



Paralyzed Veterans of America

North Central Chapter

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North Central Chapter

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August/September 2020

Upcoming Events August/September 2020

Aug 1-8 . . . Sioux Empire Fair, Sioux Falls

Aug 13 . . . Membership Meeting, Chapter Office, Noon Luncheon and 1:00 PM Mtg

Aug 27 . . . SF Veterans Council, Military Heritage Alliance Building, 7:00 PM

Sept 3-7 . . . SD State Fair, Huron

Sept 3 . . . Veterans Day at SD State Fair, Huron

Sept 7 . . . Labor Day, Office Closed

Sept 10 . . . Membership Meeting, Chapter Office, Noon Luncheon and 1:00 PM Mtg

Sept 18 . . . POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, Sioux Falls, SD, 6:30 PM

Sept 22 . . . First Day of Autumn

Sept 24 . . . SF Veterans Council, Military Heritage Alliance Building, 7:00 PM

Because of the coronavirus, many of our events may have been canceled. Please check ahead of time.

Additional Canceled Events

Veterans Stand Down in September

Annual Membership Banquet in October

Annual Christmas Luncheon in December

2020-2021 Election of Officers (Effective 10-1-2020)

PVA North Central Chapter held their Annual Election of Officers on June 11, 2020.

Our newly elected officers are: President Perry Grimme, Vice President Casey Davidson, Secretary Greg Brandner and Treasurer Gene Murphy.

Our Board of Directors are: Duane Biesboer, Chuck Doom and Rodney Melcher.

Our National Director is: Mike Olson.

Congratulations to all of you and we look forward to another great year of leadership!

From Executive Director Lisa Cummings

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer so far and finding things to do social distancing. The Chapter staff is back in the office working from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. With the virus picking back up we may go back to one person in the office at a time. We will keep you posted as time goes on.

We recently had a stakeholder's teleconference with our local VA. They are slowly reopening with guidelines. Everyone is being screened before entering the VA, they request children do not come to appointments, discourage walk ins and the Valet is back open. The Care in the Community is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment please call 605-333-6800. Urgent Care phone number is 605-336-3230 option 3. (continued on Page 13)

SD State Veterans Cemetery Endowment Fund

With the passing of SB 91, the South Dakota Veterans Council has established an Endowment Fund with the South Dakota Community Foundation. This fund will be used for the maintenance and operations of the veterans cemetery.

The South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery will be located at the 1-90/I-229 area in Sioux Falls, SD and will encompass up to 50 acres of land donated by the City of Sioux Falls.

All federally defined veterans, spouses, and dependent children are eligible for burial in the State Veterans Cemetery.

We are proud to be able to give our veterans their final resting place on the eastside and keep them close to their families.

If you would like to contribute to the Endowment Fund, please click on the following link. Our goal is to raise \$3,000,000.00 by 2023.

<https://sdcommunityfoundation.org/for-advisors/existing-funds/south-dakota-veterans-cemetery-fund/>



Monday, September 7th
Office will be closed.

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(LisaC@ncpva.org/605-336-0494) with your email address. This will help save the Chapter on postage and printing costs.



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PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

Membership-Duane Biesboer

The Chapter currently has a total of 181 members and 92 Associate Members.

Regular membership is FREE! If you know of anyone who has a spinal cord injury or disease please have the Veteran contact the Chapter office.

Beginning October 1st, all Associate Members will be invoiced for Annual Dues. Annual dues are \$30 per year and Life Dues are \$200.00.

Thank you to those who have sent in their dues!!

Please notify the Chapter when you have
a change of address.

Volunteer Program-Charles Doom

The Chapter had 132 hours for the month of June, YTD – 1859. Chuck Doom and Rodney Melcher were June/July 2020 Volunteers of the Month. Remember to look for your volunteer number in the newsletter and win a \$25 Gift Card! If you see your number, call the Chapter Office!



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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR

HURON, SD

Thursday, September 3rd

through

Monday, September 7th

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **VETERANS BUILDING** will be closed for the State Fair.

Free Admission for Veterans

Thursday, September 3rd

Veterans Day - **“HEROES DAY”** - will be held Thursday, September 3rd, during the South Dakota State Fair in Huron. The SD Veterans Council will host a program at 10:00 AM with presentation of the “Chester Sorenson Veterans of the Year Award.”

You are welcome to attend!

VA Caregiver Support

With VA’s Caregiver Support Line, assistance is just a quick phone call away. Whether you are in need of immediate assistance or have questions about what services you may be eligible for, the caring licensed professionals who answer the support line can:

- Tell you about the assistance available from VA.
- Help you access services.
- Connect you with the Caregiver Support Coordinator at a VA Medical Center near you.
- Just listen, if that is what you need right now.



PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**VA Community Emergency Care****Information for Veterans**

In most instances, Veterans are eligible to receive Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-authorized emergency care at an in-network facility if VA is notified of the emergent event within 72 hours. The VA medical center (VAMC) nearest to a Veteran's emergent event can identify in-network emergency care providers.

Veterans do not need to check with VA before going to an emergency department in the community or calling an ambulance. During a medical emergency, VA encourages all Veterans to seek immediate medical attention without delay.

To simplify and streamline this emergency care notification process, VA established a national emergency care contact center.

The Emergency Care Centralized Notification Center allows community providers to report instances of a Veteran presenting to a community emergency department. It offers simplified access to VA for care coordination, eligibility determination and payment authorization information. Centralized notification standardizes communication, documentation and collaboration between VA and community providers.

General Information: VA should be notified within 72 hours of the start of an emergent event that a Veteran has sought emergency care at an in-network facility. This notification ensures VA can authorize the care. This step also assists VA in coordinating the Veteran's transfer to a VAMC and additional care, and ensures that the requirement for VA to pay for the care are met.

For each emergent episode of care, treating community providers will receive authorization decision information and, if applicable, directions on how to submit claims. Failure to notify VA of care rendered through an in-network community facility prevents VA from authorizing the emergency treatment and prevents claims and payments from being made through one of VA's third-party administrators.

Notification Requirements: The person notifying VA should be prepared to supply case-specific information as explained in VA Form 10-10143g, Non-VA Hospital Emergency Notification, online at

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https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10143g_Non-VA_Hospital_Emergency_Notification_Fill.pdf

Case-specific details are necessary for care coordination and eligibility determination. If the person notifying VA is unable to supply all necessary information, VA will contact the appropriate parties to collect the information.

Providers should use one of the following centralized options to notify VA with details about Veterans receiving emergent care in the community:

1. Email: VHAEmergencyNotification@va.gov
2. Phone: 844-72HRVHA (844-724-7842)

If notification is made to a local VA medical facility the notification will be referred to the centralized intake for action.

For information about care coordination, documentation submission, eligibility, claims and payment go to:

https://www.va.gov/COMUNITYCARE/providers/info_EmergencyCare.asp

VA Community Emergency Care**Provider Notification**

In most instances, Veterans are eligible to receive Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-authorized emergency care at an in-network facility if VA is notified of the emergent event within 72 hours. Veterans do not need to check with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) before calling for an ambulance or going to an emergency department. During a medical emergency, VA encourages all Veterans to seek immediate medical attention without delay. It is, however, important for providers to promptly notify VA within 72 hours of a Veteran presenting to the emergency department.

Effective June 8, 2020, VA established a national centralized notification center to simplify the emergency care notification process.

The Emergency Care Centralized Notification Center allows community providers, Veterans and representatives to report instances of a Veteran presenting to a community emergency department. It offers simplified access to VA for care coordination, eligibility determination and payment authorization information. Centralized notification standardizes communication, documentation and collaboration between VA and community providers.

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General Information: Providers should report instances of a Veteran presenting to a community emergency department to VA within 72 hours of the start of emergent care. It is important to notify VA within 72 hours because it allows VA to assist in coordinating care or transfer to a VA medical center. This helps ensure that administrative and clinical requirements for VA to pay for the care are met. Failure to report in a timely manner may impact a Veteran's eligibility for VA to cover the cost of emergency treatment. For each notification the treating facility will receive authorization or eligibility information and, if applicable, direction for claim submittal.

Notification Requirements: Providers may use either of the following centralized options to notify VA with details about Veterans receiving emergent care in the community:

1. Email: VHAEmergencyNotification@va.gov
2. Phone: 844-72HRVHA (844-724-7842)

If notification is made to a local VA medical facility, the notification will be referred to centralized intake for action.

Case-specific details are necessary for care coordination and eligibility determinations and will be requested during notification. The person notifying VA should be prepared to supply case specific information detailed in VA Form 10-10143g, Non-VA Hospital Emergency Notification—available online at:

https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10143g_Non-VA_Hospital_Emergency_Notification_Fill.pdf

- when calling or emailing notification. If the person notifying the VA is unable to supply all information, VA will contact the appropriate parties to collect the information.

For additional information, including information about care coordination, eligibility, documentation claims and payment, please visit: www.vagov/COMMUNITYCARE/providers/info_EmergencyCare.asp.

Wills for Heroes

Wills for Heroes is a free monthly legal clinic for veterans and their spouses to receive simple wills and powers of attorney. This clinic is for income-qualifying individuals and by APPOINTMENT ONLY.

You must call and schedule an appointment to meet with an attorney on the day of the clinic. Call East River Legal Services (605-336-9230) for the next scheduled time.

Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program

HUD, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, announces \$9.4 Million in grant funding to modify or rehabilitate eligible veterans' primary residences. Eligible applicants for the Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program are nonprofit organizations that provide nationwide or statewide programs that primarily serve veterans or low-income individuals.

For more information, view the [NOFA on Grants.gov](https://www.nofoa.gov).

For more information, contact HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development – Jovette Gadson at 877-787-2526 or jovette.g.gadson@hud.gov.

The Rural Gateway provides technical assistance, trainings, and peer learning and resource sharing to support rural housing and economic development. Closing Date for Applications: August 18, 2020.

Barrel House Day of Giving to Benefit Midwest Honor Flight

Monday, August 24, 2020, has been selected as the “**Barrel House Day of Giving**.” Barrel House will donate ten percent of total sales for the day to Midwest Honor Flight to support Veterans on their missions.

The Barrel House is located in Sioux Falls, SD at 4701 East 54th Street.

Vet Centers Up Date

During this pandemic, please remember the Sioux Falls and Rapid City Vet Centers are remaining open and continue to provide the following services:

Individual Counseling (face-to-face, telehealth and phone visits)

Group Counseling (telehealth)

Marital and Family Counseling

Military Sexual Trauma

Please give them a call to schedule an appointment!

- Sioux Falls Vet Center (605) 330-4552
- Rapid City Vet Center (605) 348-0077

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, SPORTS & REC

Because of the COVID-19, many of our events that would normally be listed on this Sports & Rec page have been canceled. Always check ahead of time if you have questions.

Additional Cancellations:

PVA North Central Chapter Trapshoot in September and all Pheasant Hunts this fall.

VA Expands Funding for Emergency Response for Veterans Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness during COVID-19 Pandemic

WASHINGTON (7-16-2020) - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced it is allocating an additional \$400 million of its [coronavirus relief funding](#) to enhance the department's emergency relief response for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) allocated \$17.2 billion for the Veterans Health Administration of which \$700 million is devoted to expanding services for and addressing the challenges faced by Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

"The additional allocation of CARES Act funding will support the continuity of care of vulnerable Veterans during the COVID-19 pandemic," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "With this additional funding, VA's Homeless Programs Office can provide more homeless prevention assistance and emergency housing to make it possible for Veterans to maintain appropriate physical distancing and to ensure they are living in safe conditions."

The newly allocated funds will be used for the [Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program](#) (SSVF). SSVF offers several ways to secure housing for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

In total, \$602 million of coronavirus relief funding has now been allocated for this program, which will also help the [Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing Program](#) place Veterans in safe housing to isolate them from the virus.

Other coronavirus relief funding devoted to providing emergency shelter and supportive services for Veterans includes \$88 million for the [Grant and Per Diem Program](#) and \$10 million for the [Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program](#).

VA Health Care First to have Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Codes for Chaplain Care

WASHINGTON (7-16-2020) – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced it has been approved to establish three new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for chaplain spiritual care. The new [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) health care settings provide 15-minute sessions each for chaplain pastoral and spiritual assessment services, individual counseling and group therapy. This is the first time an organization has been granted these independent health care codes created for use by their clinical chaplains in a stand-alone setting.

"VA's chaplain spiritual care is highly integrated into the total care and treatment program for Veterans," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "The clinically trained chaplains provide in-depth assessment, evaluation and treatment of patients who often have many different physical, social, mental and spiritual needs."

The new HCPCS codes further enable a comprehensive bio-psycho-social-spiritual approach. They facilitate outlining a patient's intrinsic and extrinsic spirituality, spiritual preference, practices and health, coping mechanisms and well-being. This ultimately helps with goal development of spiritual care unique to a patient's needs and family/caregiver support.

VA chaplains also provide consultation, counseling and support to family members, caregivers and VA staff. The three new CMS HCPCS codes will go into effect October 1. More information about the codes can be found at [CMS Summary for Bi-Annual 2020 Meeting](#) pages 45-46.

STAY HEALTHY!

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, FUNDRAISING

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PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, ADVOCACY/LEGISLATION-TERRY PAULSEN

Construction at the site of South Dakota's first State Veterans Cemetery in northeast Sioux Falls is making a lot of progress



Since the groundbreaking last September, machines have moved a lot of dirt. The location looks a lot different now, as crews should have it ready to open sometime next spring. What once was a farmer's field is now transforming into sacred ground for local Veterans.

The first phase of construction of 610 pre-placed crypts, 999 cremains gravesites, 660 columbarium niches, 50 memorial wall markers, a main entrance, an avenue of flags, an administration building, a maintenance facility, roads, an assembly area, a committal shelter, scatter burial area, a memorial walkway, landscaping, and supporting infrastructure are underway. The first phase of the project will develop approximately 12.9 acres. The project will enable the cemetery to serve approximately 43,000 Veterans, their spouses and eligible family.

"Fast forward to today and you can see that we've got buildings going up and a lot of dirt has been moved. It just looks like a completely different site," Aaron Pollard with the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs said. Pollard has been a part of the project since the beginning. A Veteran himself, he knows what it will mean for the community when it's complete.



"It's pretty heartwarming. Every time I come out here, it's a little bit further along and I can conceptualize a little better what it's going to look like once it's complete. Every time I'm out here it kind of takes my breath away and I realize what this is morphing into and what it's going to mean for the Veterans of South Dakota and the Veterans across the country that want to be buried here," Pollard said.

Several local crews are taking part in the special project from Stockwell Engineers to Journey Construction. Landscape Architect David Locke says for being in Sioux Falls, the site provides plenty of hills and trees. "There's a lot of topography to the site, a lot of grade change. When it's all said and done, when you come into the site you'll be looking up to the committal service shelter" Locke said. "So it will be pretty breathtaking coming in and being able to have that view looking up to the committal service shelter and the service flags that will be on top of the hill."



Both of Locke's grandfathers served in the military. He says it's very meaningful to him to help create what will be a "state shrine" to Veterans. "As a family, it was important to us. Our family vacations consisted of going to different battlefields on the east coast," Locke said. "It's something that I'm very proud to be a part of and I can't wait to see it finished," Locke said.

Journey Construction is currently working on the storm sewer infrastructure, utilities, roads and more. "This is the admin building. It will host the conference room, director, locker rooms." Journey Construction superintendent Chad Munce said. It's a rare cemetery project for Munce. The superintendent's father served in the Air Force.

"Very unique. You don't see many cemeteries get built these days, especially a VA cemetery. It's near and dear to my heart. I told my dad I was coming out here to work and he was very interested in it right away," Munce said. Rain has delayed construction here and there and you can see there are plenty of puddles right now. Still, the State Veterans Cemetery should open next spring.

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More than 100 families have pre-registered for spots. The 60-acres out here feature space for 28,000 grave sites according to the master plan. "It offers a final resting place closer to home for those who would normally want to choose a national cemetery option or a Veterans cemetery," Pollard said. Sitting just to the northeast of where Interstates 229 and 90 meet, Pollard says the peaceful setting is a perfect location.

"It feels like this is where this cemetery belongs and that this property was put here for this cemetery. For anybody who has been out here and I think walked around on the grounds, even when there's construction equipment making noise behind me, it still feels like this is where the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery should be. I feel it every time I'm out here and it hasn't changed. It's only grown stronger as we've progressed," Pollard said.

- Check out the Keloland link below for an update to the construction on the new South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls: <https://www.keloland.com/news/eye-on-keloland/state-veterans-cemetery-in-sioux-falls-making-progress/>
- Check out the Journey Construction link of the Cemetery. <https://youtu.be/XIznZK5vTQ>
- If you would like to contribute to the State Veterans Cemetery Endowment fund, please click on the following link. Our Goal is to raise 3 million dollars by 2023 to help offset and maintain the Cemetery. <https://sdcommunityfoundation.org/for-donors/south-dakota-state-veterans-cemetery-fund/>

We Need Your ADA Stories!

PVA would like you to share your story about the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on your life or that of your family and friends. To share your story, please visit: www.PVA.org/ADA. At that site, you can also check for information to mark the 30th anniversary of this landmark civil rights law. In addition, you can find more information about how to celebrate the ADA from the ADA National Network, including how you can share what the ADA has meant to you through the #ThanksToTheADA social media campaign.

Connected Care for Veterans During Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically altered the daily lives of Veterans across the country. This includes how they are connecting with their VA health care teams. They are increasingly using VA technologies such as My HealtheVet, VA's online health portal, and VA Video Connect, VA's secure video visit application.

VA has been a leader in using technology to connect with Veterans for well over a decade. And the use of VA's digital health has been consistently increasing year over year. The COVID-19 pandemic has made those services essential. Many Veterans have been staying at home, taking precautions against the coronavirus. "VA's connected technologies allow us deliver care to Veterans in a way that is convenient and fits into their daily lives," said Dr. Neil Evans. Evans is VA's chief officer for the Office of Connected Care. "VA has been a national leader in telehealth for more than a decade. It delivers care to Veterans in more than 50 clinical specialties across a variety of applications and platforms."

Three of the Most Popular Tools: One of the most popular tools Veterans are using to connect with their VA health care teams is VA Video Connect. That program lets Veterans connect by video with their VA care teams while staying home. Even more highly utilized is My HealtheVet. VA's online patient portal lets Veterans request VA prescription refills, review their medical records and connect directly with their health care providers through secure online messages. Veterans are also increasingly using VA's Mobile App Store. There, they can download apps that offer assistance with pain management, self-care reminders and more.

The goal of these services is to make VA the health care the system of choice for Veterans and provide services that make access to care more convenient. VA has been pioneering telehealth solutions and increasing adoption among Veterans and providers. Now with COVID-19 necessitating increased precautions for in-person interaction, the services provided by Connected Care are more popular than ever.

All Care can start with a Virtual Discussion: "Telehealth technologies are allowing us to support Veterans as they connect with their providers for routine appointments, mental health appointments, specialty care discussions, and much more. Granted, not all care can be delivered remotely. But all care can at least *start* with a virtual discussion, which has been extremely valuable for optimizing Veterans' care during the current pandemic," Evans said.

Evans recalled some recent successes in expanding telehealth programs for Veterans. A Florida nurse was able to conduct virtual visits using VA Video Connect with almost 70% of her cardiology patients during the pandemic. A VA physical therapist is using VA Video Connect to train traumatic brain injury patients in using a specialized assistive mobility device.

Evans recommends that Veterans talk with their VA care provider to learn what connected services are available to them or visit connectedcare.va.gov for more information.

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**New Laws to Benefit South Dakota****Veterans**

Veterans in South Dakota will have access to improved education benefits beginning July 1 thanks to the passage of House Bill 1069 during the 2020 legislative session.

“Many skills military service members acquire translate well into the technical trades,” said Greg Whitlock, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “HB 1069 helps veterans continue their education, tuition free, at one of South Dakota’s technical colleges.”

Veterans wishing to use this benefit are encouraged to visit with the technical colleges school certifying officials. Additional law changes include lowering the threshold requirements for disabled veterans’ participation in special group pheasant hunts from 40% service-connected or higher to 20% service-connected and higher.

Also, as part of an ongoing red tape review, the South Dakota Veterans Commission was determined archaic and all statutes pertaining to the Commission were repealed.

“Now, more than ever, we need to keep our sleeves rolled up and work collectively to ensure our veterans have a successful journey as they transition into civilian life,” said Whitlock. “South Dakota has a legacy of supporting those who have sacrificed and served our country. We are proud of this history and the partners that have shared in our success.”

Whitlock encourages veterans to contact their local county or tribal veterans service officers or the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs office (605-773-3269) to learn more about these changes and their benefits.

Power Chair For Sale

John Effling, Clear Lake, SD, has a Pride Quantum power chair for sale. It has been used 3 years, 7 months, and used 90% of the time in a nursing home. New batteries installed January 2020. It looks like new and the color is light blue. It has flag holders for 6 flags.

If interested, give John a call at 605-237-0133.

From the Office of Brad Friez**National Service Officer**

I have very much appreciated the chance to spend time with some of the members and others at the past two monthly Chapter meetings. There is a lot to be said for meeting in person vs. something that is a virtual meeting.

Just a reminder that if you have emergent care at a private facility you still need to ensure that the VA is notified within 72 hours. The change that the VA went to is a nationwide call center called the Community Care Centralized Call Center and the phone number that is to be utilized to notify the VA is 1 (844)-724-7842. The other option is to notify the VA via email at VHAEmergencyNotification@va.gov.

In a recent gathering of the South Dakota Veterans Council the Sioux Falls VA Medical Director explained that they are seeing about 75% of the Veterans needing medical treatment. Most of the other 25% of the enrolled Veterans have been triaged and they have been found to be not in need of immediate treatment. Her comment was that if you have not been seen immediately that is actually a good outcome because you are in better health. The Sioux Falls VA is setting up an eye glass shop in the former Million Veteran Program office location in the front of the medical center. This will cut down traffic for those in need of prescription eye glasses during the pandemic. The CLC at the Sioux Falls is still not taking any new patients. This even includes those for respite and even hospice care. We have no idea when the CLC units will be opening up.

According to the SCI Coordinators in Fargo, ND and the Black Hills VA’s their respective CLC Units are not taking any new patients as well.

We did get an update from the Sioux Falls VA Regional Office Director where it appears that our front entrance will be partially opened up this coming Monday, July 27th where staff will be able to enter into our respective Service Offices the normal way. Recently we have had to enter through another Veteran Organization’s back entrance and this has not allowed anyone in a wheelchair to enter. This will no longer be the situation as of the 27th of July. But the general public will still not be allowed in the building.

Please make sure that you open up any VA correspondence and respond as appropriate. If you are unclear as to how to proceed please connect with our office by phone or email. C&P exams will begin to be conducted in person by LHI, QTC, and VES.

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

Lyft Settles Disability Discrimination Claims with Justice Department

6-24-2020 - Lyft is agreeing to change its ways after being accused of denying rides to people with disabilities in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Under a [settlement](#) reached this week with the U.S. Department of Justice, the ride-sharing service will update its policies to ensure that people using foldable wheelchairs and walkers have equal access to rides.

The company said it will notify new drivers and regularly remind current drivers about the revised policies and create an educational video.

The resolution is the result of an investigation launched after a man who uses a wheelchair filed a dozen complaints with Lyft indicating that Los Angeles-area drivers either treated him rudely, refused to drive him or could not transport him because of his wheelchair, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California.

Lyft has agreed to implement a complaint procedure that adheres to federal law and hold drivers responsible for complying with its wheelchair policy "with punishment including possible termination." Riders who make "plausible complaints of discrimination" will see their charges refunded and receive a \$10 credit under the arrangement with the Justice Department.

In addition, Lyft will pay between \$4,000 and \$30,000 in damages to the four individuals with disabilities whose complaints led to the settlement and the company will pay a \$40,000 civil penalty to the government.

Lyft will also issue biannual reports to the Justice Department over the next three years outlining its efforts to comply with the ADA.

In the settlement, Lyft denied being subject to the ADA, discriminating against any of the complainants as well as any wrongdoing.

"We're glad that through this agreement, we will continue improving our policies and making it easier for people with foldable wheelchairs and other collapsible mobility devices to get around using Lyft," a company spokeswoman said in a statement. "Lyft is committed to maintaining an inclusive and welcoming community, and we're proud that many people with disabilities who were previously underserved by existing transportation options now use Lyft as a reliable, safe and affordable way to get around."

VA Black Hills Health Care System successfully expands Video Visits in 2020 - By Teresa Forbes

The U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced that video telehealth appointments to Veterans' homes increased over 1000%, as Veterans increasingly chose virtual care through VA Video Connect during the COVID-19 pandemic. VA Black Hills Health Care system conducted over 674 telehealth appointments between March and June 2020. VA Video Connect allows Veterans and their caregivers to meet virtually with their VA health care teams on any computer, tablet, or mobile device with an internet connection. As we gradually move to more face to face appointments, VA Video Connect will continue to support Veterans' abilities to continue care and remain safely at home.

The increased usage of telehealth at VA Black Hills Health Care System represents an approximate 200% increase from March 2020. There are roughly 38 specialty services offered through telehealth in areas like oncology, pharmacy and urology. The care may be delivered to the Veteran individually, in a group or even a family setting. Delivering care through telehealth is not new to VA but because of increased COVID-19 precautions it has expanded to provide even greater access to services like Chaplain care, suicide and homeless prevention.

VA is also taking strides to bridge the digital divide for Veterans who lack the technology or broadband internet connectivity required to participate in VA telehealth services. At the national level VA is working with strategic partners, through the VA Secretary's Center of Strategic Partnerships, to increase access to the technology that Veterans need to connect with their VA health care team virtually. "Telehealth has been an excellent tool and reliable resource to maintain ongoing care, especially during these challenging times, said Jill Tobin, Telehealth Nurse Manager. "As the service becomes more popular with Veterans, VA remains committed to providing a seamless user experience to ensure access to care and the same high-quality Veterans have come to expect." For more information about VA's telehealth services, visit connectedcare.va.gov.



On June 17, 2020, our Veteran's Transportation Service (VTS) celebrated their 1-year anniversary. During that time, VTS provided 4,771 rides for 544 Veterans, traveling over 34K miles! Just

recently, two more drivers have joined our team to assist with distant rides (rural and highly-rural areas) and early/late appointments. For information about the VTS program, please give the VTS office a call during normal business hours at 605-977-4400. We are excited to see what this second year brings! **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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VA Rolls Out Simplified Travel Reimbursement System for Veterans, Beneficiaries

WASHINGTON — (6-29-2020) The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is rolling out a new system in July for Veterans and eligible beneficiaries to submit and track transportation reimbursement claims using VA's secure web-based portal, [Access VA](#).

The Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System (BTSSS), which is accessible 24/7, 365 days a year, will simplify how [eligible Veterans and beneficiaries](#) claim mileage reimbursement for travel to and from both VA health care or VA authorized non-VA health care service locations.

"VA is working diligently to find new ways to innovate and simplify how we serve Veterans and their beneficiaries," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Streamlining the Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System will help our Veterans get their travel reimbursements more securely and efficiently."

BTSSS enables Veterans and caregivers to submit claims for reimbursement of costs from a personally owned vehicle, common carrier, meals and/or lodging, and other travel related expenses such as tolls, parking and luggage.

The national implementation across [Veterans Integrated Service Networks \(VISN\)](#) will run in phases through November. The first phase will start in July and includes VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, Kansas City VA Medical Center, Bay Pines VA Health Care System, Bay Pines, FL and Minneapolis VA Health Care System. The implementation will continue in phases beginning on the following dates:

- September 8: VISN's 1, 9, 12, 17, 21, 22
- October 5: VISN's 2, 6, 10, 15, 20
- November 2: VISN's 4, 5, 7, 8, 16, 19, 23

As BTSSS goes live, the use of kiosks will be discontinued however, in person claims and hard-copy submissions are still available. For more information on BTSSS and eligibility, visit the [VA Travel Pay Reimbursement](#) webpage. 00550

Urgent Care by Phone Offered for VA Black Hills Veterans

VA Black Hills Health Care System has made accessing urgent care services even easier by offering "Urgent Care by Phone". Veterans enrolled in VA health care can speak with a nurse practitioner and receive treatment for many of the same conditions they would when they go to urgent care. Veterans may call **1-877-339-6837** and ask to speak with a nurse. Veterans using Urgent Care by Phone will not be subject to a co-payment.

This expanded service is offered Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Veterans with conditions like sore throat, gout, rash, sinus infection, flu-like illness, upper respiratory infection, and minor injuries could benefit from using Urgent Care by Phone. This is a great option for care from the safety and convenience of home. Veterans simply need to call **1-877-339-6837**, ask for a nurse who will evaluate your situation and, if appropriate, refer you to a nurse practitioner for further evaluation and treatment.

Your Safe Care is our Mission.

VA Offers Debt Relief to Veterans through Year's End

WASHINGTON – (7-9-2020) The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced its commitment to extend debt relief to Veterans adversely impacted by COVID-19 to the end of 2020 by suspending certain debt collection actions. The department recognizes Veterans and beneficiaries are still being greatly impacted by the coronavirus prompting the extension of financial relief.

"Veterans and their families should be focused on their health and safety during the pandemic," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VA is taking action to give those with pending debts greater flexibility during these challenging times."

VA is suspending all actions on Veteran debts under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Treasury Department. This includes the suspension of collection action or extending repayment terms on preexisting VA debts, whichever the Veteran prefers. For benefit debts, Veterans should contact the VA Debt Management Center at 1-800-827-0648. For health care debts, Veterans should contact the Health Resource Center at 1-866-400-1238 or <https://www.pay.gov> for payments.

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We recently downloaded Zoom for our meetings. If we should happen to go back to quarantining, we will meet by Zoom. I will send members (that I have an email address for) an invitation by email with the instructions on how to join.

It was a hard decision to make as we have cancelled our trapshoot, hunting events, banquet and the Annual Christmas luncheon. The decision was based on the safety of your health and ours. I hope next year will be different!

If there is anything you need from the Chapter, PLEASE make sure you reach out to us! We are still here for you!
Take care and stay healthy. Lisa

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We serve all who serve: Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Veterans, and their Caregivers. LGBT people have suffered from a long history of prejudice. This group focuses on the unique struggles of LGBT Veterans and their LGBT Caregivers. We will discuss the harmful effects of prejudice and the strengths developed as a result of coping with these struggles. We will provide information and resources to support you. We will discuss the rights and benefits that you are due and how the VA can help.

Would you like to attend the VA caregiver telephone groups each month? If you are a caregiver of a Veteran enrolled in the VA, you can register. Call us at 1-855-260-3274 to register!

Care in the Community Updates

- On July 6, 2020, the CITC call center was revamped and there are schedulers available to answer phones Monday-Friday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM. The number is 605-333-6800. The Veteran must have a consult in place prior to calling to schedule care.
- On July 6, 2020, the Care in the Community Express Scheduling Desk on ground floor reopened. Veterans can stop there and physically speak to a CITC representative to schedule their Care in the Community consult.
- VAMC and CBOC employees should be directing the Veteran to call the 6800 number as we need to speak to the Veteran to schedule their care. Staff, please refrain from calling this number as we need the line to be open to Veterans.
- If you are placing a STAT or Urgent consult for Care in the Community, please skype the group VHASUX CITC RN notifying them of the Veteran's name, last 4 and the service being requested. This group is not to be used to ask for a routine appointment to be scheduled. This skype group will take the place of the pager 206 which will no longer be in service.
- Any questions can be directed to Alyssa McLellan x. 6368 or Carrie Hall x. 6911.

Attention: VA Caregiver Support

Are you in need of helpful ideas for coping and self-care? Listen to the **VA Caregiver Support Line Telephone Education Group of the Month.** Click on: <https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support-line/handouts.asp>

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Winning Design Selected in the 2020 Veterans Day Poster Contest

After receiving more than 100 entries for the **2020 Veterans Day Poster Contest**, the Veterans Day National Committee selected a winning design.

The designer, Casey Brown, is a Marine Corps Veteran who served in the infantry and was deployed to Iraq. He has volunteered at the Salt Lake City VA Medical Center and was hired by the Salt Lake City Fiduciary Hub as part of the Veterans Benefits Administration. "I feel honored and respectful of the fact that I am representing my fellow Veterans and brothers and sisters in arms. It is my hope to express in art what most of us feel," said Brown. After a former manager notified Brown of the poster competition, he was encouraged to give it a shot.

To see his award-winning design, go to: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/Vantage/71002/2020-national-veterans-day-poster-contest/>

About the Veterans Day Poster Contest

Each year the Veterans Day National Committee publishes a commemorative Veterans Day poster. The Committee selects a poster from artwork submitted by artists nationwide and distributes the winning design to VA facilities, military installations around the world, and across cities and towns in our nation. The poster serves as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery.

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**VA Black Hills Health Care System Update****By Teresa Forbes, Public Affairs Officer**

We've all been through a lot in the first six months of 2020. Safe care in our mission and we are working hard to ensure the safest environment to provide your health care. In June, we began a gradual move to return Veterans to face to face appointments at Hot Springs and Fort Meade. We will continue to monitor the spread of COVID throughout our communities and adjust as needed. We all want to get back to normal, but this virus has simply changed the way we do business and we must remain vigilant and stay home when sick, wash hands, physical distance, and wear a mask. You can count on the same high-quality, safe care you have come to expect from VA Black Hills. As we begin to offer more in-person care, we will discuss the benefits and risks of certain treatments or procedures, considering your overall health status, risk for complications and the urgency of the considered treatment. Your VA provider may recommend that you continue to postpone routine care or continue use of telehealth for treatment.

Our facilities will look different and some processes have changed keep you and our loved ones safe. Currently, there are no walk-ins for optical or audiology repairs, appointment only, and no walk-ins for lab and other patient services. As always, we are accepting patients through Urgent Care in Hot Springs and the Emergency Room at Fort Meade.

- We are continuing our screening process to enter the facility.
- We require face coverings in all our facilities.
- We have rearranged chairs to provide the right amount of distance.
- You will see markers on the floor to promote physical distancing.
- There will be more plexiglass barriers and staff may be wearing more PPE than normal.
- We will be using a check-in process that involves sending you a text message to your mobile phone before you enter the facility. A return message will let you know when your team is ready to see you. Please arrive no more than 15 minutes before your appointment since waiting rooms have been reduced to accommodate physical distancing.

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Remember if you have symptoms and feel sick, please call ahead using 1-877-339-6837.

Many of you have taken advantage of telehealth. We have experienced significant growth in the use of this technology. This may be a great time for you to look into everything VA has to offer through the Mobile App store. While we slowly increase our in-person visits, we will still offer the convenience and safety of telephone and video appointments. This allows you to receive care at home - either over the phone or by video on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Appointments currently scheduled through telehealth will remain this way unless you instruct otherwise.

There are numerous resources available on Facebook that include meditations, helpful videos from our mental health team, nutrition information, and a weekly chair yoga class on Thursdays at 1:00 PM (MT).

Continue to practice physical distancing but do not social distance or isolate from others. Reach out to friends and family and talk about the stress and anxiety you are feeling. Talk to your mental health provider or call the Veterans Crisis Line at any time, 1-800-273-TALK press 1. Take care of yourself, stay safe and be well.

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System Update**By Erin Bultje, Public Affairs Officer****COVID19 Update - Moving Forward**

As the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System moves forward in accordance with good medical guidance and Dr. Stone's guidance for VA, our primary goal in moving forward is always going to be Veteran and employee safety and quality of care. We have increased services in some areas, such as surgical specialty. There is a significant back log for patients waiting to be seen in the various clinical services and the primary care teams are going through their backlog and identifying patients who have the highest priority needs and reaching out to them to get them scheduled. Our goal is to reach a 25% operating capacity across our services, and in some areas, we are almost there. We will slowly build from that going forward.

Veterans who have been waiting, who have a significant medical condition, or their condition seems to be getting worse, we encourage them to call their primary care provider. If they are waiting on a specialty appointment and do not hear from anyone in the next couple weeks, they should also contact their primary care provider.

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Brian Fritzie	Aug 01
David Schlinkert	Aug 05
Don Klingbile	Aug 06
David Vanmiddendorp	Aug 07
Mark Ducheneaux	Aug 07
Bonnie Schmidt	Aug 10
Robert Hunter	Aug 11
Allen Olson	Aug 11
Timothy Ellis	Aug 11
Dan Mitchell	Aug 13
Leonard Livingston	Aug 13
Wanda Siver	Aug 13
Thomas Sunde	Aug 15
Pat Lynch	Aug 15
Dennis Bridenstinde	Aug 16
Sheri Kloes	Aug 17
Vince Bartmann	Aug 20
Michael Reed	Aug 21
Casey Davidson	Aug 21
Todd Bitz	Aug 21
Leo Lesselyoung	Aug 22
Scott Nelson (Mansfield)	Aug 22
James Cantalope	Aug 22
Daniel Mickalowski	Aug 23
Martin Kruse, Jr.	Aug 24
Murray Smith	Aug 24
Arthur Lampert	Aug 25

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Kurt Kruger	Aug 25
Terry Paulsen	Aug 25
Angelina Enrique	Aug 27
John Lian	Aug 29
Ernest Bixby	Aug 30
Robert A. Schacherer	Aug 30
Jerry Dale	Sept 02
Michael Selvage, Sr.	Sept 02
Scott Dodge	Sept 03
Mickey Dennis	Sept 05
Richard Aaron	Sept 08
Terrill Myers	Sept 10
Dale Werner	Sept 13
Scott Nelson (Mitchell)	Sept 14
Douglas Fenstermaker	Sept 16
Dennis Hahnemann	Sept 17
Kristina Allen	Sept 17
Eugene Coyle	Sept 18
Timothy Fox	Sept 18
Rodney Eite	Sept 18
Beverly North	Sept 20
Jerry Bonnstetter	Sept 21
Paul Groeneweg	Sept 21
Rick Albrecht	Sept 22
Paul Hanson	Sept 23
Dale Wormstadt	Sept 26
Dennis Schoffelman	Sept 26
Doug Knight	Sept 26
Charles Thomas	Sept 27
Ronald Shelburg	Sept 28
Anthony Farrell	Sept 28
John Lynch	Sept 28

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As we move through this process, we will not have the capacity to accept walk in appointments that are not prescheduled. Providers will be occupied with patients who are scheduled. If someone has emergency care, they should come to the Emergency Department. If a Veteran has a question about their care or wants to be a walk in, they should call ahead.

Veterans who do have appointments may expect a screening call 1-3 days prior to the appointment. Veterans who have an appointment for a procedure like podiatry or dental, may be tested for COVID-19 prior to the procedure.

There may be some occasions where a Veteran has an appointment and because of a positive screening, they will be diverted to a different pathway whether that be urgent care, telehealth or rescheduled. Patients will need to prepare to come in earlier than they are used to, to allow time for screening. We continued to encourage caregivers to accompany their Veterans to their appointments, but guests should be limited at this time. Our waiting rooms are small and will have limited seating available due to social distancing recommendations.

We will continue screening everyone that comes into the facility and taking temperatures. Staff, Veterans, and caregivers are required to wear face coverings, when in the facility. If a Veteran/caregiver presents and does not have a mask or face covering, one will be provided for them. If they are unable to wear the mask, we will provide a face shield for them to wear. If someone refuses or removes the face covering after the screening check point, they will be asked to leave. This is making sure we don't inadvertently expose another vulnerable Veteran to disease.

Important Contact Information:

- Sioux Falls VA Health Care System: 605-336-3230 or 1-800-316-8387
- Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255
- Community Care Emergency Treatment Centralized Notification: 1-844-72HRVHA or 1-844-724-7842
- VA Billing Question: 877-881-7618
- VBA Benefits Related Questions: 1-800-827-1000, or Sioux Falls Office 605-336-3230, EXT. 6900
- Providers may call OPTUM at 844-839-6108 to become a vendor for VA Care in the Community.

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POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony**Friday, September 18, 2020 ~ ~ 6:30 PM**

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PVA North Central Chapter Scholarship Awards

We are pleased to announce that Jacob Paulsen and Tyler Hylland were each awarded \$500.00.

Jacob is the son of our Government Relations Director Terry Paulsen and is studying at South Dakota State University, Brookings, majoring in ecology and environmental science.

Tyler is the son of our associate member Tony Hylland and is studying at South Dakota State University, Brookings, majoring in wildlife and fisheries.

Congratulation and we wish the best of luck to you in your studies!

VA Unprepared to Deal with a Second Wave of COVID-19, Top Officials Say

The Department of Veterans Affairs is saddled with an antiquated supply chain that is short of personal protective equipment (PPE) - including N-95 masks and gowns - swabs and other vital equipment to deal with a second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, VA officials said.

The VA's health care system currently has about a 30-day supply of protective gear on hand, but would need a supply backstop of at least 60 days or possibly six months to cope with a resurgence of the novel coronavirus in the fall, said Dr. Richard Stone, acting head of the Veterans Health Administration.

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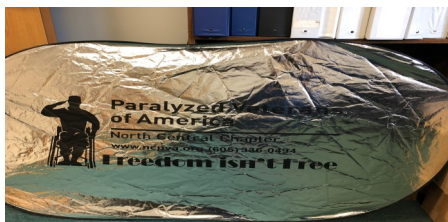
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