

Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

Coming Together: Expanding the Sea of Goodwill in Post-9/11 America

Coming Together participants made personal commitments to helping deployed and returning service personnel and their families. They also submitted information regarding community resources and let us know about existing volunteer opportunities. Perhaps there's something you can do to help!

Thanks for supporting South Dakota's heroes and their families.

— SFACF

Resources Available to Veterans:

Active Generations

2300 W. 46th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105-6528
Lisa Howard, 336-6722, lhoward@activegen.org
Community recreation and low-cost fitness options.
Veterans from our Active Generations group may be good mentors for returning vets and families.

American Legion Post 15

1701 W. Legion Drive
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Chellee Nemec, 362-2517, mnemec@good-sam.com
Current project is Post 15 Veterans' Build.

Avera Prince of Peace Retirement Community

4500 Prince of Peace Place
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
Justin Hinker, 322-5600, Justin.Hinker@avera.org
We have independent housing that would potentially be available to a veteran. Apartments are designed for seniors, but could meet a short-term need.

Citibank (South Dakota), N.A.

701 E. 60th Street N.
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-6000
Tracy Thorstenson, tracy.thorstenson@citi.com
Scott Finch, scott.finch@citi.com
Citi Veterans Network provides manpower and outreach to help veterans and their families, and connects veterans working at Citi with available resources.

Disabled American Veterans of South Dakota

1519 W. 51st Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Gene Murphy, 332-6866, davsd@midconetwork.com

Face It TOGETHER Sioux Falls, Inc.

2011 W. 26th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Shelly Berg, 274-2262, shelly@faceitsiouxfalls.org
Education; employment; advocacy/clearinghouse resources for those who suffer from drug/alcohol addiction.

Faith Community Church

200 S. Dakota Avenue
Colton, SD 57018
The Reverend and Mrs. Philip Landers,
446-3690, pastorphil.fccrc@gmail.com
Church programs recognize veterans and local volunteer service members.

Globe University

5101 S. Broadband Lane
Sioux Falls, SD 57108-2208
Brandy Gruis, 323-3906
We are committed to all military members. We are a very military-friendly school and work within the community to help support missions and events that support our community and military families.

Goodwill Industries

3401 S. Duluth Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Ms. Betty Durfee, 731-1932
durfeeb@goodwillscia.com
Bridget Solomon, 731-1932
Employment, education assistance. Goodwill Industries works with homeless veterans to assist with employment, sustainability, and supportive services. Goodwill is partnering with the Women of War Project in Belle Fourche, SD in application for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Grant.

Helpline Center

1000 N. West Avenue, Suite 310
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-1314
Janet Kittams-Lalley, 339-4357,
director@helplinecenter.org
Sara Carothers, 274-1407, vol@helplinecenter.org
Connects people who want to help with non-profit organizations that need help, including those that serve military members and their families. Individuals, groups and businesses can dial 2-1-1 or visit helplinecenter.org to find ways to volunteer and support military families.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

Consumer Credit Counseling Services
705 E. 41st Street, Suite 100
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Tracy Gran, 373-4200, tracy.gran@lsssd.org
Financial education assistance; CCCS participates in Value Options Military One Source program providing 10 hours of free financial counseling and education for active military members and spouses. CCCS will also do free financial education for families. LSS Sioux Falls Area also participates in Value Options for personal counseling.

Marine Corps League

304 W. LaQuinta Circle
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
David Nordlund, 338- 3932
dcnordlund@sio.midco.net
Works to meet needs of returning vets and families through outreach and involvement with veterans' groups.

Mephibosheth Ministries

PO Box 91544
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Michelle McMurrey, mountainflower61@gmail.com
Patriot Guard Riders - HOTH program. Also have a separate website for veterans to connect with one another.

Northern State University

Career Center
1200 S. Jay Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Beverly Werner, 626-2371, wernerb@northern.edu
Student vets are referred to campus help centers as well as off-campus resources. As a career counselor, Werner helps with resumes, interviewing, internships, and finding job opportunities. Campus SERVE group assists with work projects, child care, etc. for deployed and returned vets and their families.

Senior Companions of South Dakota

Suite 260
1000 N. West Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Kristin Fox, 361-1133, kfox1@good-sam.com
Provides weekly visits to individuals to help keep them living in their own homes. Help is provided by volunteers and services are free.

Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition

PO Box 2841
Sioux Falls, SD 57101-2841
Melanie Bliss, 271-2562
siouxempirehomelesscoalition@gmail.com
Provides education/community awareness; information dissemination to service providers; employment assistance.

Sioux Empire United Way

Suite 120
1000 N. West Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Kerri DeGraff, 336-2095, kerri@seuw.org
United Way is a potential funder of projects arising from this gathering, especially innovative ideas that meet the unique needs of veterans and their families.

Sioux Falls Housing and Redevelopment

630 S. Minnesota Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-4825
Ms. Shireen Ranschau, 332-0704
s_ranschau@siouxfallshousing.org
Identifies families receiving housing assistance who are at risk of losing their homes and refers them to resources in the community that may be able to assist them with issues that are putting them at risk.

Sioux Falls Vet Center

601 S. Cliff Ave., Suite C
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Doug McCuddin, 330-4552,
douglas.mccuddin@va.gov
We provide Readjustment Counseling Services for combat Veterans and their families at absolutely no cost, addressing many issues, including marital, employment, benefits assistance, referrals, sexual trauma, and several others. Also act as a liaison with the VA.

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System

2501 W. 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Jane Hunt, jane.hunt@va.gov
Offers education to the public as the OEF/OIF provider at the V.A. Helps civilians understand the needs of veterans.

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System

2501 W. 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Patti Ramse, 336-3230, ext 6027
patricia.ramse@va.gov
I have prepared curriculum called Battlemind which addresses the difficulties facing veterans returning to civilian life.

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System

2501 W. 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Tammy Reiff, 333-6890, tammy.reiff@va.gov
Homeless Vets/substance abuse assistance.

Siouxland Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

1000 N. West Avenue, Suite 260
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Chellee Nemec, 362-2517, mnemec@good-sam.com
Siouxland RSVP provides volunteers to respond to community needs. Will provide volunteers to take Veterans to doctor appointments.

South Dakota Air National Guard

1201 W. Algonquin Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-0264
Lt. Col. Reid A. Christopherson, 988-5644
Reid.christopherson@ang.af.mil
Military resources, including assistance with finding employment.

South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation

811 E. Tenth Street, Suite 41
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-1650
Brad Friez, 367-5300
Employment assistance for veterans.

University of Sioux Falls

1101 W. 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105-1699
Sara Vande Kamp, 331-6657
sara.vandekamp@usiuouxfalls.edu
Trying to develop a mentor program for V.A. students, and letting student veterans know about programs that will help them.

University of South Dakota

Student Veteran Services Office
414 E. Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069
Jason Dean, 677-8833, veterans@usd.edu

USD Veterans Club

SAC Office/MUC
414 E. Clark Street
Vermillion, SD, 57069
Eric Gage, 321-3287, eric.gage@usd.edu
USD Vets Club has developed a network of students, faculty, alumni, and community members which works toward helping individuals successfully transition into a post-secondary lifestyle.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

27098 Misty Brook Place
Harrisburg, SD 57032-8229
Dale and Marilyn Jensen, dalemarilyn@sio.midco.net
VFW/National Military Services provides grants, phone cards, and meals for veterans in need.

Volunteers of America, Dakotas

1309 W. 51st Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57109-9306
Carol Knudtson, 332-6128
c.knudtson@voa-dakotas.org.
Brian Tesch, 759-5813
b.tesch@voa-dakotas.org
VOA, Dakotas provides counseling services, employment assistance, and volunteer opportunities to veterans and their families.

Volunteer Opportunities for those who wish to help:

Active Generations

2300 W. 46th Street
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Lisa Howard, 336-6722, lhoward@activegen.org
Volunteer opportunity: Blue Star Family Appreciation was held Nov. 12, 2011. Want to do this event again (11/3/12), but need a small amount of financial assistance. Had a panel discussion on resources for helping families learn what to expect when veterans return.

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Volunteer opportunity: Volunteer hours available.

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Volunteer opportunity: Provide manpower to this new organization.

Helpline Center

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Volunteer opportunity: Volunteers provide referrals to and military assistance organizations for those who need help, and volunteer opportunities for those who want to help. Call 211.

Marine Corps League

304 W. LaQuinta Circle
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
David Nordlund, dcnordlund@sio.midco.net
Volunteer opportunity: SD Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 and Dakota Marine Detachment Marine Corps League are two groups that provide social, emotional, family, and financial support. Volunteers help by participating in VA hospital cookouts, visits to the VA, meeting returning vets and seeing military off on deployments.

Senior Companions of South Dakota

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Volunteer opportunity: Senior Companions provide weekly 2-hour visits, helping with meal prep, reading, paying bills, and transportation to shopping and medical appointments.

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Tammy Reiff, tammy.reiff@va.gov
Volunteer opportunity: Assistance to homeless Veterans/substance abuse.

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Volunteer opportunity: Driving veterans to doctor appointments; tutoring children.

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Reid.christopherson@ang.af.mil
Volunteer opportunity: Employer Support Guard and Reserve provides services helping with reemployment rights, employment initiatives, "Heroes to Hired" (H2H).

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Stephanie Jibbon, 334-1414,
s.jibbon@voa-dakotas.org
Volunteer opportunity: VOA Dakotas has many veterans' programs, including working with homelessness and counseling - volunteers can do many different services.