



South Dakota Department of the Military
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RAUSCH FAMILY RECEIVES KOREAN AMBASSADOR PEACE MEDAL FOR BROTHER KILLED IN ACTION

Over 40 members of the Eugene Rausch family traveled to Pierre this week to receive the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. PFC Eugene R. Rausch was killed in action.

Secretary Zimmerman, in his opening remarks, said it was an honor to be able to share this day with the Rausch family and present them with the Republic of Korea's Ambassador for Peace Medal.

This day was a tribute to Eugene's honorable, faithful service and ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom in South Korea.

SDDVA's Ryan Fowler presented the Rausch siblings with the red sash and Secretary Zimmerman placed the medal on the first sibling and each sibling in turn transferred the medal to the next sibling. Deputy Secretary Pollard read the certificate recognizing their brother's service for the cause of freedom in South Korea.

The program concluded with friends, family and SDDVA staff singing "God Bless America."

Secretary Zimmerman encourages all of us to continue to find these heroes and their families. The Republic of Korea has extended our deadline for the group order of medals to February 29, 2016.



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SPECIAL THANKS
We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors and supporters of today's events. Your partnership helps facilitate an environment where the State and the Tribes can come together and seek common ground. Thank you!

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and many others.

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STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS EVENTS
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
JANUARY 27 & 28, 2016

Honoring Our Veterans

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SDDVA Staff and County and Tribal Veterans Service Officers will be presenters at the State Tribal Relations Day in Pierre next week.

Briefing sessions will be held on Wednesday in the Highland Hills Ballroom at the RedRossa Italian Grille in Pierre. Topics that will be covered are: processing veterans claims, veterans healthcare, agreements with IHS, code talker memorial, veterans home, education programs, on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs, funding resources, and veterans courts.

Thursday will be State-Tribal Relations Ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda. This two-day event is a great opportunity to educate tribal leaders and legislators on the programs available for our veterans.



South Dakota DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL RELATIONS

South Dakota DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Listening Session Honoring Our Veterans
Wednesday January 27, 2016
9:00am - 4:30pm
Highland/Hills Room, Red Rossa
808 W. Sioux Avenue., Pierre, SD

8:00am - 8:30pm
Sponsorship Booths

Morning Session: 9:00am - 11:45am
Welcome & Opening Remarks
Processing Veterans Claims
Veterans Health
SD Veteran's Home

Lunch - Welcome from Governor Daugaard
RSVP'd Listening Session Attendees Only

Afternoon Session: 1:00pm - 4:30pm
Code Talker Memorial
Education/Job Training
Home Loans/Veteran Owned Business
Veterans Courts
Targeting Younger Veterans
Closing Remarks

Legislative Reception: 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Welcome - Lt. Governor Matt Michels
Thank you to sponsors - Secretary Emery
Invitation Only

State-Tribal Relations Rotunda Ceremony
Thursday January 28, 2016
11:45am-1:00pm
SD State Capitol Rotunda

Color Guard
Lakota Women Warriors

Emcee
Secretary Steve Emery

Invocation
Gerald Zephier

Welcome
Governor Dennis Daugaard

State-Tribal Relations Awards

State Constitutional Officers

Tribal Leader's Remarks
Chairmen/Presidents

Drum Group
Bad Nation

1:00pm - 2:00pm
Traditional Meal

8:00am - 3:00pm
Tribal, State, & Federal
Veterans Booths

Welcome to the State-Tribal Relations Events

The South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations and the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs welcome you to the State-Tribal Relations Events.

The 2016 State-Tribal Relations Events will focus on ways to expand cooperation between the state and tribes. This is an opportunity to learn about programs & services available for our tribal veterans. Help us honor our veterans and remember their sacrifices to our country and state.

This special event provides state and tribal leaders with an opportunity to learn more about one another, exchange ideas, and build our government to government relationship.

45TH ANNUAL SD AMERICAN LEGION MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

The 45th Annual South Dakota American Legion MidWinter Conference will be held at the Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center in Huron, South Dakota, February 12-14, 2016. Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary members, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders from across the State of South Dakota will be in attendance.

The Legion business session will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 12, with meetings of the Department Finance Commission, Department Executive Committee and the 5-Year Membership Council throughout the day. The evening will feature a joint banquet with National American Legion Vice Commander Alan Davis from the Department of Minnesota as the main speaker.

Saturday will commence at 8:00 a.m. with a joint session with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. At 10:30 a.m., the American Legion will conduct breakout sessions on

Membership,
Public Relations/
Media,
Americanism,

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Conducting Meetings, 100th Anniversary and MyLegion.Org. The evening will feature a Membership Go-Getter Banquet.

Sunday morning a memorial service will be held at 8:30 a.m. followed by the American Legion State Oratorical finals. Contestant winners from the eight American Legion Districts will vie for the championship trophy, which will entitle them to compete for the National American Legion Oratorical championship in Indianapolis, Indiana in April. The state winner will win a \$1,000 scholarship and compete at the national level for an \$18,000 scholarship.

Leadership in attendance will be State American Legion Commander Terry Hanson of Arlington, State American Legion Auxiliary President Jane Benzel of Hot Springs and Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Colon Royal of Iroquois. Also present will be National Vice Commander Davis, Judy Twete National American Legion Auxiliary Northwest Division Vice President of The Department of North Dakota, National Membership Chairman Ken Orrock of Rapid City, Director of the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center Darwin Goodspeed and South Dakota Secretary of Veterans Affairs Larry Zimmerman.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 27-28-State Tribal Relations Days—Pierre
- Feb. 6—Valentines for Veterans Concert—Sioux Falls Pavilion
- Feb. 12-14—American Legion Mid Winter Conference—Huron Crossroads
- Mar. 12—SFVAHCS Variety Show
- Apr. 4—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—9:00 am (MT)
- April 15-17—DAV Convention—Rapid City—Adoba
- Jun. 16-19—American Legion State Convention—Ramkota—Watertown
- Jul. 11—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—9:00 am (MT)
- Oct. 3—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—9:00 am (MT)

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