

# **Southeastern Wisconsin Veteran Suicide Prevention Task Force: Veterans, families invited to music series at Milwaukee's lakefront**

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MLWAUKEE — The healing power of music will be on full display Thursday, Aug. 18, when the band Kharma Shotgun performs as part of the ongoing “Live on the Plaza” music series at Milwaukee’s lakefront.

The family-friendly event will be 6-8 p.m. at the War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive.

Presented by the Southeastern Wisconsin Veteran Suicide Prevention Task Force, the outdoor series takes place in the War Memorial Beer Garden, northeast of the War Memorial building.

Food and drinks from Kegel’s Inn will be available for purchase.

In addition to music and refreshments, the event includes information and resources for veterans and their families. It’s also a great place for veterans to come together, connect and share stories.

Kharma Shotgun calls itself “a gritty modern power trio” performing ’60s psychedelia and ’70s classic rock as well as original music that “shows those roots, with an added progressive metal flair.”

The band is well acquainted with the veteran community as members Patrick Nettesheim, Eric Weinstein and Michael Nettesheim are active with Guitars for Vets, a program that helps veterans struggling with post- traumatic stress disorder. The

program provides guitars and lessons for veterans.

“Since founding Guitars for Vets, I have seen firsthand the many ways that music can enrich the lives of veterans suffering from mental, physical and emotional distress,” Patrick Nettesheim, co-founder of Guitars for Vets, told Milwaukee Magazine in 2015.

“Live on the Plaza” is a new monthly family-friendly music series that kicked off in June and will conclude Sept. 15, again featuring Kharma Shotgun.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets, though limited seating will be available. No outside food or drink is allowed. Parking is free with a purchase from the beer garden.