



Paralyzed Veterans of America

North Central Chapter

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North Central Chapter

August/September 2021

Upcoming Events August/September 2021

- Aug 5-14 . . . Sioux Empire Fair, SF
- Aug 8-13 . . . 41st National Veterans Wheelchair Games, New York City
- Aug 12 . . . Membership Meeting, Chapter Office, Noon Luncheon and 1:00 PM Meeting
- Aug 14 . . . Poker Run, Alliance Bldg
- Aug 18 . . . NCPVA Annual Picnic, Chapter Office, 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM
- Aug 26 . . . SF Veterans Council Meeting, Alliance Building, 7:00 PM
- Aug 30/Sept 2 . . . Health Care Summit Expo, Dallas, TX
- Sept 2-6 . . . SD State Fair, Huron
- Sept 2 . . . Veterans Day at SD State Fair, Huron, SD
- Sept 6 . . . Labor Day, Office Closed
- Sept 9 . . . Membership Meeting, Chapter Office, Noon Luncheon and 1:00 PM Meeting
- Sept 10-12 . . . NCPVA Trapshoot, Crooks Gun Club
- Sept 13 . . . Doug Brown Memorial Pheasant Hunt, Howard, SD
- Sept 18 . . . Turkey Federation Pheasant Hunt, Flandreau, SD
- Sept 22 . . . First Day of Autumn
- Sept 23 . . . SF Veterans Council Meeting, Alliance Building, 7:00 PM
- Sept 24 . . . Veterans Stand Down, Alliance Building, 9 AM - Noon
- Sept 25 . . . Freedom Hunt, Flandreau, SD

Notice of PVA North Central Chapter Election of Officers 2021- 2022 (Effective 10-1-2021)

PVA North Central Chapter held their Annual Election of Officers and the newly elected officers are as follows:

President Casey Davidson, Vice President Chuck Doom, Secretary Greg Brandner, and Treasurer Gene Murphy.

Our Board of Directors are: Duane Biesboer, Rodney Melcher and Harlan Schmidt.

Our National Director is: Mike Olson.

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

Paralyzed Veterans of America North Central Chapter Annual Picnic!

Wednesday, August 18, 2021
11:45 AM to 1:30 PM

PVA North Central Chapter Office
Hamburgers, Brats, Salad, Chips and Refreshments will be served

Please R.S.V.P. by Wed, Aug. 11th

Come join us for great food and great friends!



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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:

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



Monday, September 6th
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.



<http://www.facebook.com/ncpva>

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Membership-Duane Biesboer

The Chapter currently has a total of 171 members and 82 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 198 hours for the month of June; YTD 1411. Casey Davidson and Barb Priesz were June/July 2021 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!



“Friends Aiming High”

by John Green

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To order your print, please contact the
Chapter Office at (605) 336-0494

SD Veterans Council



The South Dakota Veterans Council
will hold their meeting on

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

at the SD Military Heritage Alliance Building
1600 West Russell Street, Sioux Falls,
starting at 9:00 AM

You are welcome to attend!

PVA North Central Chapter Scholarship Award

We are pleased to announce that **Tyler Hylland, Cody Novotny, Katelyn Sternhagen, and Tya Weideman** were each awarded \$1,000.00.

Tyler is the son of our associate member Tony Hylland and is studying at SD State University, Brookings, majoring in wildlife and fish sciences.

Cody is the son of our bookkeeper Sharon Novotny and is studying at University of South Florida, Tampa, majoring in theater arts.

Katelyn is the niece of our member Perry Grimme and is studying at SD State University, Brookings, majoring in nursing.

Tya is the granddaughter of our member Dennis Weideman and is studying at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, majoring in exercise science and planning to go to grad school for occupational therapy.

Special Thanks RCPT Team

Just saying "thank you" will never be enough to express our sincere appreciation to the River Cities Public Transit team! They are one of a kind. Not only have they partnered with our counties and tribes to provide transportation for veterans to and from their medical appointments, but they stepped up and provided transportation for the Memorial Day/Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls Memorial Day weekend. What a team!!!! Visit: <https://www.rcptransit.com/veterans/> to learn more about their great transportation program for veterans.

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VA Awards \$418 Million in Grants to help Veterans and Families at Risk of Homelessness

WASHINGTON — (7-6-2021) The Department of Veterans Affairs awarded \$418 million in grants to more than [260 non-profit organizations](#) in June, allowing low-income Veteran families around the nation to access services under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program.

SSVF grantees are authorized to use the funds to rapidly re-house Veterans who become homeless or to prevent Veterans from becoming homeless.

“As a result of VA’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families program and other housing assistance efforts, Veteran homelessness has been cut in half since the launch of 2010’s [Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#),” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “Since then, hundreds of thousands of Veterans and their families have been placed into permanent housing or prevented from falling into homelessness by VA’s homelessness programs and targeted housing vouchers provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.”

SSVF grantees are in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Through partnerships with VA and community programs, SSVF provides eligible Veteran families with outreach, case management and assistance obtaining VA and other benefits, which can include health care, financial planning, child-care, legal and fiduciary payee assistance, transportation, housing counseling and other services.

Helping Veterans in need of permanent housing remains a critical [priority](#) for VA. In fiscal year 2020, VA served 112,070 participants, including 77,590 Veterans and 19,919 children through the SSVF program.

This year’s grant recipients successfully competed under a Notice of Fund Availability published November 19, 2020. The funding will support SSVF services from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Learn more about the [SSVF program](#).

Statement by VA Secretary McDonough on President’s FY 2022 Budget

The Biden-Harris administration submitted to Congress the president’s budget for fiscal year 2022. As the administration continues to make progress defeating the pandemic and getting our economy back on track, the budget makes historic investments that will help the country build back better and lay the foundation for shared growth and prosperity for decades to come.

This bold budget request by President Biden to Congress will ensure the VA is moving swiftly and smartly into the future, with much-needed monetary investments in our most successful and vital programs. To fulfill the VA’s sacred promise to care for our nation’s veterans, families, caregivers, and survivors, we must return the investment veterans have made in America through their service.

The budget includes the two historic plans the president has already put forward — the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan — and reinvests in education, research, public health and other foundations of our country’s strength.

The total 2022 request for the VA is \$269.9 billion (with medical care collections), a 10% increase above 2021. This includes a discretionary budget request of \$117.2 billion (with medical care collections), a 9% increase above 2021. The 2022 mandatory funding request totals \$152.7 billion, an increase of \$14.9 billion or 10.8% above 2021. The VA’s 2022 request is in addition to the substantial resources provided in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Additionally, the President’s FY 2022 budget includes \$18 billion as part of the American Jobs Plan to address VA health care infrastructure needs in the short- and long-term, together with \$260 million for the American Families Plan to support the administration’s commitment to provide supplementary support to veterans who are parents, in order to offer a holistic, family-friendly approach to care.

At the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the \$117.2 billion discretionary request would:

- **Work to eliminate veteran homelessness and prevent veteran suicide.** The budget includes \$2.2 billion in discretionary appropriations for veteran homelessness programs, to include \$486 million in American Rescue Plan funding. This will support expanded case management services to help more

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veterans gain permanent housing through housing vouchers and prevent homelessness among low-income veteran families. Additionally, the budget includes \$598 million for veteran suicide prevention outreach programs that address the risks for suicide, with the goal of intervening before a veteran reaches a point of crisis. The VA will also support the new Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program.

- **Help our veterans build civilian lives of opportunity with the education and jobs worthy of their skills and talents.** The budget supports the president's commitment to help veterans with education and job training by making key investments in the Veterans Benefits Administration. This includes an increase of \$81.5 million for the Digital GI Bill Modernization Effort to better serve veterans who are using their GI Bill benefits. Funding also increases by \$5 million for Veterans' Clean Energy Job Training in conjunction with the United States Department of Labor, and by \$3.6 million for the VA Disability Employment Pilot Project to assist eligible veterans with service-connected disabilities seeking employment opportunities.
- **Ensure VA welcomes all veterans, and diversity, equity and inclusion are woven into the fabric of the Department.** The Department is making a strong commitment to ensuring the VA welcomes all our veterans, to include women, those of color and whom are LGBTQ+. To support that commitment, the VA has created a new Office of Resolution Management, Diversity, and Inclusion which will benefit from an increase of \$12.9 million to strengthen the VA's diversity program.
- **Keep faith with our families and caregivers.** The budget provides approximately \$1.4 billion, an increase of \$350 million for the Caregiver Support Program. Through this program the Veterans Health Administration provides support to individuals who act as caregivers for veterans. The 2022 budget supports the phased expansion of the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers to include all eligible veterans, no matter when they served.

Enacting the budget policies into law this year would strengthen our nation's economy and lay the foundation for shared prosperity, while also improving our nation's long-term fiscal health. For more information on the President's FY 2022 Budget visit: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/>.

Team VA Black Hills Report

I am pleased to let you know GSA awarded a 20-year lease to Dream Design International, Inc. to build our new Rapid City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). The new facility will be located at 6565 Mount Rushmore Road in a convenient and accessible location.

We have been anxiously awaiting an update to share with you. This announcement has been a long time in the making and marks a significant milestone toward the completion of this project. In the coming months, we will celebrate a ground breaking with an expected occupancy date in early 2023. Our Veterans truly deserve this beautiful, spacious, and healing environment to address their growing and changing health care needs. The approximately 49,000 square feet of space facility will include a wide range of capabilities such as primary care, mental health, specialty care, women's health, pharmacy care, audiology, laboratory services, and physical therapy. There will be over 300 parking spaces for Veterans and employees.

Facilities has done an amazing job collaborating with all the services as they planned this project, while working redesign projects in the current Rapid City clinic. Hard hats off to our engineering staff led by John Henderson. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the design of a truly Veteran-centered clinic!

Sandra L. Horsman, Director
VA Black Hills Health Care System

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Vet Centers Up Date

The Sioux Falls and Rapid City Vet Centers are 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**18th Annual Walleye Fishing Event**

Once again, we had another fantastic year at the Annual Walleye Fishing Event held in May in Chamberlain. Due to COVID we had to cancel last year's event and rest assured everyone was anxious to get back out in the water again! The two-day fishing event was chilly and rainy, but that didn't deter them! We had a great turnout with 42 veterans/disabled anglers and 43 boats. Fishing was fantastic with everyone catching their limits each day, the walleyes ranged from 15 inches all the way up to 24 inches!

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR, HURON, SD*****Thursday, September 2nd, thru Monday, September 6th*****VETERANS BUILDING OPEN FOR VETERANS***Free Admission for Veterans, Thursday, September 2nd*

Veterans Day - "**HEROES DAY**" - will be held Thursday, September 2nd, 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."

SALUTE TO VETERANS PROGRAM

at the SD State Fair in Huron, Freedom Stage,

September 2nd, 10:30 AM

*You are welcome to attend!***Upcoming Events****August 2021**

PVA Poker Run-Saturday, August 14th @ the Alliance-Registration is from 11-12. All vehicles welcome! **VOL-UNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!**

PVA Chapter Picnic-Wednesday, August 18th @ the Chapter Office-11:45-1:00(?)

September 2021

Chapter's Annual Trapshoot-Friday, Sept. 10-12, Crooks Gun Club

Doug Brown Hunt-Monday, Sept. 13th, Howard, SD (This hunt is full)

Turkey Federation Pheasant Hunt-Saturday, Sept. 18th, Flandreau, SD

Freedom Hunt, Saturday, Sept. 25th, Flandreau, SD

October 2021

Chapter Annual Banquet, Saturday, October 2nd, Ramkota Hotel. Invites will be sent out in September

Top Gun Pheasant Hunt, Wednesday, October 6th, Howard, SD. Contact Terry at the office if you would like to attend-336-0494

Nov. 4-6, Platte Pheasant Hunt. Contact Terry at the office if you would like to attend-336-0494.

As of right now, we are planning our Christmas luncheon, Thursday, December 9th, at the Chapter Office. If you have any questions please reach out to the office!

PVA North Central Chapter Annual Poker Run*Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the Alliance**South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.**1600 West Russell Street**Sioux Falls, SD 57106*

Registration: 11:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Last Bike in at 4:00 PM***ALL VEHICLES WELCOME***

\$20.00 Singles/\$30.00 Couples

50/50 Raffle

Prizes-Music-Food

1st Place—\$500.00

2nd Place—\$250.00

3rd Place—\$100

For more information, contact

PVA North Central Chapter at 605-336-0494

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, FUNDRAISING

We're proud to be a Thrivent Choice®-enrolled organization. Through the Thrivent programs, we are eligible to receive grant dollars, fee-free donations, and support from Thrivent Action Team service projects.

To learn more about Thrivent's membership benefits and generosity programs visit thrivent.com/generosity

Qualified**Charitable****Distributions**

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 first allowed taxpayers age 70½ or older to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRAs. Technically, these taxpayers were allowed to exclude from gross income otherwise taxable distributions from their IRA ("qualified charitable distributions," or QCDs), up to \$100,000, that were paid directly to a qualified charity.

These gifts are also known as "Charitable IRA rollovers." The law was originally scheduled to expire in 2007, but was extended periodically through 2014 by subsequent legislation, and finally made permanent by the Protect Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015.

Newsletter Booster Program

Thank you for your support!

Ronald and Darla Shelburg
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Please support your local Chapter!**Newsletter Booster Program**

The North Central Chapter PVA publishes the newsletter 6 times per year. We would like to invite our PVA members, Associate Members, and business associates to help support the Newsletter Booster Program. Your name will be published in each newsletter (unless otherwise specified) for only \$10.00. Please help defray the cost of publishing by supporting **YOUR** Chapter. Thank you!

I wish to make the following donation to the Newsletter Booster Program:

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PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, ADVOCACY/LEGISLATION-TERRY PAULSEN**MAJOR DONATION TO THE STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY**

The South Dakota Veterans Council announced that a \$2.1 million donation will help ensure the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls becomes a long-term, sustainable facility.

Philanthropist T. Denny Sanford, PREMIER Bankcard CEO Miles Beacom and his wife Lisa recently provided a \$2.1 million gift to the South Dakota Veterans Council. The donation was the largest single donation ever received by the nonprofit organization.

"This generous donation speaks to the incredible work being done across our state for veterans and their families," said Terry Paulsen, president of the South Dakota Veterans Council. "I can't thank these individuals enough for believing in our commitment to building and maintaining this new cemetery."

Beacom said the gift was a fitting way to thank South Dakota's veterans and families for their service and sacrifice.

"Denny Sanford, Lisa and I are honored to be a part of this project," Beacom said. "We are truly indebted to the brave men and women who have served our great nation, and this is simply our way of saying thank you. One of our PREMIER views and values is, 'Make a Difference.' This gift is truly a way that we can make a difference in the lives of those who have given so much to all of us."

Paulsen said the cemetery's current footprint will support military veterans and their dependents for an estimated 125 years. The facility was initially authorized by former Governor Dennis Daugaard and has been championed by current Governor Kristi Noem. The project was also supported by the South Dakota Legislature, the South Dakota Veterans Council, the City of Sioux Falls and the South Dakota Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

"These gifts are a strong endorsement of the South Dakota Veterans Council and the State of South Dakota," Paulsen said. "This support will add to the existing funds already raised and will help satisfy the \$3 million goal required for the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Annual Maintenance Reserve Fund."

The South Dakota Veterans Council consists of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 1054 & 959 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The mission of the South Dakota Veterans Council is to develop statewide activities found to be for the good of all

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veterans and their families. It also provides a practical means by which veterans organizations throughout the state may effectively contribute to the betterment of all veterans. The South Dakota Veterans Council represents over 72,000 veterans and their families across the state of South Dakota.

VA Plans Expansion of Benefits for Disability Claims for Conditions related to certain Toxic Exposures

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced two major decisions related to presumptive conditions associated with Agent Orange and particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia.

Agent Orange: VA will begin implementing provisions of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283), adding three conditions to the list of those presumptively associated with exposure to herbicide agents, more commonly known as Agent Orange. Those conditions are bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and Parkinsonism.

"Many of our Nation's Veterans have waited a long time for these benefits," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "VA will not make them wait any longer. This is absolutely the right thing to do for Veterans and their families."

VA will apply the provisions of court orders related to **Nehmer vs. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**, which may result in an earlier date for entitlement to benefits for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Vietnam War era Veterans and their survivors, who previously filed and were denied benefits for one of these three new presumptive conditions, will have their cases automatically reviewed without the need to refile a claim. VA will send letters to impacted Veterans and survivors.

Particulate Matter Exposures: The secretary recently concluded the first iteration of a newly formed internal VA process to review scientific evidence to support rulemaking, resulting in the recommendation to consider creation of new presumptions of service connection for respiratory conditions based on VA's evaluation of a National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine report and other evidence.

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VA's review supports initiation of rulemaking to address the role that particulate matter pollution plays in generating chronic respiratory conditions, which may include asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis, for Veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War and/or after September 19, 2001, or in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War.

"VA is establishing a holistic approach to determining toxic exposure presumption going forward. We are moving out smartly in initiating action to consider these and other potential new presumptions, grounded in science and in keeping with my authority as Secretary of VA," said McDonough.

VA is initiating rulemaking to consider adding respiratory conditions, which may include asthma, sinusitis, and rhinitis, to the list of chronic disabilities, based on an association with military service in Southwest Asia, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan during the covered periods of conflict. VA will conduct broad outreach efforts to reach impacted Veterans and encourages them to participate in the rulemaking process.

S: 976 Caring for Survivors Act

Senators' Caring for Survivors Act of 2021 would bring parity to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for family members and survivors of veterans who lost their lives in service

(U.S. Senate) – Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and U.S. Senator John Boozman (R-Ark.) are [introducing bipartisan legislation](#) to adjust monthly benefits for family members and survivors of veterans who lost their lives in service to our country.

The Senators' bipartisan *Caring for Survivors Act of 2021* aims to bring payments to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) recipients in line with payments to surviving spouses of other Federal employees. The rate of compensation paid to survivors of servicemembers who die in the line of duty—or veterans who die from service-related injuries or diseases—has been minimally adjusted since its establishment in 1993. DIC payments currently lag behind other programs' payments by nearly 12 percent.

"Families who lost their loved ones in the line of du-

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ty or from a service-related injury shouldn't have to worry about their economic security," said Chairman Tester. **"Our bipartisan bill will fix outdated policies, bringing surviving spouses and family members' earned benefits in line with other federal programs. And it'll reduce bureaucratic red tape to ensure no survivor is unfairly kept from the benefits they need in the future."**

"Increasing DIC benefits for military survivors to match benefits provided by other federal survivor programs will help us continue to honor the promise we made to servicemembers and their families. Our bill will allow us to better care for the loved ones of troops who have made the ultimate sacrifice," Boozman said.

Under current law, the DIC restricts benefits for survivors if the veteran was disabled for less than ten years before his or her death. The *Caring for Survivors Act of 2021* would reduce the timeframe a veteran needs to be rated totally disabled from ten to five years—broadening eligibility to more survivors.

Veterans Service Organizations applauded the Senators' bipartisan effort to provide surviving spouses and family members their due benefits.

"The *Caring for Survivors Act of 2021* will make important improvements to the benefits provided to the survivors of military servicemembers who die in the line of duty, and veterans whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease," said Paralyzed Veterans of America Associate Executive Director of Government Relations Heather Ansley. **"We thank Senator Tester and Senator Boozman for reintroducing this important legislation."**

Disability Housing Grants for Veterans

VA offers housing grants for Veterans and service members with certain service-connected disabilities so they can buy or change a home to meet their needs and live more independently. Changing a home might involve installing ramps or widening doorways. Find out if you are eligible for a disability housing grant—and how to apply.

Grant Eligibility for your Permanent Home

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Memorial Day at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs held a ribbon cutting and Memorial Day ceremony at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls on Memorial Day. This is the first state-owned cemetery in South Dakota.

The cemetery will serve as a shrine dedicated to the memories of the men and women to whom we all owe a great debt. South Dakota has been blessed with an abundance of such men and women—whose collective courage and commitment allow us to flourish as a nation and as a people united.

“The South Dakota Veterans Cemetery is an extraordinary place of honor for those who have served in our Armed Forces,” said Greg Whitlock, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “Behind every headstone will be a story, a story of what it meant to be a soldier, sailor, airman, marine, or coast guardsman at a particular moment in time.”

The 60-acre cemetery is expected to serve a population of over 28,000 veterans, their spouses and eligible children. The first-phase of the cemetery will accommodate 610 pre-placed crypts, 999 cremains gravesites, 660 columbarium niches, and 50 memorial wall markers.

Speakers for the program included U.S. Congressman Dusty Johnson, Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden, SDDVA Secretary Greg Whitlock, SDDVA Deputy Secretary Aaron Pollard, Cemetery Director Erin Brown, SD Veterans Council President Terry Paulsen, and Andrew Motzko from Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Highlights of the ceremony included a flyover by the 114th Fighter Wing of the South Dakota Air National Guard and musical numbers performed by the American Legion Singers and the El Riad Shrine Fife and Drum Corps.

“Our first celebration of Memorial Day at the cemetery was the perfect bookend to the cemetery establishment and construction,” said SDDVA Deputy Secretary Aaron Pollard. “Now, we get to do what we’ve been planning for all this time. Veterans of all eras, and their eligible loved ones will call this cemetery their forever home. What this means is not lost on me nor the team that works tirelessly at the cemetery.”

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Eligibility for Vet Center Services

Public Law (PL) 116-176—Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act, extends Vet Center eligibility to certain members of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserve component members who actively served in response to a national emergency or major disaster declared by the president or under orders of the chief executive of a state in response to a disaster or civil disorder. In addition, Vet Center services are now available to current or former members of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) involved in drug interdiction operations, regardless of where the drug interdiction occurred.

Family services are provided when found to aid in the re-adjustment of the Service Member. For more information, please call Vet Center Outreach Specialist Doug McCuddin at 605-330-4552.

Sanford Health Military and Veterans Scholarship

Sanford Health wants to remind everyone of their annual scholarship opportunity specifically for veterans, Guard/Reserve members or active duty military service members who have demonstrated leadership and commitment in their community.

The Sanford Health Military and Veteran Scholarship honors those who have furthered their own progress and enriched the lives of others, especially in service, academics, and community involvement. Applications are due Aug. 31, 2021 and can be found at:

https://SanfordHealthFound.smapply.io/prog/sanford_health_military_and_veteran_scholarship

Applicants must be a veteran, Guard/Reserve or active duty military service member and a full-time student pursuing a community college/vocational, bachelor's, graduate or professional degree from an accredited U.S.-based institution of higher education. They must also have at least one full year of education remaining.

The scholarships are administered by the Sanford Health Department of Veterans and Military Services and was created in 2018 as part of the health system's efforts to serve veterans and military personnel through patient care, employment opportunities, and community outreach. Additionally, the Good Samaritan Society supports lifelong learning. Financial support is available for employees who are continuing education in a field that will enhance their contributions to Sanford and those they serve. You can learn more about education assistance and other scholarships at this link. <https://news.sanfordhealth.org/veterans/sanford-health-offering-5000-scholarship-to-veterans/>.

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**Midwest Honor Flight to be Partnering Organization
for SD Veterans Cemetery**

The Midwest Honor Flight announced they will be the partnering organization to host the annual Wreaths Across America event at the new South Dakota Veteran Cemetery in December.

"It's more than simply decorating graves," said Midwest Honor Flight President Aaron Van Beek. "It's a silent message to all veterans, their families, and those currently serving that we will REMEMBER their service, we will HONOR their lives, and we will TEACH future generations the importance of citizenship and how our freedoms have been preserved over time. We understand we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, but our service members sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve our freedoms. There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season."

The tradition of laying wreaths to honor our veterans during the holiday season began in 1992, when Morrill Worcester of Worcester Wreath Company (Harrington, Maine) was stuck with a number of extra wreaths at the close of the holiday season. Remembering a boyhood trip to the Nation's Capital, and the sacred grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, he donated 5,000 wreaths to be placed at the headstones of an older section of the cemetery.

What began as one man's gesture, has now grown into a national movement - when in 2007 Wreaths Across America was formed as a non-profit. Today, more than 2,500 locations participate on a Saturday in December in laying the wreaths out of remembrance and respect for our nation's brave servicemen and women.

"The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs is looking forward to working with Wreaths Across America and Midwest Honor Flight in a special way at the Cemetery to honor the Veterans here with a token of appreciation during the holiday season and ultimately, all year long," said South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Director Erin Brown.

Midwest Honor Flight partnered with Wreaths Across America in 2021 to bring this program to veterans whose final resting place is within these hallowed grounds. Sponsorships are 100% tax-deductible allowed by law. Sponsorships and more information can be found by visiting www.midwesthonorflight.org/wreaths, emailing wreaths@midwesthonorflight.org, or calling (605) 215-1319.

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**Saturday, December 18, 2021, 11:00 AM,
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Two More South Dakota Bridges to be Dedicated

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting two State Bridge Dedication Ceremonies to honor Army Combat Veteran Staff Sergeant Jeremy Vrooman and Marine Combat Veteran Lance Corporal Kenneth Jamerson.

The Jamerson ceremony will be held Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 1:00 pm (CT) at the Orange Striped Gym in Little Eagle (11905 SD HWY 63). The South Dakota Grand River Bridge at Little Eagle will be dedicated to Jamerson, of Little Eagle. Jamerson died April 1967, at the Da Nang Hospital in Vietnam from injuries received when a land mine exploded while he was on patrol.

The Vrooman ceremony will be held Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 1:00 pm (CT) at the Sioux Falls Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #1 (9700 E. HWY 42). The South Dakota HWY 42 Bridge east of Sioux Falls and west of Rowena will be dedicated to Vrooman, of Mitchell and Sioux Falls. Vrooman deployed March 2003 to March 2004, and June 2008 to July 2008 in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While serving in Iraq July 15, 2008, Vrooman's quick thinking and tactical abilities helped members of Palehorse Troop to survive a lethal explosion. Vrooman entered an abandoned building first to secure the area before the rest of the team. Without hesitation he signaled his team to exit the area and the building exploded. His sacrifice saved the lives of his troops from the blast, but not his own.

Naming bridges in honor of our combat veterans who died while serving their country is an initiative of Governor Kristi Noem and the South Dakota Departments of Military, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs. "Whenever and wherever this nation has called, in times of darkness and danger, as well as in times of peace and prosperity, veterans have been there and have proudly carried the torch of liberty for all to see," said Greg Whitlock, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

A Big Shout Out to the Department of South Dakota American Legion

On Flag Day, the Department of South Dakota American Legion was awarded the National O.L. Bodenhamer Trophy. This trophy is awarded to the department whose standing is No. 1 on the Flag Day (June 14) membership report!

This trophy is awarded annually to the department designated to lead the parade at the next national convention. It is limited to the 52 departments within the United States, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Congratulations to the South Dakota Legionnaires, Posts, and Districts! What a great accomplishment!

Ground Broken for New VA CBOC in Rapid City

SDDVA Field Service Officer Will Huffmon attended the groundbreaking ceremony last week for the new VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Rapid City. The new CBOC will be located on the east side of Promise Road off of Catron Boulevard and Mt. Rushmore Road.

This state-of-the-art facility will include a range of new capabilities not seen at the previous clinic like women's care, mental health, and physical therapy.

Work on the new VA clinic is expected to be completed by 2023.

DAV Sponsored Women Veterans Retreat

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Where: The Abbey of the Hills, Marvin, SD

When: August 13-15, 2021

Arrival: 4:00 PM on August 13th

Departure: 1:00 PM on August 15th

Eligibility: You must be a woman Veteran

Participant Limit: 20

For More Information, contact the DAV HQ
at 605-332-6866

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Can I get a Specially Adapted Housing Grant? You may be able to get an SAH grant if you are using the grant money to buy, build or change your permanent home (a home you plan to live in for a long time) and you meet both of the requirements listed below.

Both of these must be true: You own or will own the home, and Have a qualifying service-connected disability.

Qualifying service-connected disabilities include:

- The loss or loss of use of more than one limb.
- The loss or loss of use of a lower leg along with the residuals (lasting effects) of an organic (natural) disease or injury.
- Blindness in both eyes (with 20/200 visual acuity or less).
- Certain severe burns.
- The loss, or loss of use, of one lower extremity (foot or leg) after 9-11-2001, which makes it so you can't balance or walk without the help of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheel chair.

Note: Only 120 Veterans and service members each fiscal year (FY can qualify for a grant based on the loss of one extremity after 9-11-2001, as set by Congress. A fiscal year runs from Oct 1 through Sept 30. If you qualify for, but don't receive, a grant in the current fiscal year because the cap has already been reached, you may be able to use this benefit in future years.

How much funding does an SAH grant offer? If you qualify for an SAH grant, you can get up to \$100,896 for FY 2021. This is the current total maximum amount allowed for SAH grants.

Can I get a Special Home Adaptation (SHA) grant? You may be able to get an SHA grant if you are using the grant money to buy, build or change your permanent home (a home you plan to live in for a long time) and you meet both of the requirements listed below.

Both of these must be true: You or a family member own or will own the home and You have a qualifying service-connected disability.

Qualifying service-connected disabilities include:

- The loss or loss of use of both hands.
- Certain severe burns.
- Certain respiratory or breathing injuries.

How much funding does an SHA offer? If you qualify for an SHA grant, you can get up to \$20,215 for FY 2021. This is the current total maximum amount allowed for SHA grants.
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PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**From the Office of Brad Friez**
National Service Officer

I am sounding like a broken record but the VA Regional Office in Sioux Falls continues to be open from 7:30am to 5pm each business day except for federal holidays. Public contact at the Sioux Falls VA Regional Office is open from 8am to 4:30pm. If an individual is fully vaccinated they are not required to wear a mask. Masks for those vaccinated are thus optional. But on the Hospital side of the Sioux Falls VA campus masks are still required.

We continue to encourage the VAs in our part of the country to open their CLC's to outside patients to allow for respite and hospice care. But to our knowledge the VA's across the country are still not allowing respite or hospice care. Options are available at home or at private facilities but many Veterans have on-going health issues that the VA has treated them for in the past and thus would greatly prefer their care at their local VA facility. Veterans' caregivers (in most situations are their spouses) have not had a break in well over a year and need that respite.

As of July 1st the state of South Dakota had legalized medical and recreational use of Marijuana. According to a recent article from the New York Times there are now 37 states who have legalized Medical Marijuana and of those 18 states have legalized recreational use of Marijuana. We have already had calls from Veterans who would prefer and in many cases need Marijuana as a treatment option but the VA's hands are tied so to speak. If Veterans feel strongly about this issue I would encourage them to express their feelings on this matter to their Representatives and Senators in Congress. Perhaps Congress can put into place some type of waiver to allow Veterans who are enrolled into the VA Health System to have Marijuana as a treatment option when appropriate.

Finally, when Veterans request our presence at their VA medical appointments with their Primary Care Provider or Specialty Care we are able to be present. Recently we have had pushback from one of the Specialty Care Clinics and were told that the Veterans in that clinic will need to come to our office after completing their exam. We would strongly encourage all of our Veterans and members to mention that they need our presence at their annual clinical evaluations and appointments; rather than have to come across the street to our office in the heat of the summer and the cold of winter.



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This is to inform you that registration is now open for the fall session of our **WOMEN to the WORKFORCE** job development program which will start on **Thursday, August 26th**. This is a specially designed program that provides curriculum to gain professional skills, accelerate job searches and build confidence through weekly training sessions and networking in a supportive environment. Participants will be assigned a mentor and they will need to commit to regular attendance of these sessions – if more than 2 sessions are missed, the participant will be dropped from the program. There is no charge to participate in this program. It is designed for unemployed or underemployed women who are **actively searching** for employment, so please share this information with any woman you feel would benefit from the program.

The sessions are held on Tuesdays AND/OR Thursdays from 10 AM – 12:30 PM culminating with a graduation ceremony on **Wednesday, October 6th**. **Pre-registration is required by August 6th**. Please feel free to contact me for registration form and if you have any additional questions.

Lori Strasburg, Program Manager

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PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL PROGRAM**

Cal-Diego Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
December 3, 2021
Camp Pendleton
Camp Pendleton, CA

Wisconsin Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
March 11-12, 2022
Milwaukee Tech Area College
Milwaukee, WI

Mid-Atlantic Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
March 2022 (Dates TBD)
Colonial Shooting Academy
Richmond, VA

Buckeye Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament *
April 14-16, 2022
Spire Institute
Geneva, OH
*Buckeye Wheelchair Games

PVA BOATING/FISHING TOUR

Mid-America Bass Tournament
September 10-12, 2021
Lake Eufaula
Eufaula, OK

Vaughan Bass Tournament
October 8-10, 2021
The Lakes of Egypt
Marion, IL

Southeastern Bass Tournament
October 15-17, 2021
Thurmond/Clarks Hill Lake
Evans, GA

Florida Gulf Coast Bass Tournament
April 1-3, 2022
Lake Toho
Kissimmee, FL

Kentucky-Indiana Bass Tournament
April 22-24, 2022
Lake Barkley
Kuttawa, KY

Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament
June 10-12, 2022
James & Appomattox Rivers
Hopewell, VA

ANNUAL PVA/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES

Buckeye Billiards Tournament
July 17-18, 2021
8 Ball Sports Bar & Billiards
Columbus, OH

Mid-South Billiards Tournament
October 15-16, 2021
Clicks Billiards
Memphis, TN

Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament
March 18-20, 2022
Diamond Billiards
Midlothian, VA

ANNUAL PVA/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Great Plains Bowling Tournament
July 29-August 1, 2021
Thunderbowl
Council Bluffs, IA

Mid-Atlantic Bowling Tournament
September 24-26, 2021
Bowl America
Midlothian, VA

KY-IN Bowling Tournament
October 2021 (Dates TBD)
Kingpin Lanes
Jeffersonstown, KY

Florida Gulf Coast Bowling Tour.
February 23-25, 2022
Pin Chasers
Tampa, FL

Vaughan Bowling Tournament
April 2022 (Dates TBD)
Bowlero
Romeoville, IL

PVA NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT

North Central Trapshoot
September 11-12, 2021
Crooks Gun Club
Sioux Falls, SD

Mid-Atlantic Trapshoot
September 2021 (Dates TBD)
Conservation Park of Virginia
Charles City, VA

Cal-Diego Trapshoot
March 25-27, 2022
Redlands Shooting Park
Redlands, CA

Nevada Trapshoot
April 1-3, 2022
Clark County Shooting Park
Las Vegas, NV

Florida Gulf Coast Trapshoot
May 13-15, 2022
Silver Dollar Trap Club
Odessa, FL

Vaughan Trapshoot
June 3-5, 2022
St. Charles Sportsmen's Club
Elburn, IL

Wisconsin Trapshoot
June 10-12, 2022
Brown County Sportsman Club
Green Bay, WI

Iowa Shooting Trapshoot *
June 17-19, 2022
Otter Creek Sportsman Club
Cedar Rapids, IA
*Year-End Tournament

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KY-IN Boccia Tournament
July 17-18, 2021
Indianapolis, IN

KY-IN Boccia Tournament
September 25-26, 2021
Bowling Green, KY

Vaughan Boccia Tournament
October 22-23, 2021
Carol Stream, IL

Bayou Boccia Tournament
February 11-12, 2022
Gulfport, MS

Buckeye Boccia Tournament *
April 14-16, 2022
Geneva, OH
*Buckeye Wheelchair Games

Mid-Atlantic Boccia Tournament
May 2022 (Dates TBD)
Richmond, VA

HANDCYCLING

PVAR High Performance Camp
August 14-23, 2021
Crested Butte, CO

Off Road Handcycling Champs
August 20-22, 2021
Crested Butte, CO

Off-Road Fall Expo
September 30-October 2, 2021
Chesterfield, VA

Army Ten Miller
October 10, 2021
Washington, DC

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

August 7-14, 2021
New York, NY

PVA WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CLINIC

August 26-29, 2021
Lakeshore Foundation Facility
Birmingham, AL

PVA WHEELCHAIR RUGBY INVITATIONAL

October 7-10, 2021
Raleigh Convention Center
Raleigh, NC

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**PVA North Central Chapter****Birthday Roster - August/September 2021**

Brian Fritzie	Aug 01
David Schlinkert	Aug 05
Don Klingbile	Aug 06
Mark Ducheneaux	Aug 07
David Vanmiddendorp	Aug 07
Bonnie Schmidt	Aug 10
Timothy Ellis	Aug 11
Robert Hunter	Aug 11
Leonard Livingston	Aug 13
Wanda Swier	Aug 13
Pat Lynch	Aug 15
Thomas Sunde	Aug 15
Dennis Bridenstine	Aug 16
Sheri Kloes	Aug 17
Todd Bitz	Aug 21
Casey Davidson	Aug 21
Michael Reed	Aug 21
James Cantalope	Aug 22
Leo Lesselyoung	Aug 22
Scott Nelson (Mansfield)	Aug 22
Daniel Mickalowski	Aug 23
Martin Kruse	Aug 24
Murray Smith	Aug 24
Kurt Kruger	Aug 25
Arthur Lampert	Aug 25
Terry Paulsen	Aug 25
Angelina Enrique	Aug 27
Ernest Bixby	Aug 29

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John Lian	Aug 29
Robert Schacherer	Aug 30
Jerry Dale	Sept 02
Michael Selvage	Sept 02
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
Kristina Allen	Sept 17
Dennis Hahnemann	Sept 17
Rodney Eite	Sept 18
Timothy Fox	Sept 18
Beverly North	Sept 20
Jerry Bonnstetter	Sept 21
Paul Groeneweg	Sept 21
Rick Albrecht	Sept 22
Paul Hanson	Sept 23
Dough Knight	Sept 26
Dennis Shoffelman	Sept 26
Dale Wormstadt	Sept 26
Charles Thomas	Sept 27
Anthony Farrell	Sept 28
John Lynch	Sept 28
Ronald Shelburg	Sept 28

Veterans Stand Down 2021

This year's Veterans Stand Down will be taking place at the SD Military Heritage Alliance Building in Sioux Falls, located at 1600 West Russell Street. The event is to run from 9:00 AM to Noon on Friday, September 24, 2021.

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Do I have to use the total grant amount this year? No, if you are eligible for an SAH or SHA grant, you can use money from your grant up to six different times over your lifetime. Depending on the adaptations you need, and the bid from your builder, you can use as much or as little of your grant as you need this year. If you don't use the full amount, you can use more money from the grant in future years. We may adjust the total maximum amount for the last year you use the grant.

Grant Eligibility for a Temporary Home

Can I get money to change a family member's home where I am living? You may be able to get a Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) grant if you meet both of the requirements listed below.

Both of these must be true. You qualify for an SAH or SHA grant (see above) and Are living temporarily in a family member's home that needs changes to meet your needs. (To use a TRA grant, you don't have to own the house.)

How much funding does a TRA grant offer? If you qualify for an SAH grant, you can get up to \$40,637 through the TRA grant program for FY 2021. If you qualify for an SHA grant, you can get up to \$7,256 through the TRA grant program for FY 2021.

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