



!!SAVE THE DATE!!
South Dakota Coalition for Military Families
2nd Annual Symposium!

The SDCMF focuses on connecting organizations with each other for increased awareness, education, and mutual support of Service members, Veterans, and their Families. We are a state-wide collaborative partnership meant to engage all branches and components of the armed forces and their communities.

The Symposium will include an exhibitor expo and educational tracks that address key issues important to our Veteran and Military community. Our Veterans, Service Members and their Families come in contact with Post Secondary High Educators, School Counselors, Health Care Providers, First Responders, Social Workers, Therapists, Counselors, Human Resources, Spiritual advisors and many others on a daily basis.

If you come in contact with Veterans, Service Members and their Families, this Symposium is for you!

More information coming soon!

September 10-11, 2014

Location:
Washington Pavilion
Sioux Falls, SD

sdcmf.org

Early Bird Registration ~ \$120
After July 25, 2014 ~ \$150



2014 SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Wednesday, September 10th</u>
0700 - 0830	Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits
0830 - 0930	Welcome/Opening Comments <i>Guest Speakers</i>
0930 - 1130	General Session I <i>Define Veteran & Military Culture</i>
1130 - 1230	Lunch - Exhibits/Networking
1230 - 1345	Breakouts- - Breakouts- - Breakouts Understanding Student Veterans/Service Members Being a Military Kid Enhancing Lives of Veterans/Service Members Signs & Symptoms of PTSD Homeless Veterans in SD
1345 - 1400	Break - Refreshments/Exhibits/Networking
1400 - 1515	Breakouts- - Breakouts- - Breakouts From Combat to College Transitioning Back to "Normal" Decision to Live First Responders Aging Veterans; Issues, Needs
1515 - 1530	Break - Refreshments/Exhibits/Networking
1530 - 1645	Breakouts- - Breakouts- - Breakouts From Combat to College (Repeat) Money & the Vet/Service Member Decision to Live (Repeat) Best Practices for Treating PTSD Not all Military Members are Male
1645 - 1700	Closing Comments

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Thursday, September 11th</u>
0700 - 0800	Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits
0800 - 0815	Comments <i>Guest Speaker</i>
0815 - 0945	General Session II <i>Combat Vets, Prescription Drug Abuse/Trends</i>
0945 - 1000	Break - Refreshments/Exhibits/Networking
1000 - 1115	Breakouts- - Breakouts- - Breakouts To Better Serve Vets/SMs "We Serve Too" - Family Perspective Alternative Treatments Wounded Warrior's Recovery Native American Vets/SMs, Culture
1115 - 1215	Lunch - Exhibits/Networking
1215 - 1345	Breakouts- - Breakouts- - Breakouts Understanding Education Benefits Veterans Court Alternative Treatments with Sleep Military Sexual Assault Native American Vets/Culture (Repeat)
1345 - 1400	Break - Refreshments/Exhibits/Networking
1400 - 1515	Breakouts- - Breakouts- - Breakouts Military Education into College Credit Employer Relations ESGR Warrior & Family Spirituality Alternative Treatments with Sleep (Repeat) Importance of VA Enrollment
1515-1545	Closing Comments



Abstracts

Understanding the Service Member, Veterans and their Families - General Sessions I & II

The purpose of this symposium is to give professionals in all fields a clearer understanding of the military experience and how those experiences affect the lives of those involved. The General Sessions will introduce the life of a veteran. The specific tracks will give that increased understanding of the dynamics of military service on individuals and their families helps the caregiver when providing services.

Healthcare -



The Healthcare professionals are often the initial contact for military members and their families seeking care for issues that are affecting their lives. The healthcare professional will be better equipped to help serve these needs with a basic understanding of some of the issues resulting from military service. These issues may be the result of or aggravated by the member's service. Some issues addressed in these sessions are: PTSD, TBI, and some of the unique issues from regional conflicts.

Human Resources -



President Obama has made helping service members and veterans find civilian employment and reintegrate into our nation's workforce a top priority. Many employers actively seek out this community of job seekers purely because of the return on the investment. Veterans and returning Service Members bring unique skills and experiences to the civilian workforce. Because of the training, work ethic and goal-oriented culture of the military, many companies find that Service Members and Veterans make excellent employees who bring with them the skills to do the job, in a timely and efficient manner. These skills include both the hard and soft skills coveted by today's employers, such as leadership, management, teamwork, accountability and responsibility. In this track, human resource professionals gain a clear understanding of the resources available to help understand and translate the unique skills and abilities military members and veterans bring to the work place, and how to target employment efforts towards these job seekers.

Resilience -



The resilience track focuses on how the Department of Defense is emphasizing elements of positive psychology to improve the physical and psychological health and resilience of Service Members, their Families and Department of Defense Civilians. Resilience strategies seek to enhance the individuals performance by providing self-assessment and training capabilities aligned to the "Five Dimensions of Strength." The Army has formally established the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness (CSFF) program as a key component of the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign, and other branches have similar initiatives. In this track, participants will discuss the CSFF program developed by the Penn Resiliency Project (PRP) at the University of Pennsylvania which based in part on cognitive-behavioral therapy for depression (e.g., Beck, Rush, Shaw, & Emery, 1979) and positive psychology.

Youth/Family -



The challenges of military life, to include deployments and reintegration, have raised the awareness of the effects of military service on family members. This track is designed to provide teachers, clergy, guidance counselors, and other youth workers, needed information. This track includes an emphasis on the marriage, family relationships and transition issues.

Veterans in Higher Education-



Many of the incentives that are given to service members for enlisting are related to education. This track is designed to raise awareness of educators in higher education as to what they can do to help facilitate the classroom experience and academic success for the veterans. Discussions will help institutions of higher education build effective programs for veteran students and share best practices including veteran-specific orientation, on-campus veteran service centers, prospective student outreach efforts, faculty training, and counseling and psychological services for veteran students. Participants will explore the issue of what it means to be a "Veteran-friendly" school.

Social Services/First Responders -



Community Social Services, Law Enforcement and other First Responders touch the lives of many of our military families without even knowing it. Professionals from South Dakota communities will highlight training strategies their teams use for developing greater awareness and recognition of military members and their families. Discussion will also include how to successfully serve clients with military background.



Resource Partners Exhibitor Booths
2014 South Dakota Coalition for Military Families Symposium
September 10-11, 2014
Washington Pavilion
Sioux Falls, SD

Here is an outstanding opportunity to showcase and network your company's services and/or products to Providers, care givers and referral entities of South Dakota's Service Members, veterans, and their spouses, children and extended families. Several times throughout the SDCMF Symposium are set aside for conference participants and speakers to network with our Resource Partners.

Exhibitor Booths ~ Early Bird Registration through July 25, 2014
Fees increase after July 25th

Enlisted level registration ~ **\$150/\$225**

- 6 foot table with table cloth
- Company name in program
- Lunch for 2 representatives

Non-Commissioned Officer level registration ~ **\$200/\$275**

- Includes Enlisted level exhibitor registration
- Company name in program with 50 - 75 word explanation of service
- Company logo placed on SDCMF Website linked to exhibitor's website though Sept 2015

Officer level registration ~ **\$300/\$375**

- Includes Non-Commissioned Officer level exhibitor registration
- Featured exhibitor during one break
 - Exhibitor signage placed around the break room and exhibitor location for one break
 - Signage provided by exhibitor.
 - Signage must comply with size limitations.

***Watch for more Resource Partner
Exhibitor registration information at
www.sdcmf.org!***

Advertising:

General Officer Advertising ~ **\$500/\$600** (per day)

- Limit 2 per day
- Includes Officer level exhibitor registration.
- One complimentary ticket to the conference.
- Featured exhibitor during lunch.
 - Exhibitor signage placed around dining facility.
 - Recognition during the symposium for sponsorship.
 - Signage provided by exhibitor.
 - Signage must comply with size limitations.

Presidential Advertising ~ **\$1000/\$1100**

- Limit 2
- Will be the Featured Exhibitor during symposium
- Includes Officer level exhibitor registration
- Two complimentary ticket to the conference
- Opportunity to present to symposium attendees during lunch.
- Exhibitor signage placed throughout facility.
 - Signage provided by exhibitor.
 - Signage must comply with size limitations.

Website Only ~ **\$75/\$100**

- Company logo & website linked to the SDCMF site through September 2015.
- No exhibitor booth, signage or recognition during symposium.

Scavenger Hunt: Exhibitors are encouraged to provide questions/answers about their company to the SDCMF Symposium Committee for an Exhibitor Scavenger Hunt to encourage symposium attendees to stop at exhibitor booths. More information to follow