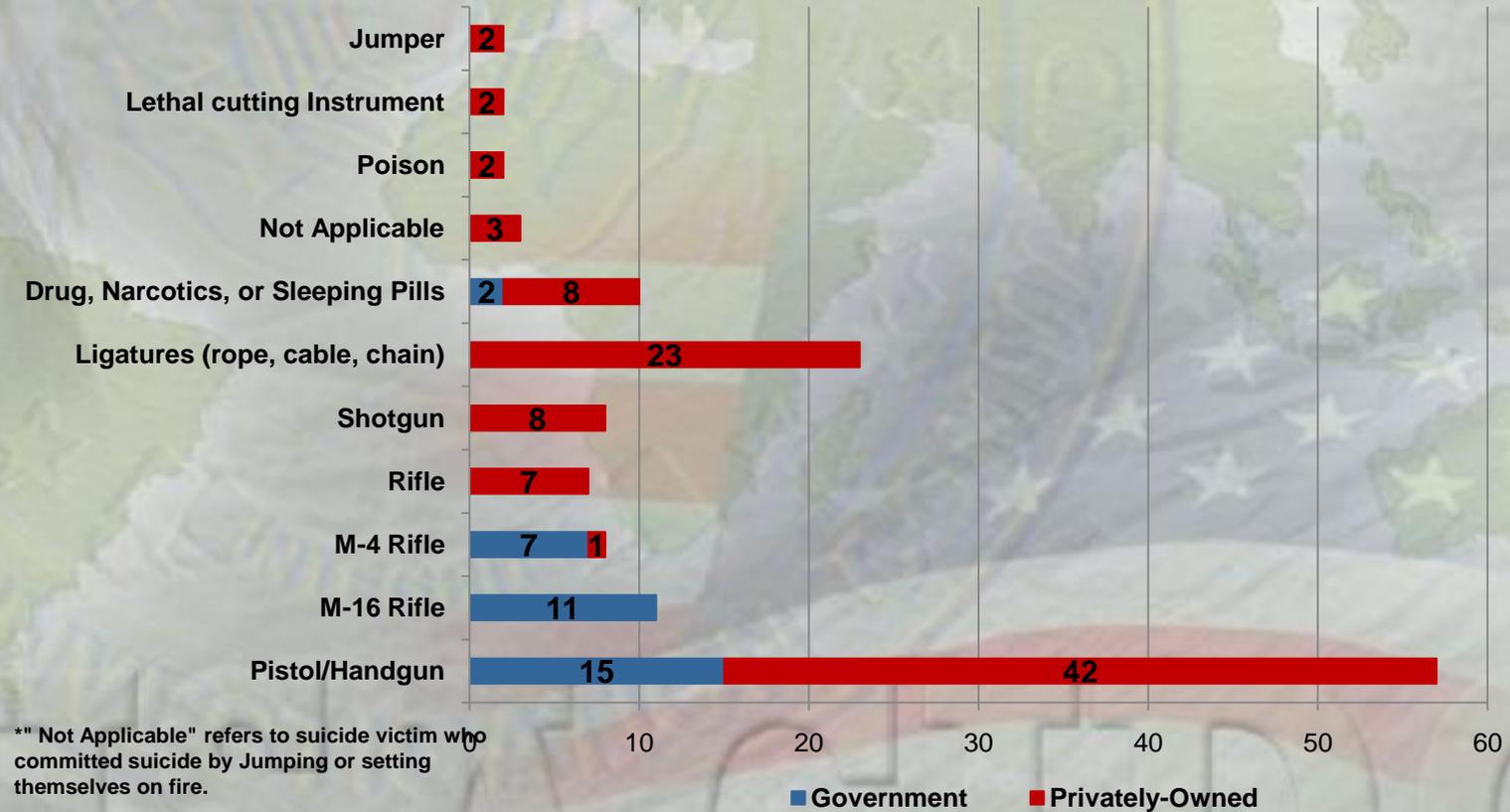


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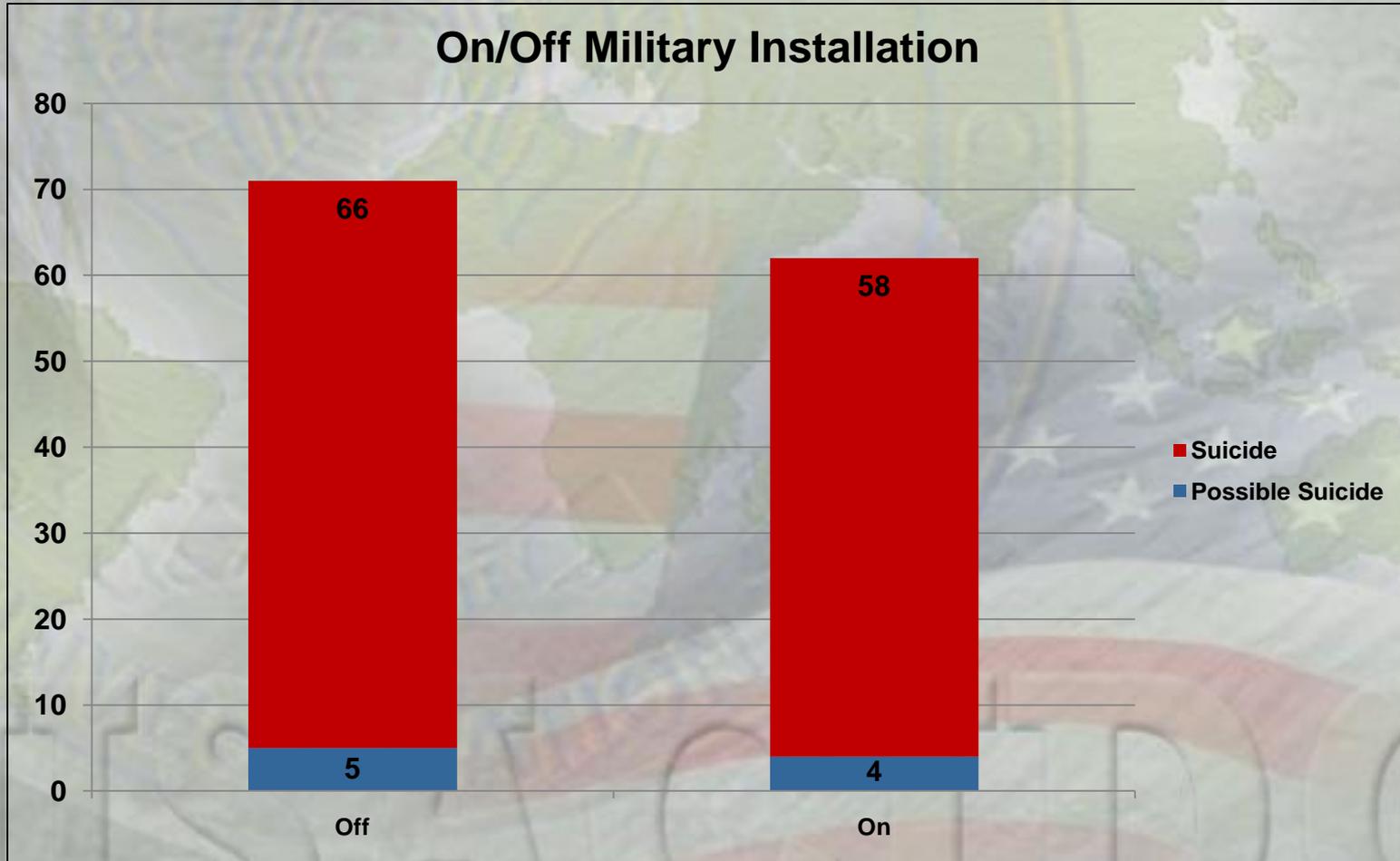
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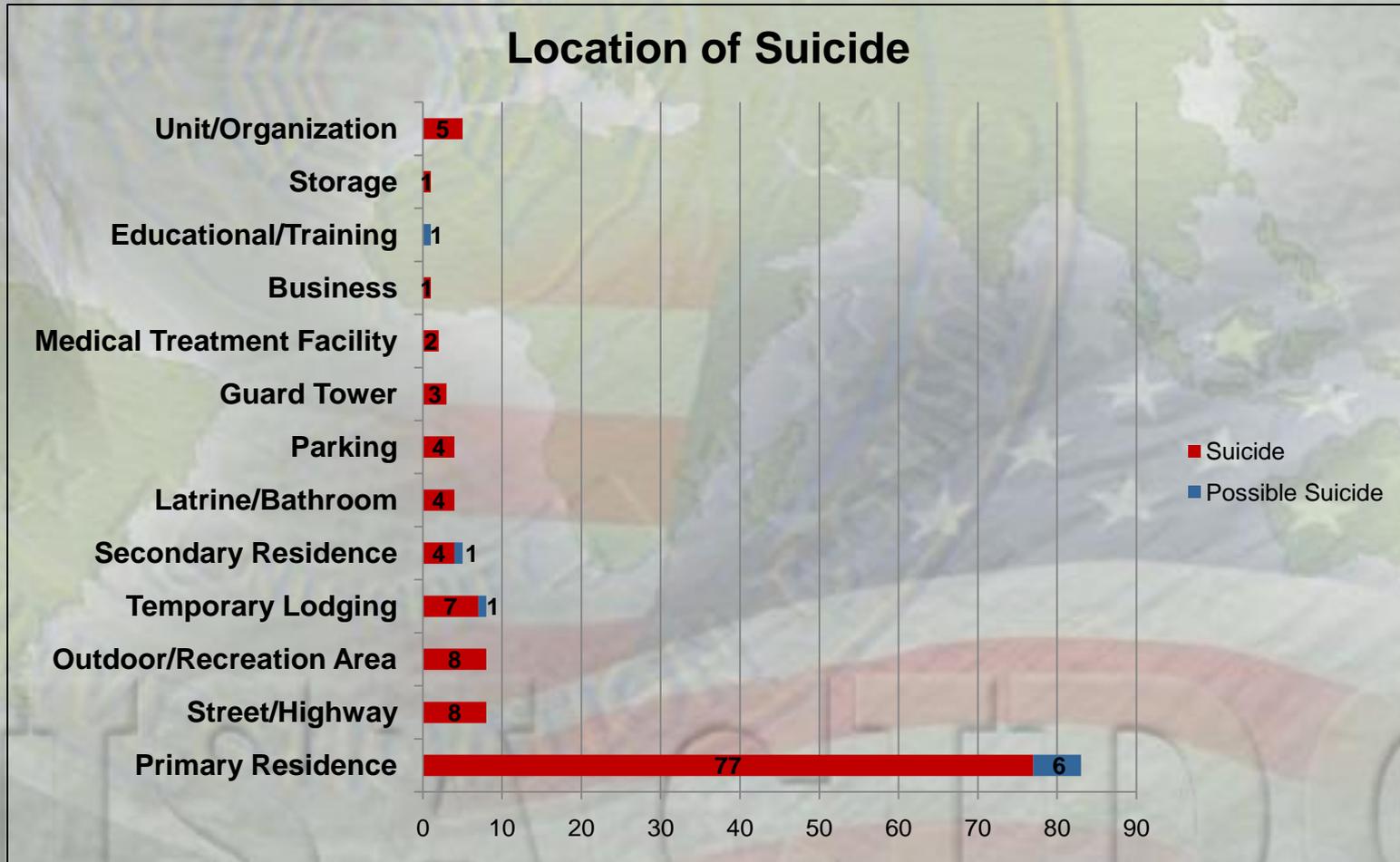
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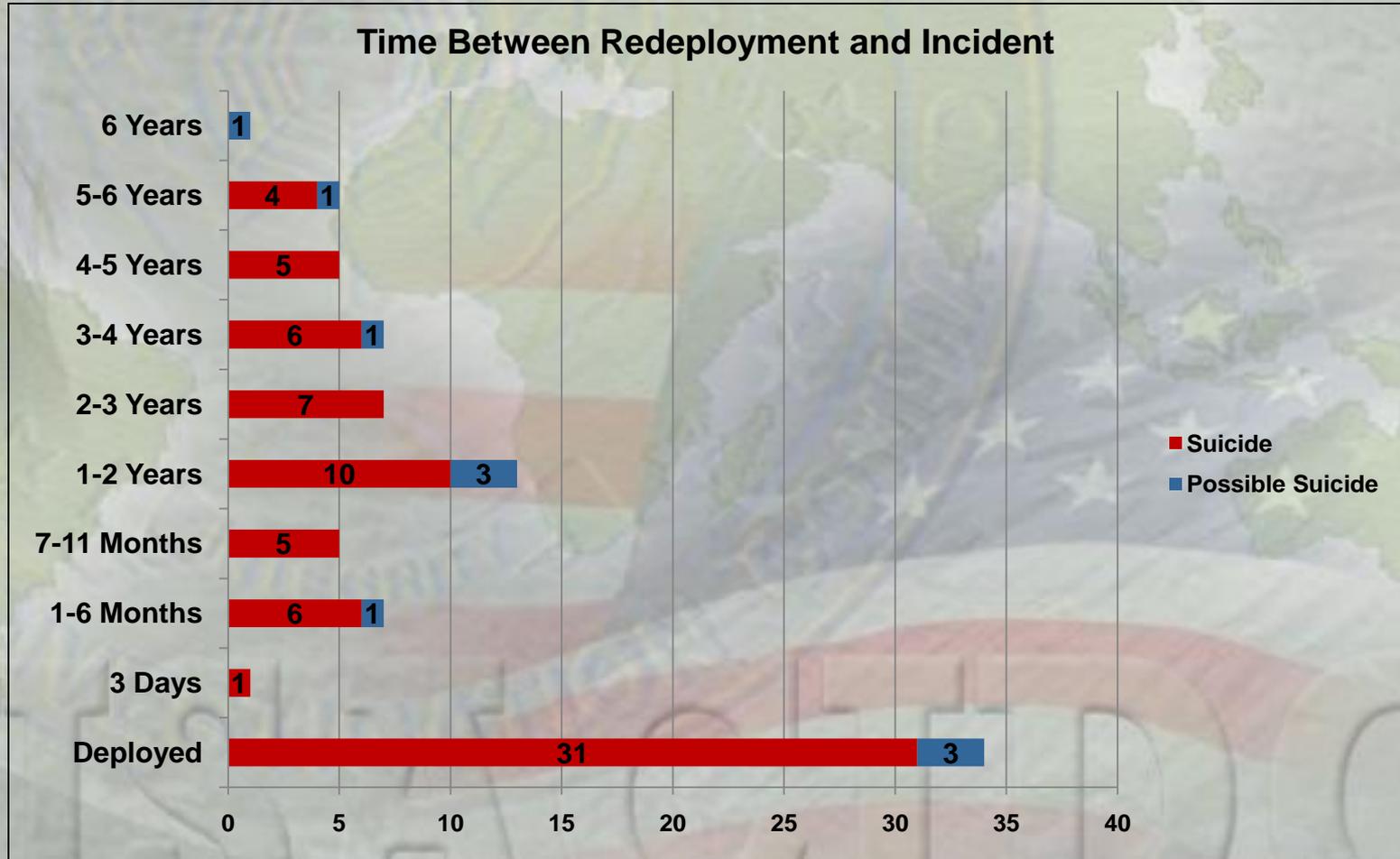
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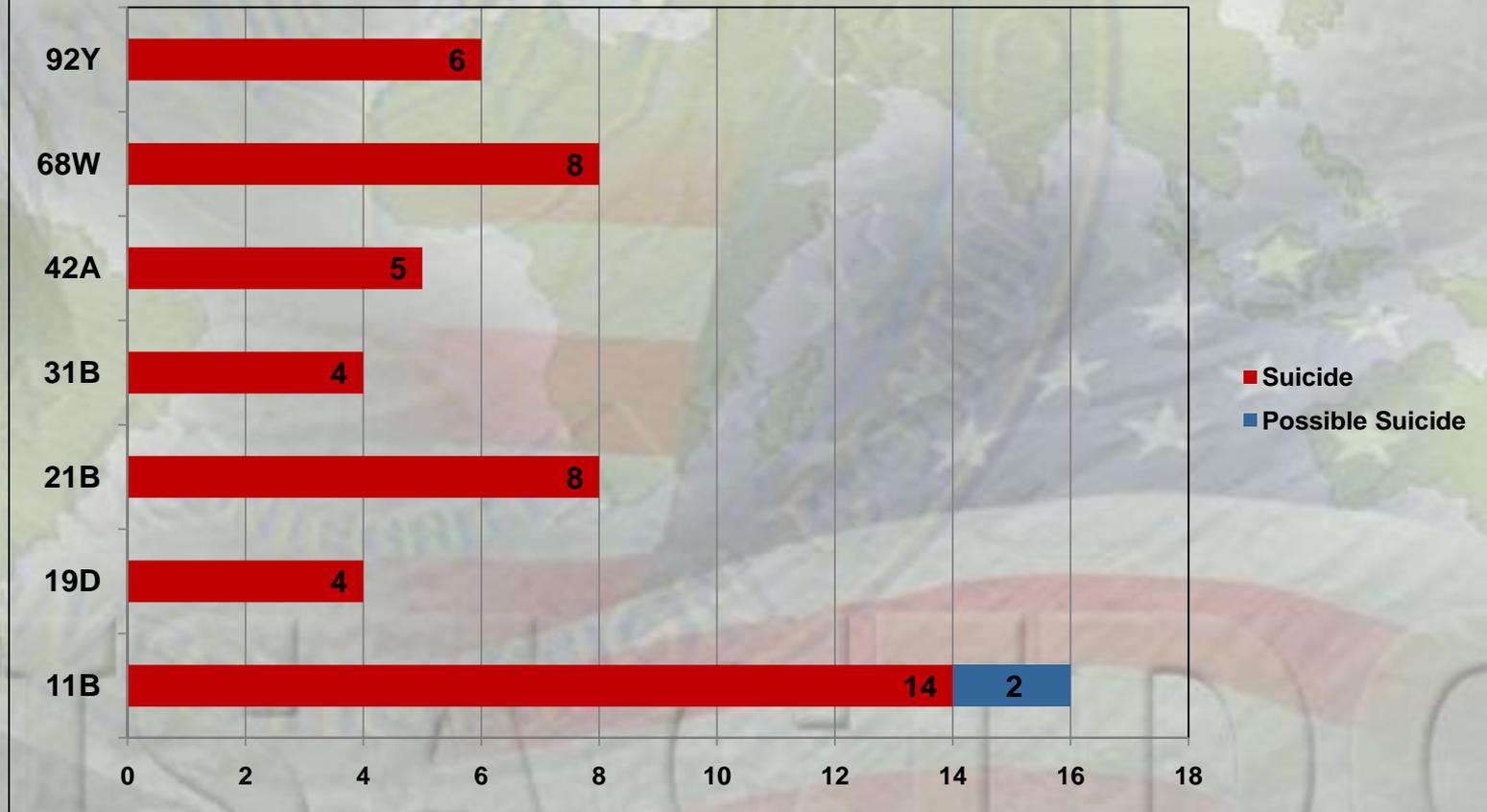


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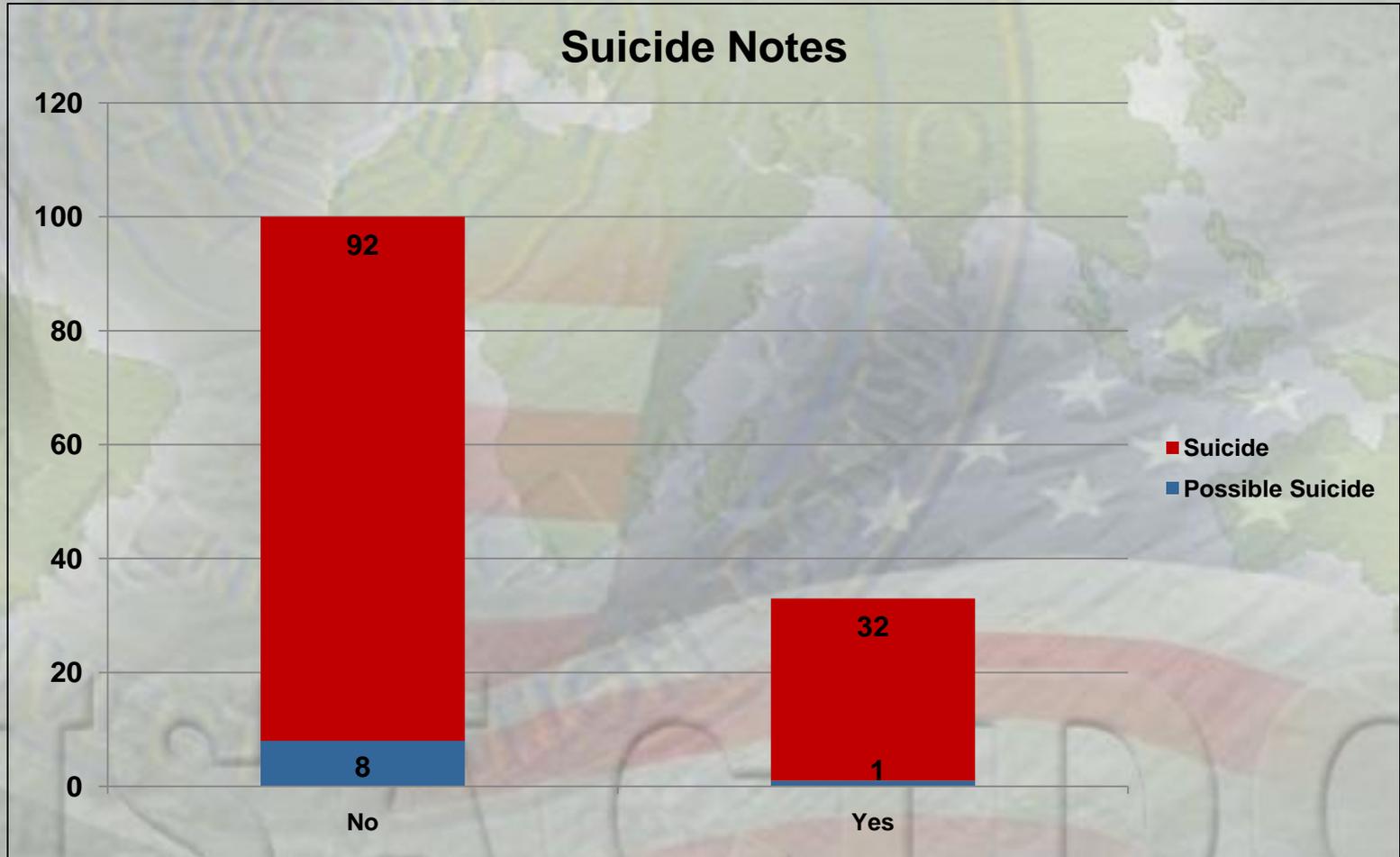
Most Affected Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)



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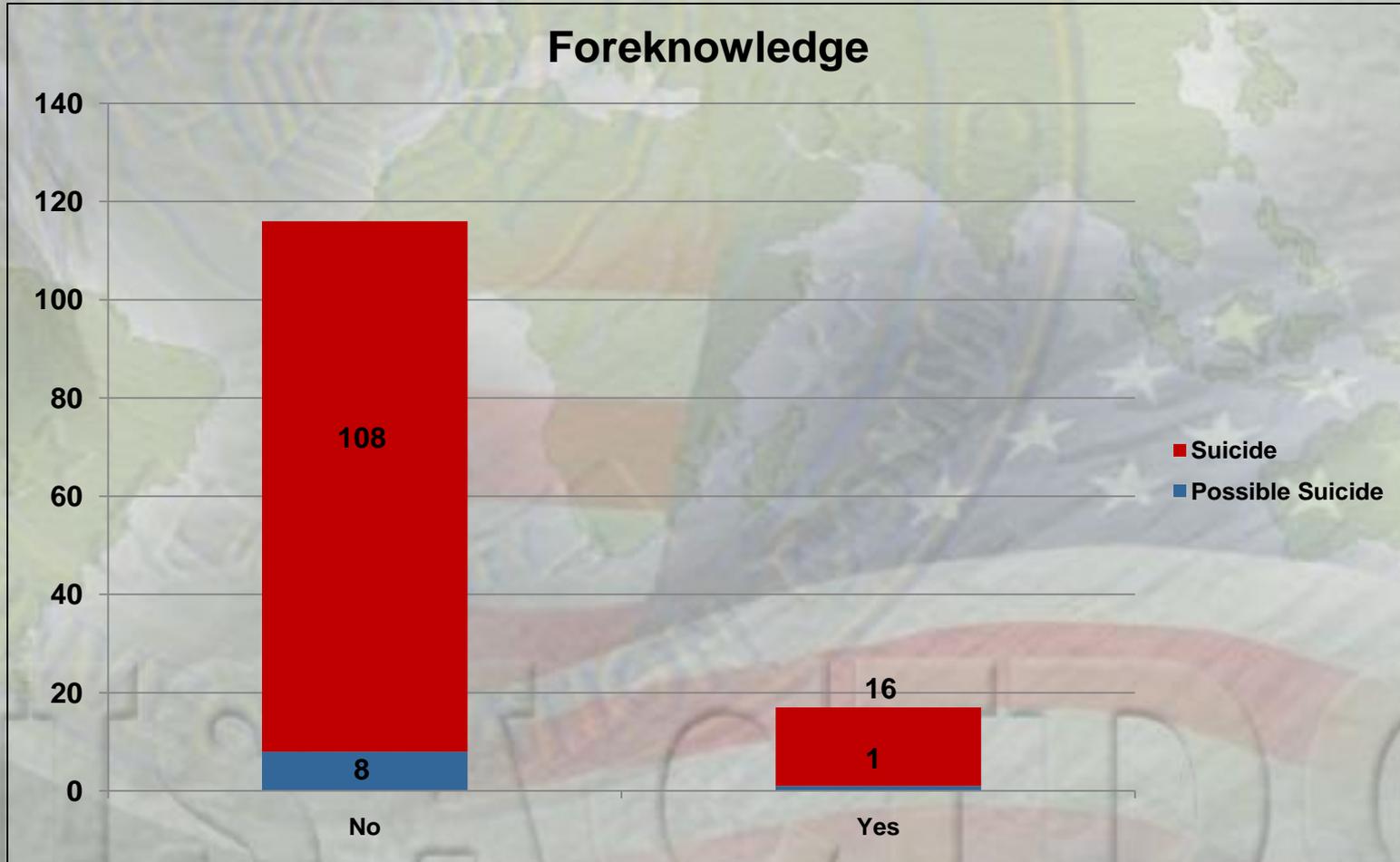
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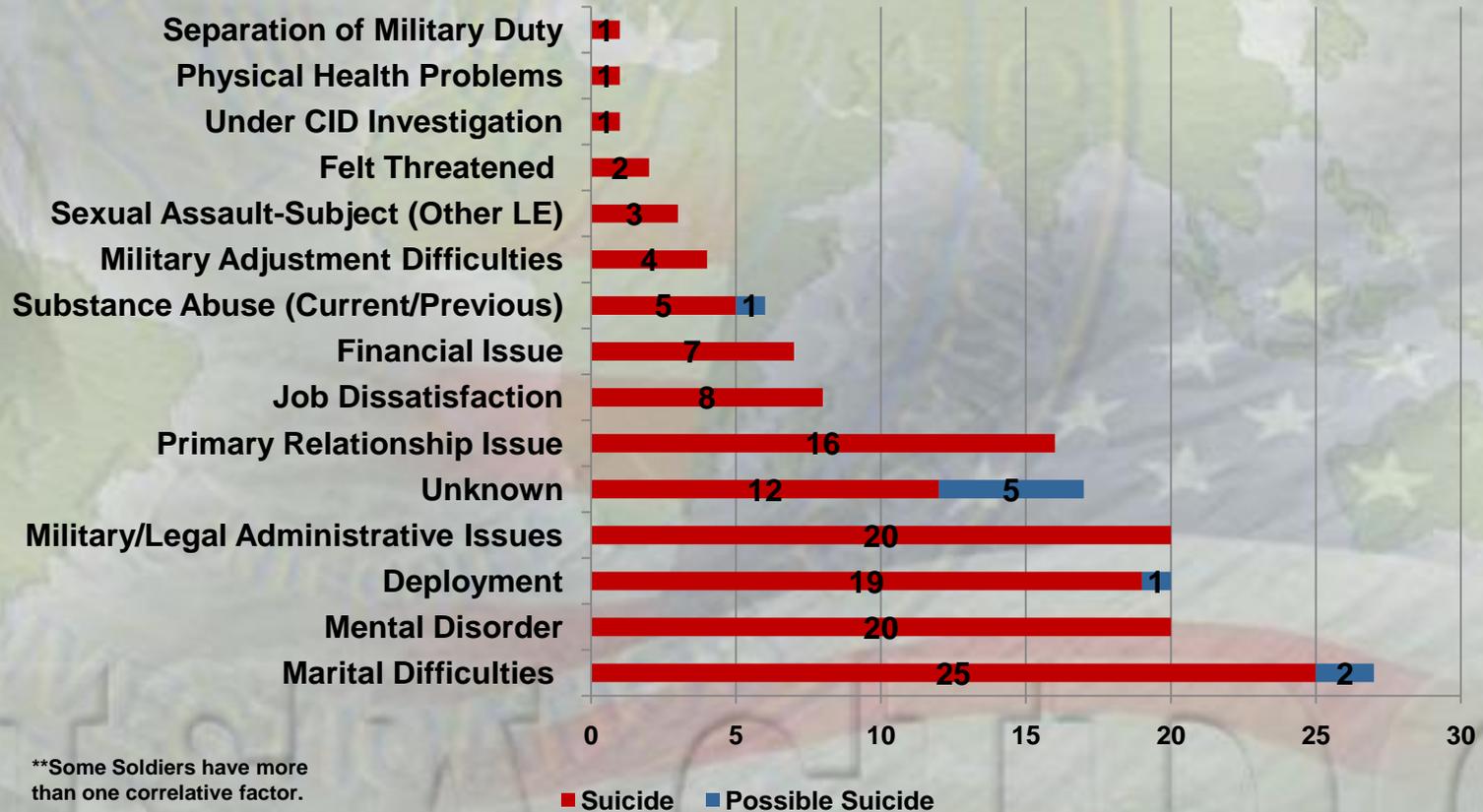


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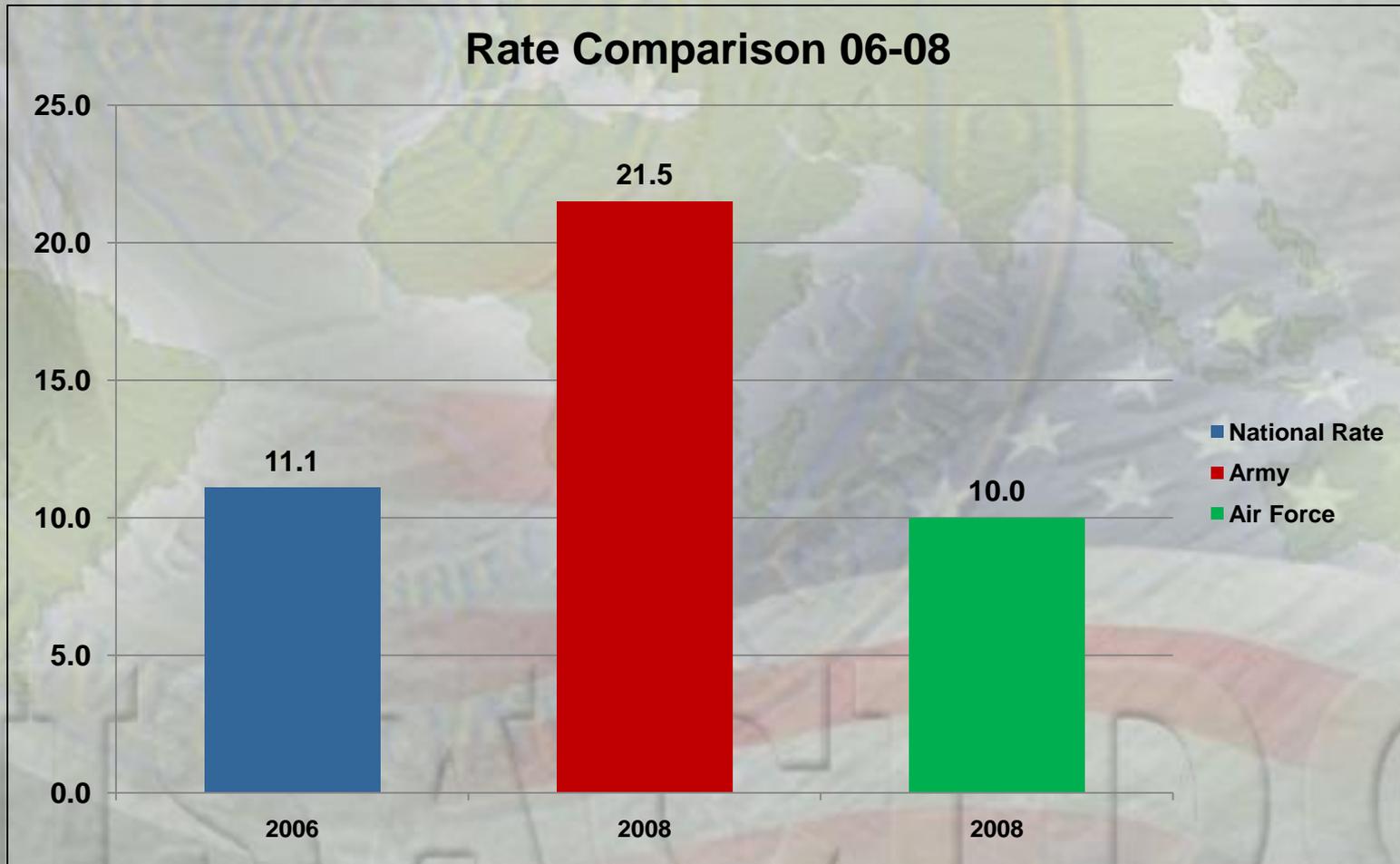
Correlative Factors



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Correlative Factors

- Marital Difficulty
 - Significant Others
 - Argument = Breaking Point
 - Infidelity = Breaking Point

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