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SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD



October Family Focus

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Service Member and Family Support

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THE FOCUS IS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS & FAMILIES, VETERANS, RETIREES & SURVIVORS

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Upcoming Elections for 2018

While 2018 is not a presidential election year, there are many other races coming up at the federal, state, and local level, including:

- All 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives
- One-third of all U.S. senators. [See which senators are up for re-election or plan to leave office.](#)
- Thirty-six state governors and three U.S. territory governors. [See which states have elections for governor this year.](#)
- Many city mayors. [See which cities have mayoral elections this year.](#)

[Your state or local election office](#) is the best source of information on elections in your area. Many election office websites are updated periodically so check back frequently for information on what seats are coming open, who the candidates are, and when primary elections will take place. The [U.S. Vote Foundation](#) is another source for election dates and deadlines.

[Learn more about how to vote.](#)

For an overview of the voting process, check out:

- [A Voter's Guide to Federal Elections](#)
- [14 Facts About Voting in Federal Elections](#)



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*** JOIN US ***




Trunk or Treat

2018

Saturday, October 27th

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Camp Rapid Duke Corning Armory (Northwest Parking Lot)




Join us for a fun afternoon! Trunk-or-Treating, games, and resources available!

Trunk-or-Treat is as an outreach opportunity and free event for families of the SD National Guard. Youth go from vehicle to vehicle to “trunk or treat,” while adults network and learn about available resources.

Plan for an afternoon full of **Halloween festivities!** Start downtown at the Scare in the Square, stop by the Trunk-or-Treat with your military kiddos, then head to the Safe N’ Sweet Trick N’ Treat at Storybook Island.

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



Bring your carved or decorated pumpkins for everyone to see!

TRUNKER REGISTRATION

TRUNKERS & Volunteers - please **PRE-REGISTER** by October 12th

Name(s) - POC

Unit/Program

Phone

Email Address

Theme

Signature

“TREATER” CONTEST

Best Costume . Adult . Youth . Group

“TRUNKER” CONTEST

Best Vehicle/Costume . 1st . 2nd . 3rd

PHOTO BOOTH FUN!

CONTEST WINNERS

Will receive a Certificate & Bragging Rights!

- TEAM / FAMILY VEHICLE
- UNIT VEHICLE
- FRG VEHICLE
- RESOURCE PROVIDER VEHICLE
- Please supply a table for my vehicle.
- VOLUNTEER** to assist as needed.

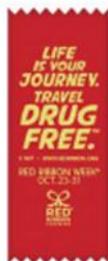
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ATTENTION Military Youth!

Red Ribbon Week

Poster Contest



1. *Poster Contest is open to Army National Guard Youth! (Child, sibling, grandchild of Service Members or Retired members) There will be two age categories: 10 years old & under and 11-15 year olds*
2. Make sure your drawing represents the 2018 Red Ribbon Week "Theme" **"Life is Your Journey – Travel Drug Free!"**
3. Draw your design on a regular 11 x 8 ½ sheet of paper! (Keep Horizontal)
4. ****Print the artists first and last name, age and address on the back of your poster along with a parent/guardian contact phone number.**

TOP 5 entries in each age category will receive prizes!

TOP WINNER in each category will also have their artwork published in the Dakota Pack Magazine, Family Focus and Social Media!

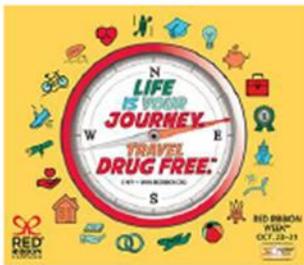
Poster Contest Deadline: Monday, October 22, 2018!

Emails can be mailed or scanned and emailed to

Kristi "Cricket" Palmer, CPS / Skyline ULTD Inc.
 SDARNG Alcohol and Drug Control Officer (ADCO)
 2823 West Main Street - Rapid City, SD 57702
 Work: 605-737-6973 / Cell: 605-490-3424
kristi.l.palmer.ctr@mail.mil

Red RIBBON WEEK is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program. Red Ribbon Week started after the death of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who in 1985 was brutally tortured and murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico. After his death, people started wearing red ribbons to honor Kiki's sacrifice. Today, millions of people celebrate Red Ribbon Week by wearing red ribbons, participating in community anti-drug events, and pledging to live drug-free lives.

October 23-31
 Red Ribbon Week



redribbonweek.org

Please Join Us for an Interactive Webinar

Coping With Stress as a Military Couple

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 2-2:45 p.m. ET

Facilitated by: Mary Sanderfer and Devyn Stinnett

Military OneSource is pleased to offer interactive webinars about topics important to you. Join us online each month to watch a panel of experts discuss healthy relationships, managing finances, coping with change, thriving as a military family and much more. Message us your questions and comments during the events or just sit back and learn!

All couples face a variety of stressors. Military couples may add deployments, frequent moves and other aspects of military life to their list of challenges. In this video discussion we will explore ways that people cope with stress and how that impacts relationships, with a special emphasis on military couples.

No registration is required. Just access the event at <https://connect.militaryonesourceconnect.org/iwebs/> and type in your first name or nickname to join the webinar.

About the discussion leaders

Dr. Mary Sanderfer, is a quality assurance clinical advisor with Military OneSource. She received her master's degree in counseling from Regent University and doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision from Old Dominion University. Dr. Sanderfer is a licensed professional counselor with more than 10 years of experience providing individual, family, and group counseling. She embraces the philosophy that good behavioral health facilitates good physical health.

Devyn Stinnett, EdS, holds a master's degree in psychology and a specialist degree in guidance and counseling. Over the past twenty years she has worked with children and adults with a wide range of mental health issues in both outpatient and inpatient settings, and has volunteered as an equine therapist for service members, veterans and their families. She currently works as the resource coordinator for Military OneSource. Ms. Stinnett is the proud daughter of a former Army National Guard soldier, and lives in Virginia with her husband, an active duty Marine.



The Watertown Sea of Goodwill is excited to sponsor the 2nd Annual *Sea of Goodwill Equine Experience Retreat* for our Heroes Post 9/11 Veterans and Service Members and their families.

The Sea of Goodwill Equine Experience Retreat
November 11-12, 2018
Joy Ranch
Watertown, SD

The retreat begins at noon on Sunday and ends at noon on Monday. *The Sea of Goodwill Equine Experience Retreat* is valued at \$335 for a family of 4 and \$370 for a family of 5. However, this awesome experience is completely **FREE** and **AVAILABLE** to the first 16 Veteran or Military Service Families who register for the retreat by **October 31, 2018**. *The Sea of Goodwill Equine Experience Retreat* includes:

- Veteran or Service Member Equine Experiences
- Retreat Room
- Dinner on Sunday Evening
- Breakfast on Monday Morning
- 2 Family Activities while their Veteran or Service Member is engaged in an Equine Experience
- 1 Family Activity of choice when all 16 families are together.

Reserve your retreat today! Call Joy Ranch at (605)-886-4622 or email morgan@losd.org or register online at <http://www.losd.org/events-retreats/joy-ranch/sea-of-goodwill-retreat.html>

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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT!

OCTOBER 18, 2018

Haycamp Brewery - 601 Kansas City St.

Games Start at 6 PM

Can't Play? Come support the cause and enjoy some drinks and food!

Smokin' Hot will be donating 10+% of their proceeds.



**PROCEEDS GO TO
DAVID FISCHER MEMORIAL
& STURGIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**



REGISTRATION: 4-5:30PM
\$50/TEAM, LIMITED ENTRIES
PRE-REGISTER BY EMAILING
BCHILCOTT@KW.COM

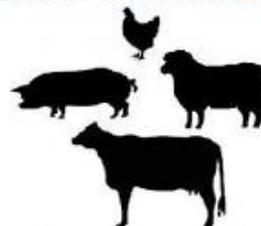
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BE PRESENT TO WIN. TO
DONATE, EMAIL BRITTANY
(CONTACT INFO BELOW).

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QUESTIONS, DIRECTIONS, DONATIONS:
(605) 343-7500 | BChilcott@kw.com

Smokin' Hot Catering LLC





\$350 STIPEND FOR PARTICIPATING ACTIVE LISTENING SKILLS TRAINING

Active listening skills are powerful in serving as the foundation of establishing and sustaining interpersonal relationships. Engaging in effective listening in the military is critical as information is communicated during missions, feedback is provided during developmental counseling, and crisis situations are identified. In collaboration with the United States Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, we are inviting you to participate in a research study.

Active listening skills training workshops will be held across South Dakota. You will be asked to complete a pre and posttest assessment at the beginning of a 10-hour workshop on active listening skills and a post-assessment immediately after the workshop. The pre- and post-assessments will consist of a 15-minute taped developmental counseling session and a 15-minute survey. Depending on your randomly assigned research group, you might participate in the workshop. If you are interested, please email Andrea Bjornestad at SDSU.

Dates and locations will be determined based on participant interest. You will receive a \$350 stipend for participating.



\$350 stipend

**Must be an Officer
or NCO**

**18 years of age or
older**

**Learn skills to
build relationships
with subordinates**

**Apply skills in
developmental
counseling**

**PLEASE EMAIL
ANDREA BJORNESTAD
IF INTERESTED BY
OCTOBER 15**

Andrea Bjornestad
Assistant Professor
South Dakota State
University

605-688-5125

Andrea.Bjornestad@sdstate.
edu

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



The state of your physical and behavioral health can keep you looking and feeling your very best or drag you down into hopelessness. The benefits and resources associated with physical and mental health and well-being can help you stay healthy and happy, inside and out.

- Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Coverage**
 Your TAA can assist you in applying for your benefits through the VHA who will determine your eligibility based on deployment history, LOD injury or illness, and active duty dates of service.
- Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP)**
 Provides 180 days of premium-free transitional health care benefits after regular TRICARE benefits end.
- TAMP and TRICARE**
 If you qualify for TRICARE, you can purchase it for you and/or your family upon TAMP termination. You'll need to apply within 60 days of the last day of TAMP to ensure your TRICARE benefits aren't interrupted.
- Dental and Vision Programs**
 Under the Active Duty Dental Program, your coverage ends at separation. As a guard and reserve member, you may purchase a dental/vision program(s) during FY 18 under the FEDVIP program.
- Veterans Pension**
 Helps veterans and their families cope with financial challenges by providing supplemental income. It is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to low-income wartime veterans.
- Vet Centers** provide confidential, non-reportable counsel to you and your family. They serve as a key link between the veteran and other services.
- State and Local Healthcare and Mental Health Services**
 Contact your TAA for local resources.
- VA Health Care and VA Dental Care**
 The VA provides a medical benefits package that is available to enrolled veterans on a priority level based on income and service. Dental treatment is limited to those with high percentage and 100% disability.



Disclaimer: Military/State and Veteran Benefits are likely to change without advanced notice. For the most up to date Benefits Information and assistance; always contact your local Transition Assistance Advisor to receive the latest information about the benefits you've earned, based on your individual service.

Find your local TAA:
<https://www.jointservicesupport.org/WS/>

"He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything."

Thomas Carlyle



taahhealthy.com

**Contact Christian Johnson, the SD Transition Assistance Advisor (TAA) today at:
 605-737-6669 or christian.m.johnson.ctr@mail.mil**



VETERAN STAND DOWN & RESOURCE FAIR



November 8, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Rushmore Plaza
Civic Center



SERVICES OFFERED

Lunch
 Employment Services
 Clothing
 Legal Assistance

VA Benefits
 Readjustment Counseling
 Housing Referrals
 Much More!

* Please bring a copy of your DD214, dependent information, and identification to the event. Documentation is needed so we can fully serve you and your needs.

For questions contact VA Black Hills:
 Jamison Hild at: 605-490-8587

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 Veterans Health Administration
 Black Hills Health Care System

Strong Bonds Workshop 2019 Registration Form

To reserve your spot – Please complete this form and:

Mail to: State Chaplain's Office, 2823 West Main St, Rapid City, SD 57702-8186 or

Email to: lynn.j.wilson.mil@mail.mil



CHECK (✓) date and location of your choice

____ **19-20 January 2019 – Rapid City SD**
Strong Bonds for Couples

____ **23-24 March 2019 – Sioux Falls SD**
Strong Bonds for Families

(Saturday 0800-1600 and Sunday 0800-1200)

Registration Deadline: As soon as possible for planning purposes

Room Reservation Deadlines are 2 weeks prior to workshop

Service Member's Name: _____ **Rank:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (+ Area Code) _____ **E-mail** _____

Military Unit: _____

Spouse Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Spouse E-mail: _____

Childcare Requested: _____ **YES** _____ **NO** **Number of Children:** _____
(For approved events only)

Children's Names/Ages/Gender: _____

A follow up letter confirming your registration and further details will be sent to you upon receipt of this registration.

Questions or additional information - Contact CH Lynn Wilson.

Email: lynn.j.wilson.mil@mail.mil or 605-431-5182

2018 Family and Youth Volunteer Now Accepting Nominations

The 2018 Family and Youth Volunteer nomination period is now open and will close December 31, 2018.

It is that time of year where we begin to reflect on our accomplishments over the last year. Some of you may already be starting to write your Christmas Card Letter and getting ready to tell the world of all of the good things that have happened in your households during the last year.

Others may simply be looking back in astonishment that we made it through the last year with everything going on. In either instance, that reflection probably has something to do with your connection to the guard. As you reflect on the past year, please look into the volunteers who support your organization. In regards to Family and Youth, please contact us to nominate a volunteer that you think is deserving.

After the 1st of January, our team will come together and make the selections and we will make the announcement at our 2019 State Family and Youth Symposium in April (tentatively in Pierre on 13/14 April).



If you would like to submit or have any questions, please contact:

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OCT. 13TH, 2018 -





BHSU

FOOTBALL GAME

★ ★ ★ ★ ATTENTION HEROES

BHSU athletics would like to invite all Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, and EMS Personnel to the "Hero Appreciation Game" as the Yellow Jacket football team hosts New Mexico Highlands University at 1:00pm. All Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMS personnel will receive (2) tickets for the game with ID.




GORLINS, GHOULS, EXTRA TERRESTRIALS
& CREATURES OF ALL AGES

WELCOME

OCTOBER 19TH

6:00 PM IN THE THEATER

BG Ernie Edwards Readiness Center
1951 N. Hwy. 20, Watertown, SD

POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED

COMING SOON!



Thank a Soldier Lay a Wreath



Special Project

VFW AUXILIARY POST 1273
P.O. BOX 3701
RAPID CITY, SD 57709-3701

Purchase a 20" Wreath to honor and remember a Veteran during the Holiday Season.



20" Wreaths will be placed the
2nd Saturday of December

Deadline to Place Order
November 1st

Beautiful Home & Holiday Wreaths

- 20" Wreath \$20
- 27" Spray \$23
- 24" Cross \$40
- 24" Wreath \$30
- 36" Wreath \$40
- 16ft. Garland \$37



24" Cross

Home & Gift Decorating & Giving

"The quality and freshness of these wreaths are outstanding."



27" Spray



16 ft. Garland

"These wreaths are beautiful gift ideas, count me in for next year"



24" & 36" Wreath

"Its wonderful to know that we are supporting our Veterans and their Families."

VFW AUXILIARY POST 1273
P.O. BOX 3701
RAPID CITY, SD 57709-3701

Remembrance & Holiday Wreaths

Name: _____ Phone/Cell#: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____

Balsam Wreath Order			
	Price	Quantity	Total
20" Wreath	\$20.00		
24" Wreath	\$30.00		
36" Wreath	\$40.00		
27" Sprays	\$23.00		
24" Cross	\$40.00		
16 ft Garland	\$37.00		
Please make Checks Payable to			
Grand Total			

Free Service

We are honored to place a 20" Wreath free of charge at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Check/Cash

Free wreath placement service must complete information below.

Name on Headstone Site # Wreath Type

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2018 Feuerstein Seminar Series presents

Taya Kyle

Widow of late U.S. Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle commonly known as the American Sniper



Monday, October 29th at 7:00 pm
Student Center at LATI, Watertown, SD

The Lake Area Technical Institute Foundation and the Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation are excited to jointly host the 2018 Feuerstein Series event featuring Taya Kyle, widow of late U.S. Navy SEAL Sniper Chris Kyle, commonly known as the American Sniper.

"Overcoming Adversity"

Taya Kyle is an author, motivational speaker, and military veteran's family activist. Known as the widow of U.S. Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle, she was played by Sienna Miller in the film "American Sniper" directed by Clint Eastwood, starring Bradley Cooper. Taya's message will inspire attendees to embrace the future with hope, gratitude, and joy, while also honoring the past.

Tickets:

Early bird tickets on sale from August 27 through October 15 for \$45 each, or \$35 each for a group of 10 or more (paid at the same time).
If tickets remain after October 15, tickets will be \$55 each; no group rates available.
Tickets will not be sold at the door the night of the event.

Learn more and purchase tickets:

Online at lakeareatech.edu or prairielakes.com

At the Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation office or at Prairie Lakes Gift Shop

AMERICA'S WORKFORCE:

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NATIONAL DISABILITY
EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER



GET CONNECTED CLASS

For Veterans Enrolled in VA

This free class will teach Veterans enrolled in VA how to:

- access their medical records
- request appointments online
- request prescription renewals
- send messages to their health care team
- download a VA health care app
- and how to have your visits from the comfort of your own home. (there is **NO COPAY** for these appointments!)

**BRING YOUR SMART PHONES,
TABLETS, OR LAPTOPS**

We will teach you how to use them for all things Telehealth and Connected Care to bring your health care right to your fingertips!

2018 DATES:

September 25th

October 9th

November 6th

October 23rd

TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm

This is a drop in class.

No need to register or call ahead.

Just stop in with your device!

LOCATION: Hot Springs VA campus

Room D019 on the ground floor of Building 12 in Pharmacy

GET THE APPS

mobile.va.gov/appstore



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Black Hills Health Care System

Your LIFE

Your HEALTH

Your SCHEDULE

No Appointment
Necessary

Hands on Training

Questions:

Call

605-745-2000

Ext. 2750 or 2538

VA Black Hills
Health Care System

Hot Springs Campus
500 N 5th Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747

10:00am – 12:00pm
DROP IN ANYTIME

South Dakota State Veteran's Benefits

South Dakota Veteran Housing Program: The South Dakota Veterans Home is located in Hot Springs. To be eligible for admission, veterans must be an honorably discharged resident of South Dakota, or the spouse or widow of such a veteran, be ambulatory and able to care for self and living area.

In the case of a married couple, the spouse of the veteran must be admitted with the veteran, unless the veteran is institutionalized, in order to be able to reside at the Home. Costs are based on income.

Property Tax Exemption for Veterans and Their Widow or Widower: Dwellings or parts of multiple family dwellings which are specifically designed for use by paraplegics as wheelchair homes and which are owned and occupied by veterans with the loss, or loss of use, of both lower extremities, or by the unremarried widow or widower of such veteran, are exempt from taxation.

The dwelling must be owned and occupied by the veteran for one full calendar year before the exemption becomes effective. For purposes of this statute, the term "dwelling" generally means real estate in an amount not to exceed one acre upon which the building is located.

In addition veterans that have been rated as permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service connected disability may be eligible for up to \$100,000 of their property value to be exempt from property taxes.

Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans: Up to \$100,000 of the full value of a home that is owned and occupied by a permanently and totally disabled veteran is exempt from taxation. The surviving spouse may also be eligible.

South Dakota Veterans Bonuses: South Dakota currently offers a bonus of up to \$500 for current or former eligible members of the Armed Forces who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding their period of active duty and who meet certain criteria during one or more of the following periods:

- August 2, 1990 to March 3, 1991 – All active service counts for payment.
- March 4, 1991 to December 31, 1992 – Only service in a hostile area qualifying for the Southwest Asia Service Medal counts for payment.
- January 1, 1993 to September 10, 2001 – Only service in a hostile area qualifying for any United States campaign or service medal awarded for combat operations against hostile forces counts for payment.
- September 11, 2001 to a date to be determined – [OIF/OEF] All active service counts for payment.

Veterans living in South Dakota may apply through the nearest [County or Tribal Veterans Service Officer](#).

Free Tuition for Veterans: Certain veterans are eligible to take undergraduate courses at a state university without the payment of tuition provided they are not eligible for educational payments under the GI Bill or any other federal educational program.

Eligible veterans may receive one month of free tuition for each month of "qualifying service" with a minimum of one, up to a maximum of four, academic years. Qualifying service is defined as: the amount of time served on active duty between the beginning and ending dates of the particular period of conflict or hostilities during which the veteran earned eligibility for this program.

Free Tuition for Children of Veterans Who Die During Service: Children who are under the age of 25, are residents of South Dakota, and whose mother or father was killed in action or died of other causes while on active duty, are eligible for free tuition at a state supported school, if the deceased parent was a bona-fide resident of this state for at least six months immediately preceding entry into active service.

SDDVA form E-12 "Application for Free Tuition at State Supported Institutions" is available at the schools' financial aids, veterans representative or registrars offices or, they can be obtained from the Division of Veterans Affairs.

Free Tuition for Dependents of POW's and MIA's: Children and spouses of prisoners of war, or of persons listed as missing in action, are entitled to attend a state supported school without the payment of tuition or mandatory fees provided they are not eligible for equal or greater federal benefits.

SDDVA form E-12 "Application for Free Tuition at State Supported Institutions" is available at the schools' financial aids, veterans representative or registrars offices or, they can be obtained from the Division of Veterans Affairs.

Reduced Tuition for South Dakota National Guard members: Guard members, who meet the requirements for admission, are eligible for a fifty percent reduction in undergraduate tuition charges at any state supported school for up to a maximum of four academic years or one program of study, approved by the state Board of Education, at any state vocational school upon payment of fifty percent of the tuition charges.

The receipt of federal educational benefits does not affect eligibility for this program.

Free Certified Copies of Veterans Records: South Dakota counties may not charge for certified copies of birth, death, marriage, adoption, divorce, guardianship or conservatorship papers when such records are required in support of a claim against any agency of the federal or state government by, or on behalf of, a service member or veteran, or the spouse, surviving spouse or dependents of a service member or veteran.

Burial Allowance for Veterans, Wives or Widows: A payment of up to \$100 may be paid by the state to help defray the burial and funeral expenses of any honorably discharged veteran or the wife, widow or widower of a veteran when the estate, or immediate family, of the deceased is lacking in funds to pay the expenses. The veteran must have been a citizen of the United States for one year preceding entrance into military service or one year preceding the death. This payment CANNOT be made to another unit of government. The surviving spouse, or relatives, must furnish an affidavit to the C/TVSO that sufficient funds are not available for payment of the expenses.

Headstone Setting Fee: The state will pay \$100 towards the cost of setting a government headstone or marker at the grave of a veteran who was a resident of this state for one year preceding entrance into the military service or one year preceding death.

Special License Plates: A resident veteran owner of a motor vehicle who has a valid South Dakota driver's license and who signs an affidavit attesting to the fact that he or she is an honorably discharged veteran having served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, may apply for Veteran plates. The fee for the special plates is \$10.00 per set, in addition to registration fees. A \$5.00 mailing fee required for each set of license plates to be mailed.

No special plate renewal fee is charged, but registration fees apply. To see all categories [click here](#).

Hunting and Fishing Cards for Disabled Veterans: Certain resident veterans may receive a hunting and fishing card which is valid for four years. Upon purchase of an annual basic game and fish license, the card becomes the equivalency of a resident fishing license, small game stamp and habitat stamp until the expiration of the basic game and fish license. To qualify the veteran must:

1. Be rated as totally disabled from service connected injuries OR,
2. Be in receipt of the VA "K" award OR,
3. Have been held as a Prisoner of War OR,
4. Be in receipt of Social Security benefits because of a total disability.

Free Admission and Reduced Camping Fees for Veterans: Certain resident veterans may obtain free admission to any South Dakota state park and are eligible for a fifty percent discount on any camping fee or associated electrical fee. To qualify the veteran must:

1. Be totally disabled from service connected disabilities or,
2. Be in receipt of the VA "K" award OR,
3. Have been held as a Prisoner of War.

Application forms may be obtained from the local park manager or through the [Game, Fish and Parks office](#) in Pierre.

Special Provisions for Handicapped Hunters: Individuals who are missing an upper limb, or are physically incapable of using an upper limb or who are confined to a wheelchair may use a crossbow to take game birds and animals once they have obtained a disabled hunter permit.

A legally blind, legally licensed individual who possesses a disabled hunter permit and who is physically present and participating in the hunt may claim game birds and animals taken by a designated hunter in accordance with the license or licenses possessed by the handicapped hunter.

Applications are obtained from the Game, Fish and Parks office in Pierre or from a game warden.

For more information on any of these programs Visit: [the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs website](#)

★★★ SERGEANT COLTON LEVI DERR ★★★
FOUNDATION

Gallantly Forward 2018 Gala

SAT

OCT
20TH



Tickets

\$35

BUY FOR
VETERANS IF YOU
CAN'T ATTEND!



RUSHMORE
PLAZA CIVIC
CENTER

LACROIX
HALL



*Doors at
5 pm*

**SOCIAL ★ DINNER ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ SILENT & LIVE AUCTION
GUEST SPEAKERS ★ BATTLE BUDDY AWARD**

*SGT Derr battled with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
following his combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.
We honor Colton by helping his fellow veterans.*

The battle does not end when the war is over.

*Get your ticket TO
SUPPORT our heroes*



*Call OR Go Online 605.545.2505
SERGEANTDERRFOUNDATION.ORG*

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