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Many in the Veterans community are overcome with emotions with the events that have transpired over the course of the last few weeks. The terrorist attack on our brave service men and women and innocent civilians that took place yesterday at the Kabul airport was devastating. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families that lost loved ones yesterday and the U.S. Service men and women that are still on the ground in Afghanistan. From the Veterans Services Office here in Burlington, we extend our sincere condolences to the families of those 13 brave Marines, Soldiers and Sailors families. Your loved ones' sacrifices will never be forgotten. Their dedication to duty and willingness to carry out the most dangerous of missions is a true testament to their selfless character and devotion to this Nation. Our prayers are with the 18 other service men and women and their families that were wounded in this attack.

For those Veterans that are struggling with the event of yesterday or the last few weeks, we here at the Veterans office, encourage you to reach out or stop by our office and talk. This invitation to reach out isn't just for Afghanistan Veterans, but all Veterans that are trying to make sense of what is going on in the world today. We ask those in the Veterans community to reach out to neighbors or friends that served in our Armed Forces, which may be hurting or feeling emotions that have been suppressed for years, maybe decades. Your service to this nation and to other nations abroad was not in vain. Your sacrifices are appreciated, and the people of our Nation love you now and always. May God bless you, your families and these United States of America.

Very Respectfully,

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