



South Dakota Department of the Military  
 South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs



## SDNG PROVIDES RELIEF TO DELMONT AFTER TORNADO

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard activated about 25 members of the South Dakota National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing Civil Engineer Squadron to assist with tornado recovery efforts in the community of Delmont, May 11.

Daugaard surveyed the damage and declared a state of emergency in Delmont after a F2 tornado impacted the town of about 230 people on Sunday.

The Guard is focused on debris removal.



The Guard is coordinating their efforts with officials on site from the S.D. Department of Public Safety.



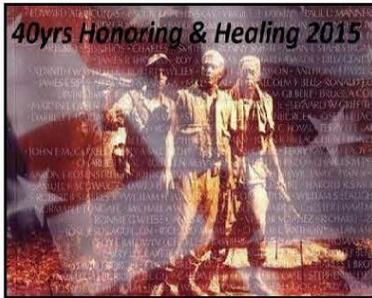
Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the SDNG, also traveled to Delmont to survey the damage.

"Assisting communities in the aftermath of a natural disaster is a key role of the National Guard," said Reisch. "We are proud to assist the citizens of Delmont who were impacted by this tragedy."



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# THE AVTT TRAVELING VIETNAM WALL



*The largest replica  
of The Wall in  
Washington, DC is  
coming to  
**Sioux Falls, SD**  
**August 5-9,**  
**2015.***

*This is an  
opportunity for  
those who  
sacrificed so much  
the chance to  
remember their  
fallen brothers and  
sisters. It also  
allows those  
who weren't there  
to honor those who  
were.*

*Over 58,000 fallen  
Soldiers, Sailors,  
Airmen, and  
Marines are listed  
on The Wall.*

**The Wall  
Will Be Open to Public**

**Thursday Aug 6th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday Aug 9th**

**Locator table on site and staffed 8:00 am – 10:00 pm**  
**Wall Rubbing sheets will be available on site.**

**Location - Sanford Pentagon Sports Complex**  
**2210 W Pentagon Place Sioux Falls, SD**

## Schedule of Events:

**AUG 5**  
**Escort The Wall to the Site**

**AUG 6, 7:30 pm**  
**Opening Ceremony**

**AUG 9, 9:00 am**  
**Closing Ceremony and**  
**Non-Denominational Service**



Questions about this event?  
Call 605-789-9866



Visit [www.honoringandhealing.org](http://www.honoringandhealing.org) For More Information

## CABELA'S HOMETOWN HEROES DISCOUNTS

Cabela's Incorporated, the World's Foremost Outfitter of hunting, fishing and outdoor gear, will honor the contributions of those who serve with a Hometown Heroes Celebration in conjunction with Memorial Day beginning Thursday, May 14 and running through Sunday, May 17. All active military and veterans, law-enforcement, firefighters and emergency services personnel will be offered discount pricing on in-store purchases.

The Hometown Heroes event will recognize the sacrifice and dedication of those who protect and serve our country and communities every day, and as a way of saying "thank you" for their service, Cabela's will offer a discount of 5 percent on any in-stock firearms and a 10-percent discount on other in-store products, including sale and clearance items, at all U.S. locations. A valid military ID, badge or other proof of eligibility must be presented at the time of purchase to receive the discount.

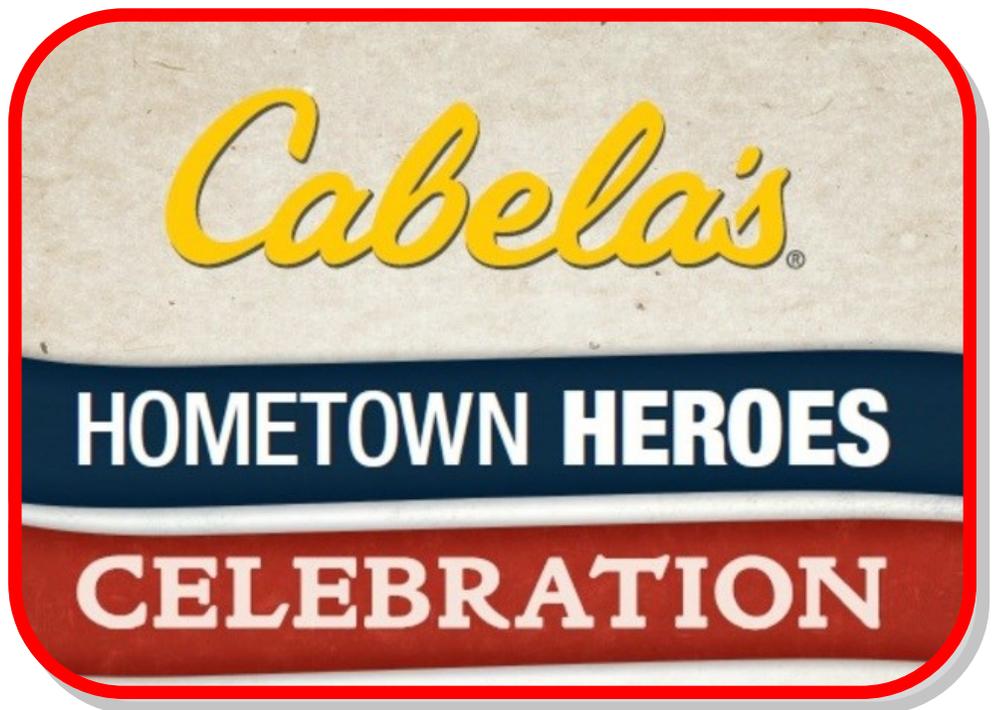
"The Hometown Heroes event is not only a way to thank the extraordinary men and women who provide our communities with safety and security, it is a way to recognize and celebrate their dedication to serving others," said Tommy Millner, Cabela's Chief Executive Officer.

Cabela's intends to honor Hometown Heroes with similar events in the future. Currently, Cabela's offers its everyday Legendary Salute discount of 5 percent to active military and veterans. Visit

[www.cabelas.com](http://www.cabelas.com), for additional information.

Cabela's Hometown Heroes offer is valid on in-stock retail merchandise at Cabela's U.S. locations only and cannot be used toward the purchase of boats, gas-powered motors, ATVs/UTVs, tractors or tractor attachments, gift certificates, gift cards, licenses or services. Cabela's reserves the right to exclude certain products from this promotion. Offer cannot be used on prior purchases or in combination with any other rebate, promotion or previous offer. Not valid for catalog or Internet purchases.

For more information about Cabela's Hometown Heroes Celebration and events, visit [www.cabelas.com/Mitchell](http://www.cabelas.com/Mitchell).



# VIETNAM ERA VETERANS CLEAN MEMORIALS ON STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX

The Pierre Vietnam Era Veterans Association (VEVA) donned their gloves and performed their annual cleaning of the memorials on the State Capitol complex.

This dedicated group of volunteers not only

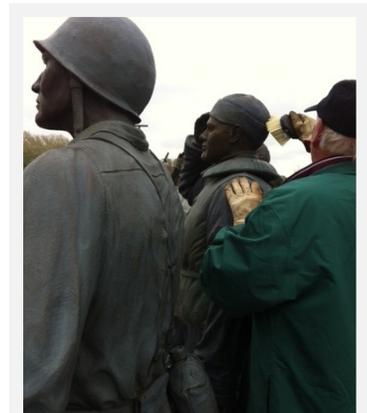


cleaned the Korean War, World War II and Vietnam War Memorials, but they also cleaned the law enforcement, firefighter and EMT memorials near Capitol Lake and the Liberty Bell and Purple Heart memorials at the Soldiers and Sailors Building.

This annual event is a great opportunity to renew friendships as well as prepare the memorials for our summer visitors.



(Photos courtesy of Dakota Radio Group)



## Public Invite

# National Military Appreciation Flag Ceremony Wednesday, May 20, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. (MT) Hot Springs School Case Auditorium 1705 Lincoln Avenue - Hot Springs

Please join in celebrating our youth's service to our Veterans and military families, the legacy of the U.S. military and our nation's flag, and "The Veterans Town" students of the Hot Springs Middle School as the Veteran's Holiday Relief Drive Top Buddy Basket School Contributor.

*In-kind donations of non-perishable food items welcome for local Veterans and military families in need.*

### Presented By

Autumn Simunek, Miss Oahe  
South Dakota American Legion Family  
*Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Riders*  
Featuring American Legion Family Post 71

### Guest Speakers

Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of SD Dept. of Veterans Affairs  
Carol Edwards, SD Dept. American Legion Auxiliary President  
Hot Springs School District Students

Reception Immediately Following  
Hot Springs School Case Auditorium

### Special Thanks

*National American Legion Family  
South Dakota American Legion Family  
Pierre Elks Lodge 1953  
Nebraska American Legion Family Bill Dowling Post 12  
Volunteer of America, Dakotas' Veteran Outreach and Berakhah House  
The Cornerstone Rescue Mission; State-Wide Drop-Off Centers  
SD Operation: Military Kids; South Dakota Coalition for Military Families  
South Dakota Department of Education; SDSU Extension Service  
South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs; USD Veterans' Services  
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Thank you for participating in the 2014-2015  
Veteran's Holiday Relief Drive.

## HILL TO AIR LIVE ON KLND

Manajah Hill, Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Veterans Service Officer will be going live on radio station KLND (89.5) to highlight issues relating to veterans.

“Manjah’s half-hour program is a great outreach opportunity and allows veterans to hear timely messages about programs and services available to them,” said SDDVA Secretary Larry Zimmerman. “We applaud Manajah’s drive to reach out to the veterans in both South Dakota and North Dakota.”

You can listen to the station on [89.5 FM](http://89.5FM) or [KLND.streamon.fm](http://KLND.streamon.fm). The program will air at 11:00 am CST on Tuesday mornings.

## VA2K WALK AND ROLL TO SUPPORT HOMELESS VETERANS

The Sioux Falls VA Health Care System will host a VA2K Walk and Roll on May 20, to encourage healthy activity while supporting homeless Veterans with donated items.

The Walk and Roll is free and open to the general public. This event will be held at the Sioux Falls Medical Center at 2501 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, and pre-registration is not required. In the event of inclement weather, an indoor route has been planned.

“Worksite wellness activities enhance employee engagement and contribute to a more productive and healthy workforce,” said Darwin Goodspeed, Director of the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System. “Last year, our VA2K event was extremely successful with approximately 200 participants. Our goal this year is to involve more participants in support of wellness and homeless Veterans.”

The Sioux Falls VA event is one of approximately 170 VA2K events taking place May 20 at VA facilities across the country. In conjunction with the event, gifts of general cleaning supplies and monthly bus passes for area homeless Veterans will be accepted. There is no requirement for a donation to participate.

The event is open to people of all fitness levels and can be done over a lunch break. Whether you team up with a coworker, a friend, or participate on your own, there’s no better time than now to step up your fitness level and help improve the lives of homeless Veterans. For additional information and more event details, please contact the local VA2K coordinator, Denise Schwardt at 605-336-3230, Ext. 7946 or by email at [denise.schwardt@va.gov](mailto:denise.schwardt@va.gov).



# BLACK HILLS NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM



## Memorial Day - C W Johnson

We walked among the crosses where our fallen soldiers lay.  
And listened to the bugle as TAPS began to play.  
The Chaplin led a prayer, we stood with heads bowed low.  
And I thought of fallen comrades I had known so long ago.  
They came from every city across this fertile land.  
That we might live in freedom, they lie here 'neath the sand.  
I felt a little guilty, my sacrifice was small.  
I only lost a little time, but these men lost their all.  
Now the services are over for this Memorial Day.  
To the names upon these crosses I just want to say,  
Thanks for what you've given, no one could ask for more.  
May you rest with God in heaven from now through evermore.

The Black Hills National Cemetery will hold their annual Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 25. The program starts at 11:00 am (MT), followed by a Native Service at 1:00 pm (MT). Both programs will be held at the Committal Shelter at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

The keynote speaker will be Tim Jurgens, South Dakota American Legion Commander.

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 25 in 2015).

Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. service members who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the American Civil War, it was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars.

# Upcoming Events

May 20—VA2K Walk and Roll

May 23—VVA Chapter 959 Agent Orange Town Hall Forum—DAV Chapter 1 House—9:00 am—3:00 pm

May 23—9th Annual Greg Wagner Memorial Event—Alexandria—9:00 am

Jun. 18—SFVAHCS Veterans Town Hall—SFVAHCS Auditorium—5:00 pm

Jun. 18-21—VFW State Convention—Yankton, SD

Jun. 24—Black Hills Job Fair—Western Dakota Tech—Rapid City—12:30—5:00 pm (MT)

Jun.. 25-28—American Legion 97th Annual State Convention—Huron Crossroads Convention Center

Jul. 6—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—9:00 am (MT)

Aug. 5-9—AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall Comes to Sioux Falls (Sanford Pentagon Sports Complex)

Aug. 24-27—SDDVA Annual Benefit School—Ramkota—Pierre

Sept. 18—POW-MIA Ceremony—Sioux Falls

Oct. 9—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—9:00 am (MT)

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