

VENDORS



ESGR

National Guard Employment Support Program

Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired

SD Archives

SD Braille and Talking Book Library

SD Dept. of Human Services – Adult Services and Aging

SD Dept. of Labor

SD Div. of Rehabilitation Services

SDANG Military Funeral Honors

SD Military Family Assistance

South Dakota Native Homeownership

SD Vital Records

Team Rubicon

Transition Assistance Advisor

USDOL

US Small Business Administration

VA Field Security Services



Learning to
Better Serve
Those ★
Who Have
Served

We have numerous vendors that will be joining us this week. Please take time during the conference to stop by their booths—visit with them about their services and exchange business cards with them.

Partnerships are vital as we work together to enhance the lives of our veterans and their families.



TRAINING



South Dakota Department
of Veterans Affairs

Annual Benefit School for

South Dakota County and Tribal

Veterans Service Officers

August 14-17, 2017

Ramkota Conference Center—Pierre, SD



Monday—Aug. 14

- 11:00 am Registration Opens (Hotel Lobby)
- Gallery B
- 1:00 pm Republic of China Veteran Recognition Ceremony
- (Amphitheatre I)
- 2:00 pm Opening Remarks—Secretary Zimmerman and Deputy Secretary Pollard
- 2:15 pm SFVAHCS and VABHHCS—Directors Darwin Goodspeed and Sandra Horsman
- VA Secretary's Priorities
 - Operation SAVE
 - CHOICE Update and Next Generation—CARE
 - Million Veteran Research Program
- 3:45 pm Dakotas Regional Office—Shawn Bohn, Director
- 4:40 pm SDVSO Association Meeting
- 6:00 pm Steak fry (American Legion Cabin)

Tuesday—Aug. 15 (Amphitheatre I)

- 8:00 am Virtual Desktop—Michael Maske
- 8:45 am Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home — Brad Richardson, Superintendent
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:00 am Yvette Thomas, Department of Social Services
- 11:00 am Black Hills National Cemetery—Adriene Benton, Director
- 12:00 pm Lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm Appeals Process—Liz Thiner, Regional Office
- 2:00 pm State Programs—Will Huffmon and Jeri Smith
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Education Benefits —Erin Brown
- 4:00 pm Interviewing Techniques—Erin Bultje
- 5:00 pm Group Gathering—Courtyard

Wednesday—Aug. 16 (Amphitheatre I)

- 8:00 am How to Reach Millennial Veterans—Marshall Damgaard, USD Adjutant Instructor in Political Science
- 9:00 am Pension—Jerry Lemme
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am CTVSO Best Practices—Dennis Evenson
- 11:00 am Hearing Loss—Deputy Secretary Aaron Pollard
- 12:00 pm Lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm 10-10 EZ/VA Health Care—Krystal Magee and Joseph Leasure
- 2:00 pm Hot Topics—Kevin Bowen
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Vet Centers—Kaitlyn McMahon, Rapid City VC Director
- 3:45 pm USDA Rural Development-USAJOBS and Disability and Veterans Employment Programs—Teri Bertness and Kay Daugherty
- 4:15 pm U.S. Department of Labor—Sarah Bierman
(Amphitheatre II)
- 6:00 pm SDPB Screening of "The Vietnam War"

Thursday—Aug. 17 (Amphitheatre I)

- 8:00 am SDVSO Association Meeting
- 8:30 am Twisted Jeopardy
- 10:00 am Closing Remarks—Deputy Secretary Pollard
- 10:15 am Test

