

SD Family Focus



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State Family Program Director, LTC Bryan Jacobson retires.

Dear South Dakota National Guard Family -- Service Members, Veterans, retirees, families, employers and friends:

31 May 2016 brings to an end what started during my junior year in high school. Dad came home from work suggesting, "...you should look at the National Guard." Here we are now, more than 33 years later. Never did I dream that I'd have the privilege to serve the South Dakota National Guard Family in the capacity of State Family Program Director and work with so many of you.

My first experience in this job was to attend a Yellow Ribbon event in Sioux Falls and then a subsequent Family and Youth Symposium. I was hooked and knew I was dealing with quality people.

Military spouses, parents and extended families – thank you for volunteering and investing yourself and in military families! Your spirit of volunteerism has been a tremendous example to me. When you are exhausted and want to give up – please don't! We need you!

Military youth – thank you for letting me into your world. Wow! I must tell you that the highlight of the past five years in this job has been, without question, serving as a SD Military Youth Camp Counselor. You have affirmed in my wife and me the calling that we continue to directly invest in the lives of young people until the day we die. I will miss all of you yelling, "BRYAN....!" from across a parking lot, a gaga ball game, or camp auditorium. Please continue to develop a culture of honor and gratitude in your homes and schools. "Hunt the Good Stuff" – always!

ESGR Volunteers – never have I met a more professional group of people. You have added to every SMFS event and raised my bar professionally and personally. Thank you!

Service Members – take care of your families! You hold the keys to your family's well-being. I encourage you to strive to communicate better, laugh more, work less, and simply be more intentional about this thing called "being a family." Family is the core of our society and it doesn't just happen, you must make it an intentional investment. Thank you for your service!

Service Member and Family Support Team – I'm taking more from you than I could have possibly given. You've taught me how to lead and love the team I lead. Thank you for trusting me and allowing me to be your leader. It has been my honor.

To all of you - thank you for your support of the programs and initiatives provided by the Service Member & Family Support Team. If you didn't participate, it would be kind of boring. 😊

May God bless you richly!

Bryan



Chaplain Focus:

There are 3 great events I think about when the month of May comes around:

1 National Day of Prayer. Since the First Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a Nation, the call to pray has been an instrumental part of our nation's history. President Lincoln proclaimed a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952 Congress by joint resolution and signed by President Truman declared an annual national day of prayer. The 1952 law was amended in 1988 and signed by President Reagan to permanently establish the first Thursday of May as the official National Day of Prayer.

2 Mother's Day. The tradition of Mother's Day began in the United States with the suggestion in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe, the writer of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Although the idea didn't catch on immediately, Howe held organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, MA every year. In 1907 Anna Jarvis began to campaign for a national observance of Mother's Day, and convinced her mother's church to celebrate Mother's Day on the 2nd anniversary of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May. In 1914 President Wilson made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday to be held each year on the second Sunday of May. May is a great month to remember and thank our mother's for all they have done for us.

3 Memorial Day. When we think of Memorial Day in America, we think of the last Monday in May, a day to remember those who've died in war. Memorial Day in America goes back to the Civil War, the biggest war ever fought on U.S. soil (Gettysburg alone saw more than 43,000 who died or were injured). At the war's conclusion a group of women put flowers on the graves of all the Soldiers, Confederate and Union. In 1948, Memorial Day was made into a national holiday to honor all who have died in our country's wars.

May the month of May be a month that you start with prayer, that you remember and thank God for mother's, and that you close by remembering the sacrifice of all those who have fought and died for freedom! God bless!

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SD Military Youth Camps - Save the Date!

The Way West! - Campers ages 9-11 / Junior Counselors ages 15-17
(application process)

27 June - 1 July at Storm Mountain

Explore! - Campers ages 12-14
25-29 July and Location TBD (Black Hills area)

Registration information will be available very soon!

If you are interested in volunteering for Youth Camp, please contact Taryn Broomfield for further information.

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Spring Time Job Fair Preparation Assistance

Spring is a time for school graduations, baseball opening day and **JOB FAIRS**. For all of you that are seeking employment, or a change in your career, you should ask yourself one question: "Am I prepared?" It can be a very intimidating question. After all, job seeking can be a challenge and stressful. In many cases you are putting yourself in front of total strangers asking them to take a chance on hiring you. What we hope all of you realize is that you do not have to go through this process alone. As members of the National Guard, there are people and resources available to help you and your family members. Two of these people are Mr. Tim Ries, South Dakota Employment Coordinator with Hero 2 Hired (H2H) in Sioux Falls and Mr. Scott MacDonald, Program Support Specialist, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve in Rapid City. They can help you from start to finish, or anywhere along the way during your job search. Their services include translating your military skills, resume review and interview preparation. Contact information for Tim and Scott is:

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VETERANS CORNER

The next suggestion that I have for you in writing your "Love Me" book is concerning your life outside of your military service. One of the more obvious places to start is with your education. Begin with your High School years and go to the present day. As you write about your educational history, write about more than just the degrees you earned. Share stories with your family about why you chose to go into the field that you did. What were some of your favorite classes and why they were your favorites? Who was your favorite instructors and what did they say or do that made an impact in your life and helped you become who you are today. Sometimes it is good for all of us to remind ourselves why we chose the path in life that we did. Another item to include in your "Love Me" book is your hobbies. Many times the hobbies that we have are another skill set that we usually do not use in our daily work. Again, by sharing the hobbies with our families we can give them a more complete picture of who we are and why we do what we do. I want to close this week with a story that I heard many years ago about traditions. A young married couple were having a roast for supper and during the preparation of the roast the new bride cut one end of the roast off and put it back in the freezer. The husband asked why she did this and the bride said that this was how her mom told her to do it. The next time the couple visited the bride's mom they asked her about cutting the end off of the roast and the bride's mom told them that it was how her mother prepared the roast. On Christmas, they visited Grandma and asked about the family tradition concerning cutting the end off of the roast. The Grandma informed them that she did it so the roast would fit in her pan. It is always good to know where we get our traditions and what ones we need to pass to the next generation.

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Mission: The mission of our program is to promote healthy Military Families who are self-reliant during both deployment and non-deployment. We do this through education, outreach services and partnerships with community organizations.

Family Assistance
 Phone: 1-800-658-3930



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South Dakota Military Discounts

Recommended & used by fellow Military Members & their Families.

Always confirm the discount before ordering/purchasing & show your Military ID.
Discounts are available at participating locations only & are subject to change.

Aberdeen

- Culvers- 10% discount
- Dunham's Sports- 10% discount
- Maurice's- 10% discount
- O'Reilly's Auto Parts- discount varies on products; excludes oil, anti-freeze & sale items
- Payless Shoe Source- 10% discount
- Perkins- 10% discount
- Pizza Hut- 10% discount
- Sally's Beauty- free discount card

Belle Fourche

- Untamed Salon- 15% discount with Kayleigh

Brookings

- Advance Auto Parts- 10% discount
- Applebees-10% discount
- Buffalo Wild Wings- Buy One Beer, Get a Domestic Beer Free
- Culvers- in uniform 25% discount, out of uniform 10%
- Dunham's Sports- 10% discount
- Great Clips- \$2.00 discount
- Hardees- \$1.00 discount of combo meal
- Lowe's- 10% discount
- Maurices- 10% discount
- Papa Murphy's- 10% discount
- Payless Shoe Source- 10% discount
- Perkins- 10% discount
- Pizza Hut- 10% discount
- Qdoba- 15% discount
- Sally's Beauty- free discount card

Elk Pointe

- Subway- 10% discount

Hot Springs

- Allen Ranch- 10% discount
- America's Best Value Inn- 10% discount
- Anise's BnB 4 Pets- 50% discount for Veteran's who need to board a dog while in the VA hospital
- Black Hills Books & Treasures- 10-15% discount on most items
- Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary- Veteran discount of \$45 adult admission on a 2 hour guided tour.
- Crazy Horse Memorial- Free admission w/ID
- Evans Plunge- \$2 off each immediate family member of Service Member
- Flat Iron Inn- email flatironinn@gmail.com for reservation and let them know that you're a Military Member or Military Family Member
- Health 4 Life- 10% discount
- Historic Log Cabins- 10% discount to all Veterans on short-term stays
- Motel 6- 10% discount, present Military ID at check-in
- Pioneer Museum- a Blue Star Museum offers Free admission—it is a volunteer run museum so donations are welcomed
- Red Rock River Resort- 10% discount
- Subway- 10% discount off regular priced items
- Sojourner Vacation Rentals- 10% discount
- The Mammoth Site- \$.50 off each admission for active and/or retired Military
- Windcross Conservancy- free admission for current serving and retired Military members

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Huron

- O'Reilly's Auto Parts**- discount varies on products; excludes oil, anti-freeze & sale items
- Shoe Sensations**-10% discount

Keystone

- National President Wax Museum**- group discount of \$1.00 off on each regular admission price

Lead/Deadwood

- Subway**- in Lead, 20% discount
- Deadwheels Bike Rentals**- in Deadwood, 10% Military & Veteran discount

Madison

- Pizza Hut**- 10% discount

Mitchell

- Arby's**- free drink with sandwich
- Cabelas**- 5% Hometown Heroes discount every day
- Culvers**- 10% discount
- Maurice's**- 10% discount
- O'Reilly's Auto Parts**- varies on products; excludes oil, anti-freeze & sale items
- Perkins**- 10% discount
- Pizza Hut**-10% discount
- Shoe Sensations**- 10% discount
- Taco Bell**- 10% discount

Pierre

- Arby's**- 10% discount
- Burger King**- 10% discount
- Hardee's**- \$1 off
- Maurice's**- 10% discount
- Napa Auto**- Military discounts vary based on items purchased
- Papa Murphy's**- \$2 off
- Perkins**- in Ft. Pierre, 20% discount
- River City Fitness**- 10% discount on yearly membership

Rapid City

- Aeropostale**- 10% discount
- Applebee's**- 10% discount, Active Duty to include Nat'l Guard
- Arby's**- 10% discount @ all 4 locations
- AutoZone**- 10% discount
- Avis**- Discount depends on leisure travel or orders-with ID
- Big D's W. Main**- on Monday's buy a Gold Wash, get a Bronze Wash for \$2
- Black Hills Animal Hospital (on Campbell St.)**- 10% discount
- Black Hills Bagels**- 10% discount
- Boston's**- 10% discount
- Buckle**- 10% discount
- Budget Rental Truck**- 10% discount
- Buffalo Wild Wings**- 10% discount
- Burger King**- 10% discount at Baken Park Location
- Cabelas**- 5% Hometown Heroes discount every day
- Carmike & Carmike 10**- \$8.00 ticket (evenings only- no matinees)
- Charlotte Russe**- 10% discount
- Chili's**- 10% discount
- CJ Banks /Christopher & Banks**- 10% discount
- Colonial House**- \$2 discount
- Culvers**- 10% discount, at both locations
- Cutting Edge Meat Market**- 10% discount
- Dickey's BBQ**- 10% discount with Military ID or 20% discount for Service Members in Uniform
- Dominos**- 10% discount
- Elks Theatre**- \$3.00 instead of \$5.00
- Family Thrift**- 5% discount
- Flowers by LeRoy**- 20% discount
- Fuddruckers**- 10% discount
- Fuji Steakhouse**- 10% discount
- Game Stop**- 10% off games and accessories on Mondays & Pre-orders (excludes gaming systems)
- Gas Light**- in Rockerville, 10% discount
- Great Clips**- 10% discount
- Habitat ReStore Outlet**- 10% discount
- Hagger's Fuel**- in Piedmont, 4 cents off per gallon
- Hardware Hank**- 10% discount
- HuHot**- 10% discount
- IHOP**- 10% discount
- Kelly's Sports Bar**- 15% discount when running a tab upon request

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Rapid City continued...

- Lintz Brother's Pizza- in Hermosa & Rapid City 10% discount
- Longhorn- 10% discount
- Lowe's- 10% discount
- Man Salon- 10% discount @ both locations
- Maurice's- 10% discount
- Meineke- 5% discount
- Mongolian Grill- 10% discount
- Mystic Edge Day Spa & Salon- 10% discount
- Northern Lights Storage- 10% discount- 1st four months
- O'Reilly's Auto Parts- discount varies on products: excludes oil, anti-freeze & sale items—available at all 3 locations
- Pancheros- 10% discount or Free Drink
- Papa Murphy's- 10 % discount (Baken Park location only)
- Payless Shoe Source- 10% discount
- Pearle Vision- 30% discount frames and lenses
- Perkins- 20% discount @ both locations
- Pita Pit- 15% discount
- Pizza Hut- 10% discount at all 3 Locations
- Pizza Ranch- discount on buffet @ both locations
- Red Lobster- 10% discount
- Reptile Gardens- \$2.00 discount on regular admission for Service Member & Spouse
- Rushmore Storage- 10% discount
- Sally's Beauty- free discount card
- Sanford's Grub & Pub- 10% discount; excludes desserts & alcoholic beverages
- Shoe Carnival- 10% discount
- Sip-N-Cycle- 10% discount
- Spencer's- 10% discount
- Smokin' Hot Catering LLC- 10% discount
- Taco Bell- 10% discount
- Texas Roadhouse- 10% discount
- The Connection Army/Navy- 10% discount on Reg. priced items
- TruGreen- 10% discount
- Walgreens- 15% discount on Tuesdays
- WaTiki Water park- 20% off general admission
- Wings & Rings- 15% discount
- YoYo Berri- 20% discount
- Zales- 10% discount
- Z'marik's Noodle Café- 10% discount

Sioux Falls

- Aeropostale- 10% discount
- Applebee's- 10% off every day for Military Members (East 10th St. Location only)
- Beef O'Brady's- 10% discount
- Buckle- 10% discount
- Buffalo Wild Wings- Buy One Beer, Get a Domestic Beer Free
- Charlotte Russe- 10% discount
- Chevy's Tex Mex- 10% discount
- Chili's- 10% off in uniform discount every day for Military Member only
- CJ Banks- 10% discount
- Culvers- 10% discount at E. Minnesota., S. Louise, & E. Arrowhead pkwy.
- Culvers- 5% discount at Empire Mall
- Firehouse Subs- free medium (32oz) drink
- Fly Boy Donuts- 50% discount
- Fuddruckers- 10% discount
- Gimme A Break- discount rate of \$5/hr.
- Home Depot- 10% discount; excludes lumber
- HuHot- 10% discount
- Johnson Environment- 10% discount
- Lowe's- 10% discount
- Maurice's- 10% discount
- Neighborhood Automotive- 10% discount on parts and labor for Veterans
- Old Navy- 10% discount
- O'Reilly's Auto Parts- discount varies on products; excludes oil, anti-freeze & sale items
- Outback Steakhouse- 10% discount daily or Free Appetizer
- Pac Sun- 10% discount
- Payless Shoe Source- 10% discount at all 3 locations
- Perkins- 10% discount @ all 3 locations
- Pizza Hut- 10% off (10th St. Location only)
- Pizza Ranch- 10th & 41st St 10% discount
- Shoe Carnival- 10% discount
- Sally's Beauty- free discount card
- Sam's Club- Receive \$15 Gift Card when you purchase a membership
- Spencer's Gifts- 10% discount
- Stewarts School- \$4 cuts & 15% off all other services

Sioux Falls continued...

- Stewarts School for Military Families with members overseas- Wed. until 4pm— Free cuts & Styles and 50% off all other services
- Texas Roadhouse- 10% discount
- The Connection Army/Navy Store- 10% discount on Reg. priced items
- Wing Stop- 15% discount

Spearfish

- Applebee's- 10% discount
- Burger King- 10% discount
- Culvers- 25% discount
- Habitat ReStore Outlet- 10% discount
- McDonalds- 10% discount
- Perkins- 10% discount
- Sally's Beauty- free discount card
- Sanford's Grub & Pub- 10% discount
- Subway- 10% discount @ both locations

Sturgis

- Burger King- 10% discount
- McDonalds- 25% discount
- Knuckle Saloon- 10% discount
- O'Reilly's Auto Parts- varies on products; excludes oil, anti-freeze & sale items
- Richter's Tire & Exhaust- 10% discount on sales & services
- Subway- 20% discount

Watertown

- Advanced Auto Parts- 10% discount
- Applebee's- 10% discount
- Buffalo Wild Wings- Buy One Beer, Get a Domestic Beer Free
- Christopher Banks- 10% discount
- CJ Banks- 10% discount
- Culvers- 10% discount
- Dunham's Sports- 10% discount
- IHOP- 20% discount
- Maurice's- 10% discount
- O'Reilly's Auto Parts- discount varies on products; excludes oil, anti-freeze & sale items
- Payless Shoe Source- 10% discount
- Perkins- 10% discount
- Pizza Hut- 10% off of Buffet
- Sally's Beauty- free discount card
- Tire's Plus- 5% discount

Webster

- A & W- 10% discount

Yankton

- Culvers- 10% discount
- O'Reilly's Auto Parts- discount varies on products; excludes oil, anti-freeze & sale items
- Payless Shoe Source- 10% discount

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If you know of additional Military Discounts offered to Military Members, Veterans and their families, please call 605.737.6970 to get it listed for others to use.

If a discount has changed or is no longer available please call so it can be changed.

This Discount sheet has been put together by your **South Dakota Military Family Assistance Center.**

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