

2019, D plus 75 years. Each year, it's getting harder to find a veteran who landed on the Normandy beaches," Mrozek said.

Tremberth's daughter, Marilyn Tremberth, said her Dad was thrilled with receiving the sand and that his fondest wish is to be able to speak with another member of his division.

"He has always been so anxious to talk to someone else who had been through it," she said.

If any World War II veterans would like to speak with Tremberth, he can be reached at 586-758-6111.

After serving, Tremberth worked at the Hudson Motor Car factory, furniture stores and collision shops. He was a test driver at the historic Detroit Arsenal (Detroit Arsenal Tank Plant) that mass produced tanks.

AMVETS, or American Veterans, was founded with a congressional charter in 1944. It has more than 250,000 members who honorably served or are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves. They come from 1,100 posts in 43 state-level departments. Post 29 has a chapter of the Sons of AMVETS, an active honor guard, the Post 29 Riders motorcycle group, and it circulates two versions of the Michigan Fallen Military Memorial Wall of those who have died in service since 9/11.

Recently, AMVETS national legislative leadership expressed disappointment with a Veteran Affairs committee about how the Veterans Health Administration ensures help for veterans in crisis, and its policies related to suicide.

"We find it astonishing that they are marching out a report that was created in 2017 as their 'grand plan,'"

AMVETS National Executive Director Joe Chenelly said. "Worse, Congress continues to ignore damning reports regarding our current mental health approaches for failing veterans. Twenty veterans on average still die by suicide daily. Every day matters and the status quo is untenable."

AMVETS launched its HEAL Team by hiring clinical experts. HEAL stands for healthcare, evaluation, advocacy and legislation, and it intervenes on behalf of veterans, service members, families, and caregivers to reduce veteran suicide, unemployment, homelessness and hopelessness. Its focus is mental and physical wellness, particularly for those who are affiliated with AMVETS and who receive traumatic brain injury and mental health services both within and outside the VHA. People who need immediate assistance with VA-related healthcare issues can contact the help-line by phone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at 1-833-VET-HEAL (1-833-838-4325) or via email at VETHEAL@amvets.org.