



NEWSLETTER

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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FEBRUARY 6 PROCLAIMED “TOM SPARROW DAY” IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Governor Kristi Noem is proclaiming Tuesday, February 6, as “Tom Sparrow Day” in South Dakota. Tom has served as the Turner County Veterans Service Officer since 2013.



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In 2014 and 2018, Tom was recognized by the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs for his outstanding outreach efforts. He was named “RAV King” for his hard work during the Department’s Operation RAV (Reaching All Veterans) campaign. He made over 5,000 calls to veterans in five different counties.

Tom has decided to retire and his last day at Turner County will be February 6. Please join the Governor and SDDVA in thanking Tom for his unending commitment to our veterans.



SDDVA UPDATE

SDDVA Field Service Officer D.J. Montreal and Minnehaha County Veterans Service Officer Kathy Richardson hit the road in support of SDDVA's Operation VNF program (Veterans Never Forgotten).

They visited veterans and administrators at Leisure Living in Hartford and Colton Retirement Living.



SDDVA Field Service Officer Will Huffmon is assisting the Veterans of Foreign Wars at their booth at the Black Hills Stock Show. Pictured here with Will is VFW State commander Dave Baumiller.

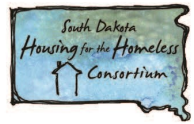
Working in partnership with State Department of the VFW, Huffmon is providing information to veterans and their families regarding state and federal veteran benefits, veterans health care, and other veteran benefits.

If you are headed to the Stock Show this weekend, you can find the VFW booth on the second floor of the Monument Civic Center in Rapid City, near Rush Ice Arena.

This year's Stock Show ends Saturday, February 3.



Need Housing Assistance? Call 1-800-664-1349



OR VISIT ONE OF THESE COORDINATED ENTRY LOCATIONS

Individuals will be interviewed and referred to appropriate housing and services.

CHAMBERLAIN

Rural Office of Community Services
300 S Courtland St
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
605-234-6474

LAKE ANDES

Rural Office of Community Services
58 N 3rd Ave
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
605-487-7634

MITCHELL

Rural Office of Community Services
201 E 2nd Ave
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
605-996-9626

RAPID CITY

Volunteers of America,
Northern Rockies
111 New York Street
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F
605-341-8336

RAPID CITY

Wambli Ska
524 Anamosa St
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM, M-F
605-716-2402

RAPID CITY

Family Connections Center, The Circle
(Young Adults 16-24)
706 E Monroe St
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, M-Sun.
605-716-0422

SIOUX FALLS

Inter-Lakes Community
Action Partnership
409 N. Western Avenue
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
(Closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 PM)
800-833-8736

VERMILLION

Rural Office of Community Services
9 Court St
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
605-658-0118

WAGNER

Rural Office of Community Services
107 2nd St SW
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
605-487-7634

WATERTOWN

Inter-Lakes Community
Action Partnership
7 W. Kemp
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
605-954-8093

YANKTON

Rural Office of Community Services
920 Broadway Ave, Ste 1
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
605-665-4559

YANKTON

Pathways Shelter for the Homeless
(Young Adults 18-24)
506 E 3rd St
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F
605-665-8994

COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM

Connecting people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with multiple resources through a single point of access.

Visit our website at housingforthehomeless.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 10-11—Yellow Ribbon Post Mob for 1/112th Aviation—Rapid City
Feb 16—18—American Legion Mid-Winter Conference—Deadwood
Mar 25—Midwest Honor Flight Fundraiser—Drive to Fly @ Great Shots—(2505 W. Benson Road)—Sioux Falls—2:00—5:00 pm (CT)
Mar 26—Yankton County What's Brewing—VFW Post 791—(209 Cedar Street)—Yankton—10:00 am (CT)
Apr 4—Brule County What's Brewing—Chamberlain Community Center—(112 N. Main Street)—Chamberlain—1:00 pm (CT)
Apr 5—Melissa Stockwell Program—South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls
Apr 12—Day County What's Brewing—VFW Post—(521 First Street West)—Webster—6:00 pm (CT)
Apr 16—McPherson County What's Brewing—Eureka School Multi Purpose Room—(805 10th Street)—Eureka—1:00 pm (CT)
Apr 17—SD Veterans Council Meeting—VFW Post 1273—Rapid City—9:00 am (MT)
Apr 26-27—DAV State Convention—Deadwood Lodge
May 7—Corson County What's Brewing—McIntosh Pavilion—(Main and First Avenue)—McIntosh—10:00 am (MT)
May 7—Midwest Honor Flight Mission 18—Welcome Home Ceremony—Sioux Falls Convention Center—(1201 N. West Avenue)—Sioux Falls—9:30 pm (CT)
May 21—Midwest Honor Flight Mission 19—Welcome Home Ceremony—Sioux Falls Convention Center—(1201 N. West Avenue)—Sioux Falls—9:30 pm (CT)
May 27—SDDVA Memorial Day Program—SD Veterans Cemetery—12:00 noon (CT)
Jun 5—Midwest Honor Flight Mission 20—Welcome Home Ceremony—Sioux Falls Convention Center—(1201 N. West Avenue)—Sioux Falls—9:30 pm (CT)
Jun 7—8—VFW State Conference—Holiday Inn—Spearfish
Jun 14—Midwest Honor Flight Day of Sweetness—Sioux Falls Chick-fil-A—(4005 W. 41st Street)—Sioux Falls—7:00 am—10:00 pm
Jun 20—23—American Legion State Conference—Pierre
Jun 30—Midwest Honor Flight Honor Ride—South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—Registration—1:00 pm/Ride Begins at 2:30 pm (CT)
Jul 15—6th Annual Tee it up for the Troops Midwest Honor Flight Fundraiser—Arrowhead Country Club—(3675 Sheridan Lake Road)—Rapid City—7:15 am (MT)
Jul 17—SD Veterans Council Meeting—Aberdeen
Aug 1—2—South Dakota Suicide Prevention Conference—Sioux Falls Convention Center
Aug 21—SD Veterans Council Meeting—Yankton
Aug 26—Midwest Honor Flight Fundraiser—The Barrel House—(4701 E. 54th Street)—Sioux Falls—11:00 am—8:00 pm (CT)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 29—Veterans Day at the SD State Fair—Northwest Energy Freedom Stage—Huron
Aug 29—Sep 2—SD State Fair—Huron
Sep 3—5—SDDVA Annual CTVSO Benefit School—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls
Sep 18—SD Veterans Council Meeting—Rapid City
Oct 12—Midwest Honor Flight Third Annual Elvis Night—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls
Oct 16—SD Veterans Council Meeting—Brookings
Nov 9—Fifth Annual Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation Fair We've Got Your Six—Sturgis
Nov 18—Wreaths Across America Fundraiser—The Barrel House—(4701 E. 54th Street)—Sioux Falls—11:00 am—8:00 pm (CT)
Nov 20—SD Veterans Council Meeting—Sioux Falls
Nov 20—SD Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—Sioux Falls
Nov 21—SD Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—Watertown
Nov 22—SD Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—Rapid City
Nov 23—SD Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—Pierre
Dec 14—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls—11:00 am (CT)

2025 Events

Jan 8—SD Veterans Council Meeting—Pierre
Feb 14—16—American Legion Mid-Winter Conference—Oacoma
Jun 12—15—VFW State Convention—Ramkota—Pierre
Jun 19—22—American Legion State Conference—Huron
Dec 13—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls—11:00 am (CT)

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