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Jan/Feb/Mar 2024

Upcoming Events

February

- Feb. 2...Groundhog Day
- Feb. 8...Membership Meeting-1:00 pm
- Feb. 14...Valentines Day
- Feb. 19...President's Day

March

- March 10...Daylight Savings Time
- March 12...Membership Mtg-1pm
- March 17...St. Patrick's Day
- March 19...Spring Begins
- March 29...Good Friday
- March 31...Easter Sunday

April

- April 5... Melissa Stockwell Program
Military Heritage Alliance
- April 11...Membership Mtg-1pm
- April 17... SD Veterans Council Mtg
VFW Post 1273 Rapid City 9:00 AM

May

- May 9...Membership Mtg-1pm
- May 12...Mother's Day
- May 14-17...National Convention,
Minneapolis
- May 23-24...21st Annual Walleye
fishing, Chamberlain
- May 27...Memorial Day

Transitioning to Direct Deposit for VA Stipends

Dear Caregivers and Veterans,

Take action now: Complete your direct deposit/electronic funds transfer (EFT) enrollment.

VA will no longer issue paper checks as of October 1, 2023. To ensure uninterrupted and timely PCAFC stipend payments, all Primary Family Caregivers receiving paper checks must complete the EFT enrollment process as soon as possible or before the deadline.

Caregivers can enroll in direct deposit as a vendor through VA's Customer Engagement Portal. To complete the required form, caregivers will need their social security number, address, and bank routing and account numbers. Step-by-step instructions for enrolling can be found in the CSP Direct Deposit Enrollment User Guide.

For Caregivers that don't already have a bank account, the Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP) can connect them with a bank for help setting up an account. Ensuring Timely Payments and Enhancing Security.

A new law, 31 CFR Part 208 – Management of Federal Agency Disbursements, requires that all Federal payments be made through the electronic funds transfer (EFT) system, more commonly known as direct deposit.

CSP recognizes the significance of timely stipend payments for caregivers. The EFT system supports timely stipend payments and enhances security by

minimizing fraud risks associated with traditional paper checks.

We understand that adapting to new processes may raise questions or concerns. Should you require any assistance or have inquiries about the EFT enrollment, please contact the VA Financial Services Center's Customer Care Center at 1-877-353-9791. Alternatively, you can reach out to your local CSP team for assistance. Local contact numbers are available on the find your caregiver support team webpage.

SAVE THE DATE

21st Annual Joel Niemever/ Firefighters Memorial "Gone Fishing Event"

23-24 May 2024



The 21st Annual Fishing Event will be taking place at Chamberlain, SD on 23-24 May 2024. Reservations will be sent out soon with all the details. We would ask that all reservations for lodging must go through the PVA office. Do not contact the resort for lodging.

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Paralyzed Veterans of America**

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— Attention Members —

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PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

Membership-Duane Biesboer

The Chapter currently has a total of 155 members and 90 Associate Members.

Regular membership is FREE! If you know of anyone who has a spinal cord injury or disease, please have the Veteran contact the Chapter office.

Beginning October 1st, all Associate Members will be invoiced for Annual Dues. Annual dues are \$30 per year and Life Dues are \$200.00.

Thank you to those who have sent in their dues!!

Please notify the Chapter when you have a change of address.

Volunteer Program-Charles Doom

The Chapter had 208 hours for the month of December YTD - 646. Donna Deutsch and Rick Albrect Volunteers of the Month. Remember to look for your volunteer number in the newsletter and win a \$25 Gift Card! If you see your number, call the Chapter Office!



“Friends Aiming High”

by John Green

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PVA RELEASES 2024 POLICY PRIORITIES

The second session of the 118th Congress is officially underway. This year, we will continue to work with our champions on pushing forward legislation and regulations that support our priorities.

Congress will be in session fewer days this year than last year because of the pending November elections. Regardless, we will work to push access forward this year and believe we will see some of our key priorities over the finish line.

Our priorities for this year are as follows:

- Protect Access to VA's Specialized Health Care Services
- Expand Access to VA Long-Term Services and Supports
- Improve VA Benefits and Health Care Services for Paralyzed Veterans and their Survivors
- Protect the Civil Rights of People with Disabilities
- Improve Access to Social Security Benefits
- Increase Employment Prospects for Veterans with Disabilities

IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY STUDENT LOAN DISCHARGE

The U.S. Department of Education has been making improvements to the Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge of people with student loans and they want to get the word out to all eligible veterans. Several steps in the forgiveness process have now been streamlined to increase engagement. There are three ways student loans can be discharged by the Department of Education due to TPD: through the VA, the Social Security Administration, or by a medical professional. 00550

The Department of Education and VA have systems that communicate with one another so veterans rated 100 percent service connected should have seen an automatic discharge of their loans already. If you are rated at 100 percent and have not seen your federal student loans forgiven, or if you are a veteran that has seen your loans discharged, please reach out to the PVA.



988 - SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER SPORTS & REC EVENTS

New hope for ALS Veterans

A new clinical research trial at [Michael E. DeBakey VA](#) is offering Veterans with ALS hope for the future. As part of the research trial, 10 Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis will get the opportunity to receive groundbreaking cell therapy targeted at reducing neuroinflammation as a treatment for the neurodegenerative disease.

ALS is a rare rapidly progressing and fatal neurodegenerative disorder that affects Veterans twice as often as people who did not serve in the military. People with ALS experience muscle weakness, loss of movement, and difficulty breathing and swallowing, resulting in a severely declining quality of life and eventually death.

“We are very excited to open this first cell therapy trial for ALS in VA,” said Dr. James Orengo, principal investigator of the trial, which began in December. “We know that neuroinflammation fuels the ALS disease process. We believe that this new treatment, which involves calming the immune system in the central nervous system, holds great promise in halting this disease. Being a part of this multi-center study will help us give Veterans the opportunity to receive a cutting edge therapeutic that could be life changing. Participants will receive nine intravenous infusions of the study drug over a six-month period. The goal is to significantly slow the progression of the disease to allow Veterans to maintain their quality of life.” 15279

“Veterans with ALS often see multiple specialists and therapists, usually requiring them to go to different locations—both within and outside our medical center,” said Dr. Mark Kobelja, chief of staff. “Our new clinic allows patients to stay in one room and all the specialists to cycle through that room. It is much more convenient and easier for our Veterans and improves the coordination of their care.”

ALS disease currently has no cure, but researchers nationwide—including locally at Houston VA and Baylor College of Medicine—are working hard to find a cure.

“Serving ALS Veterans is a great honor to me and the rest of the team,” said Orengo. “We understand the tremendous adaptation the Veteran must face dealing with this disease and we are dedicated to being there for them, to help guide them through the process and enhance their quality of life.”

Helpline Center Offers New Survivor of Suicide Loss Website

The Helpline Center has offered support to those bereaved by suicide loss since 1999 and now, thanks to funds raised through The 437 Project, they are able to expand how they can meet individuals in their grief.

We're happy to announce that they have also launched a new website designed with the goal of providing hope and help to even more suicide loss survivors. There are many new features on the site and we encourage you to take a look and help us spread the word!

[Healing After a Suicide Loss](#) booklet, [In Remembrance](#) page, [Resource Library](#)

In addition to the website and resources, they will begin offering a virtual support group online on the third Wednesday of each month via Zoom. They truly want to support individuals across South Dakota and are hopeful these new opportunities will provide just that. To learn more about their survivor resources or their virtual support group, please email griefsupport@helplinecenter.org.

CFC Campaign

If you are a federal government employee or your employer offers a charitable giving campaign through United Way, you can help us to continue our programs and services we offer to our members, veterans and other individual with disabilities.

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Legislation to fast-track combat veterans access to health care

Senator Mike Rounds has introduced bipartisan legislation to allow combat veterans to enroll in their health care benefits program before officially transitioning out of active duty in order to make certain that service members don't experience a lag in coverage.

The Combat Veterans Pre-Enrollment Act would create an opt-in program allowing transitioning service members to access VA health care services on their first day as a civilian.

Currently, transitioning service members must wait until they have left the military and received their official separation paperwork, which can take months, to apply for Veterans Health Administration health care and other services, creating a period where veterans do not have access to the health care benefits they have earned.

Veterans represent the best of our country. Our men and women in uniform have made incredible sacrifices so that we can be free, and we have a responsibility to fulfill our commitment to them once their service is complete," said Rounds. "This Act would eliminate the lapse in care that many service members face when transitioning from the military to civilian life, and make certain that service members have timely access to the health care services they need upon separation from the military.

It clearly focuses in on one of the most important areas that arise upon discharge from their service, and that is in their health. This legislation clearly is founded by those that understand the needs of our military and the importance of getting to the resources and linking our service members to VA as early as possible." "As service members make the transition to civilian life it can be a very stressful time.

Making sure that they have healthcare, medications, and benefits is a great start to assuring them the stability they deserve as they enter the next chapter of their life.

Taking Care of Veterans, an Unending Legacy

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) is an essential advocate for veterans, offering personal case development and tracking state and federal claims for benefits that veterans have earned. We focus on our core mission of providing professional-level representation to obtain federal and state benefits, reinforcing our reputation as one of the most educated and experienced team of advocates.

We have seen a significant increase in claims filings over the last three years. SDDVA and our partners obtained more than \$378 million in compensation and pension payments for veterans and their survivors in 2023.

In the military, personnel do not leave until the mission is complete. So, although we have secured great benefits for our veterans, there is always more to be done.

SDDVA has a new program called "What's Brewing." This program is a great opportunity for our leadership team to visit with veterans and hear first-hand about the issues they are experiencing, as well as allow for the opportunity for veterans to hear about new benefits and services. As the advocate for South Dakota veterans, we need to know what challenges our veterans and their families are facing.

You will also find our outreach team at such events as Veterans Day programs, Congressional forums, the State Fair, County Fairs, Memorial Day programs, VA sponsored events, Stand Downs, and Yellow Ribbons.

We encourage veterans to join our outreach events for conversation, information, and resources on benefits. Veterans can check out our calendar for outreach events in their area at <https://vetaffairs.sd.gov/publicaffairs/upcomingevents.aspx>.

We have also launched another new program, Operation VNF (Veterans Never Forgotten). VNF affords us the opportunity to communicate with our veterans in long term care facilities. This battle plan has three pathways – to visit with veterans, connect veterans with their local county or tribal veterans service officer, and educate the administrators about the need for VA approved rooms for veterans.

At the end of each day, our true measure of success will be the timeliness, the quality, and the consistency of the services provided to our veterans. They deserve nothing less.

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER

From the Office of Brad Friez

National Serviced Officer

I want to first discuss the Caregiver Support Program. Many of you would potentially be eligible for this program if you have a VA compensation rating of at least 70%. Further, this need for an in-home caregiver must be for at least six months of continuous in-person personal care services.

The services covered under the Caregiver Program are for that Veteran’s health and well-being, every day personal needs or what the VA calls ADL’s or Activities of Daily Living (like dressing or undressing; bathing; grooming; adjusting any special prosthetic or orthopedic appliance that can’t be done without assistance; toileting; feeding oneself due to loss of coordination of upper extremities or extreme weakness or the inability to swallow or the need of a non-oral means of nutrition; mobility (walking, going up stairs, and transferring in and out of a bed to a wheelchair) and for safety, protection, or instruction in their daily environment.

This is all from the VA’s own explanation of their Caregiver Program. We are finding across the country that most of the applications for this program are denied. I am not trying to defend the VA on those denials and we are working on several cases where in our opinion the VA wrongly did deny this benefit. But it would be of help to Veterans who are applying for this program to be fully transparent about their various needs on a daily basis. Please do not pretend to be independent and not in need of help when you truly are in need. I have found that the VA will deny this benefit perhaps solely on the Veteran’s answers to the questions put to them for this program when they claim to be more independent than they truly are.

Shifting gears here I wanted to comment on the recent change to the Auto Grant Program. If you are eligible for this benefit and will be driving your own vehicle the VA requirement is that you go through a driver testing program even if you had received this benefit in the past. The VA wants to ensure that if the Veteran is in receipt of this benefit that they can continue to drive safely. There are no exceptions to this requirement of the driver test if you want to receive this benefit.

COLA INCREASE

After two years of record cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) surges, disabled veterans and military retirees will see an additional 3.2% increase in 2024 in their monthly compensation benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The expansion in benefits is set annually by the Social Security Administration (SSA), which announced the uptick in October 2023. Everything from VA disability compensation to clothing allowances and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation—or survivors benefits—are all tied to SSA’s determination.

Veterans and their families will see the new amount reflected in their benefits as of Jan. 1, 2024.

“Many disabled veterans rely on their earned VA benefits to survive, which is why reviewing and improving monthly compensation is imperative every year,” “The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our economy is showing signs of waning, and this increase, while lower than in previous years, will help veterans keep up with rising prices for consumer goods and other expenses that go up based on inflation and other factors.”

COLA increases typically see a marginal uptick. The 2018 adjustment was 2.8%, the highest increase over the previous decade. In 2022 and 2023, COLA shot up 5.9% and 8.7%, respectively.

The 2024 adjustment means a disabled veteran with a 10% VA rating can expect a \$6 increase, while those rated at 100%, with no dependents, will receive an additional \$116 monthly.

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, FUNDRAISING



We're proud to be a Thrivent Choice®-enrolled organization. Through the Thrivent programs, we are eligible to receive grant dollars, fee-free donations, and support from Thrivent Action Team service projects.

To learn more about Thrivent's membership benefits and generosity programs visit thrivent.com/generosity

Qualified Charitable Distributions



The Pension Protection Act of 2006 first allowed taxpayers age 70½ or older to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRAs. Technically, these taxpayers were allowed to exclude from gross income otherwise taxable distributions from their IRA ("qualified charitable distributions," or QCDs), up to \$100,000, that were paid directly to a qualified charity.

These gifts are also known as "Charitable IRA rollovers." The law was originally scheduled to expire in 2007, but was extended periodically through 2014 by subsequent legislation, and finally made permanent by the Protect Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015.

**Newsletter Booster Program
Thank you for your support!**

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Newsletter Booster Program

The North Central Chapter PVA publishes the newsletter 6 times per year. We would like to invite our PVA members, Associate Members, and business associates to help support the Newsletter Booster Program. Your name will be published in each newsletter (unless otherwise specified) for only \$10.00. Please help defray the cost of publishing by supporting **YOUR** Chapter. Thank you!

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PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, ADVOCACY/LEGISLATION-TERRY PAULSEN

2024 South Dakota Legislative Session

The 99th Session of the South Dakota Legislature will convene at approximately 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, with Governor Kristi Noem's State of the State Address.

This year's session is scheduled for 38 legislative days, with the main run concluding March 7. March 25 is reserved for considering gubernatorial vetoes. All bills can be found at the Legislative Research Council's website at: <https://sdlegislature.gov/>.

The legislative calendar can be found at: <https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/documents/251214.pdf>.

There are 105 legislators—35 in the Senate and 70 in the House of Representatives.

Members of the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee include: Chairman David Johnson (Rapid City), Vice Chairman Larry Zikmund (Sioux Falls) Brent Hoffman (Sioux Falls), Jim Stalzer (Sioux Falls), and Jack Kolbeck (Sioux Falls).

Members of the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee include: Chairman Tim Reisch (Howard), Vice Chairman Ken Teunissen (Sioux Falls), Stephanie Sauder (Bryant), Byron Callies (Watertown), Becky Drury (Rapid City), Fred Deutsch (Florence), Randy Gross (Elkton), Scott Moore (Ipswich), William Shorma (Dakota Dunes), James Wangsness (Miller), Julie Auch (Yankton), Aaron Aylward (Harrisburg), and Peri Pourier (Rapid City).

HOUSE MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BILLS

- [HB 1007](#) amend the requirement to employ a county veterans' service officer.
- [HB 1008](#) modify the eligibility for admission to the state veterans' home and repeal the residency requirement.
- [HB 1067](#) designate Medal of Honor Recognition Day.
- [HB 1082](#) change the eligibility requirements, and the exempt value, of a property tax relief program for disabled veterans and surviving spouses.

SENATE MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BILLS

- [SB 29](#) allow eligible members of the South Dakota National Guard attending an in-state private, nonprofit post-secondary institution to receive the state tuition benefit.
- [SB 30](#) Prohibit discrimination based on military status
- [SB 80](#) Improve technology equipment for providers of elderly care and to make an appropriation therefor

**YOU CAN RESEARCH ALL BILLS AND AGENDAS BY
GOING TO THIS WEBSITE:**

<https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Bills/69>

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, ADVOCACY/LEGISLATION-TERRY PAULSEN**The Department of Veterans Affairs announced two grant opportunities that will help Veterans experiencing homelessness.**

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Grants: Within the coming year, VA will award hundreds of millions of dollars in funding to organizations that help rapidly rehouse Veterans and their families, prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home, or identify new, more suitable housing situations for Veterans and their families. The exact funding amount will be determined by VA's budget.

Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grants: Within the coming year, VA will award more than \$26 million in funds to organizations that help homeless Veterans with legal representation, assistance with court proceedings, defense in criminal cases related to homelessness, and more.

This announcement comes shortly after the Department of Housing and Urban Development released the results of the 2023 Point-in-Time Count, the annual effort to estimate the number of Americans — including Veterans — experiencing homelessness. The data shows that on a single night in January 2023, there were 35,574 Veterans who were experiencing homelessness, a 7.4% increase over 2022. This uptick mirrors the increase in homelessness among all Americans, which increased by 12% over 2022. In total, the estimated number of Veterans experiencing homelessness in the U.S. has decreased by 52.0% since 2010 and by 4.5% since 2020.

“One Veteran experiencing homelessness will always be one too many — and we will do everything in our power to ensure that Veterans get the safe, stable housing they deserve,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “These new grants are a critical part of that effort, empowering VA and our partners to provide more housing and wraparound services to more homeless and at-risk Veterans than ever before. Together, we will not rest until Veteran homelessness is a thing of the past.”

“Every American deserves a safe and affordable home. Like air, water, and food, housing is a basic human need required for the health of individuals, communities, and nations,” said U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness director Jeff Olivet. VA is a critical part of USICH's efforts to prevent and end homelessness. “The Biden-Harris administration's plan calls on all parts of the federal government, as well as mayors, landlords, developers, and everyone involved to help us build a future where no one experiences the tragedy of homelessness, and everyone has a safe and affordable home.”

VA's efforts to combat Veteran homelessness are grounded in reaching out to homeless Veterans, understanding their unique needs, and addressing them. These efforts are built on the evidence-based “[Housing First](#)” approach, which prioritizes getting a Veteran into housing, then providing them with the wraparound support they need to stay housed, including health care, job training, legal and education assistance, and more.

If you are a Veteran who is experiencing homelessness or at risk for homelessness, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838). Visit the [VA Homeless Programs website](#) to learn about housing initiatives and other programs for Veterans exiting homelessness.

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**SOUTH DAKOTA VA APPROVED COMMUNITY NURSING HOME LISTING****COMMUNITY NURSING HOME PROGRAM LISTING, SIOUX FALLS VA**

Indicates Memory care

SOUTH DAKOTA- 15**AVERA-SISTER JAMES CARE
CENTER**2111 West 11th St
Yankton, SD 57078
Phone: 605-668-8900
Fax: 605-668-8950
Yankton County*****AVANTARA MILBANK*****1103 S 2nd St
Milbank, SD 57252
Phone: 605-432-4556
Fax: 605-432-5725
Grant County****AVANTARA LAKE NORDEN*****803 Park St
Lake Norden, SD 57248
Phone: 605-785-3654
Fax: 605-785-3578
Hamlin County**AVANTARA NORTON
Admissions on HOLD
Currently on a waiver**3600 S. Norton Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Phone: 605-338-9891
FAX: 605-338-0332
Minnehaha County**AVANTARA REDFIELD
Currently on a waiver**1015 E 3rd St
Redfield, SD 57469
Phone: 605-472-2288
Fax: 605-472-3990
Spink County*****FIRESTEEL HEALTHCARE
COMMUNITY*******Currently on a waiver**
1120 East 7th Ave
Mitchell, SD 57301
Phone: 605-996-6526
Fax: 605-996-8290
Davison County**GOOD SAMARITAN CANTON**1022 North Dakota Ave
Canton, SD 57013
Phone: 605-987-2696
Fax: 605-987-4198(Business
office)
Fax: 605-987-4484 (Medical)
Lincoln County**GOOD SAMARITAN HOWARD**300 W Hazel Ave
Howard, SD 57349
Phone: 605-772-4481
Fax: 605-772-4484
Miner County*****GOOD SAMARITAN
VILLAGE*******Currently on a waiver**
3901 S Marion Road
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Phone: 605-361-3311
Fax: 605-361-2220
Minnehaha County**PRAIRIE VIEW CARE CENTER**401 S First St
Woonsocket, SD 57385
Phone: 605-796-4467
Fax: 605-796-4497
Sanborn County**RIVERVIEW HEALTH CARE AND
COMMUNITY****Currently on a waiver**
611 East 2nd Ave
Flandreau, SD 57028
Phone: 605-997-2481
Fax: 605-997-2988
Moody County**SANFORD CARE CENTER****Currently on a waiver**
300 South Byron Blvd
Chamberlain, SD 57325
Phone: 605-234-6518
Fax: 605-234-7118
Brule County**STRAND-KJORSVIG
COMMUNITY REST HOME****Currently on a waiver**
801 S Main
Roslyn, SD 57261
Phone: 605-486-4523
FAX: 605-486-4376
Day County*****TIESZEN MEMORIAL HOME*****312 E State St
Marion, SD 57043
Phone: 605-648-3611
FAX: 605-648-3363
Turner County**WAKONDA HERITAGE MANOR**515 Ohio St
Wakonda, SD 57073
Phone: 605-267-2081
Fax: 605-267-2780
Clay County

PVA NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**IOWA & MINNESOTA VA APPROVED COMMUNITY NURSING HOME LISTING****IOWA- 9*******ACCURA HEALTHCARE OF
CHEROKEE*****

921 Riverview Drive
Cherokee, IA 51012
Phone: 712-225-5724
FAX: 712-225-3917
Cherokee County

**CROWN POINTE ESTATES
CARE CENTER**

Currently on a waiver
1400 7th Ave. SE
Sioux Center, IA 51250
Phone: 712-722-8305
FAX: 712-722-8351
Sioux County

CHEROKEE SPECIALTY CARE

Currently on a waiver
101 N. Roosevelt Ave.
Cherokee, IA 51012
Phone: 712-225-5189
FAX: 712-225-6498
Cherokee County

*****COMMUNITY MEMORIAL
HEALTH CARE CENTER*****

Currently on a waiver
Box 188 8th Ave. West
Hartley, IA 51346
Phone: 712-728-2428
FAX: 712-728-2429
O'Brien County

FELLOWSHIP VILLAGE

300 East Jefferson
Inwood, IA 51240
Phone: 712-753-4663
FAX: 712-753-4666
Lyon County

HOLY SPIRIT RETIREMENT

Currently on a waiver
1702 W. 25th St.
Sioux City, IA 51103
Phone: 712-252-2726
FAX: 712-252-2728
FAX: 712-293-1953(office)
Woodbury County

KINGSLEY SPECIALTY CARE

Currently on a waiver
305 W Third Box 10
Kingsley, IA 51028
Phone: 712-378-2400
Fax: 712-378-3522
Plymouth County

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN HOME

1301 St.Luke Drive
Spencer, IA 51301
Phone: 712-262-5931
FAX: 712-262-4743
Clay County

WESTWOOD SPECIALTY CARE

Currently on a waiver
4201 N Fieldcrest Dr
Sioux City, IA 51103
Phone: 712-258-0135
FAX: 712-293-0311
Woodbury County

MINNESOTA- 4**AVERA MORNINGSIDE
HEIGHTS CARE CENTER**

300 South Bruce St.
Marshall, MN 56258
Phone: 507-537-9122
Fax: 507-537-9144
Lyon County

AVERA SUNRISE MANOR

240 Willow St.
Tyler, MN 56178
Phone: 507-247-5839
Fax: 507-247-2282
Lincoln County

JOHNSON MEMORIAL HOME**Admissions on HOLD**

Currently on a waiver
1282 Walnut St
Dawson, MN 56232
Phone: 320-769-2350
Fax: 320-769-4878
Lac qui Parle County

**SOGGE GOOD SAMARITAN
HOME**

Currently on a waiver
705 6th Street
Windom, MN 56101
Phone: 507-831-1788
FAX: 507-831-0844
Cottonwood County

Waivers are put in place for a one-year period of time when a facility's Star Ratings do not meet the VA quality standards. The Waiver is used to document details about the CNH, the current star ratings, and why the SFVA utilizes their services despite lower than standard ratings. The Waiver focuses on the strengths and improvements the CNH is making, with the expectation that ratings will increase to meet VA standards in the near future.

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Advance Care Planning via Group Visits (ACP-GV)



Planning for Future Medical Decisions

- Walk-In Clinic
(No appointment necessary)
- Sioux Falls VAMC
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988 Suicide Crisis Line

On July 16, 2022, 988 became the national three-digit phone number for all mental health, substance use, and suicide crises. 988 will be routed to South Dakota’s only National Suicide Prevention Lifeline center, **The Helpline Center**, transitioning from the current Lifeline number, 1-800-273-8255. 988 will offer rapid access to behavioral health support through connection with trained crisis specialists.

How will 988 differ from 211? 211 is a non-emergency number for finding community resources, such as food banks and shelters. 911 is currently used for all emergencies, including mental health emergencies. 988 will be a mental health crisis number, and calls will be handled by National Suicide Prevention Lifeline counselors.

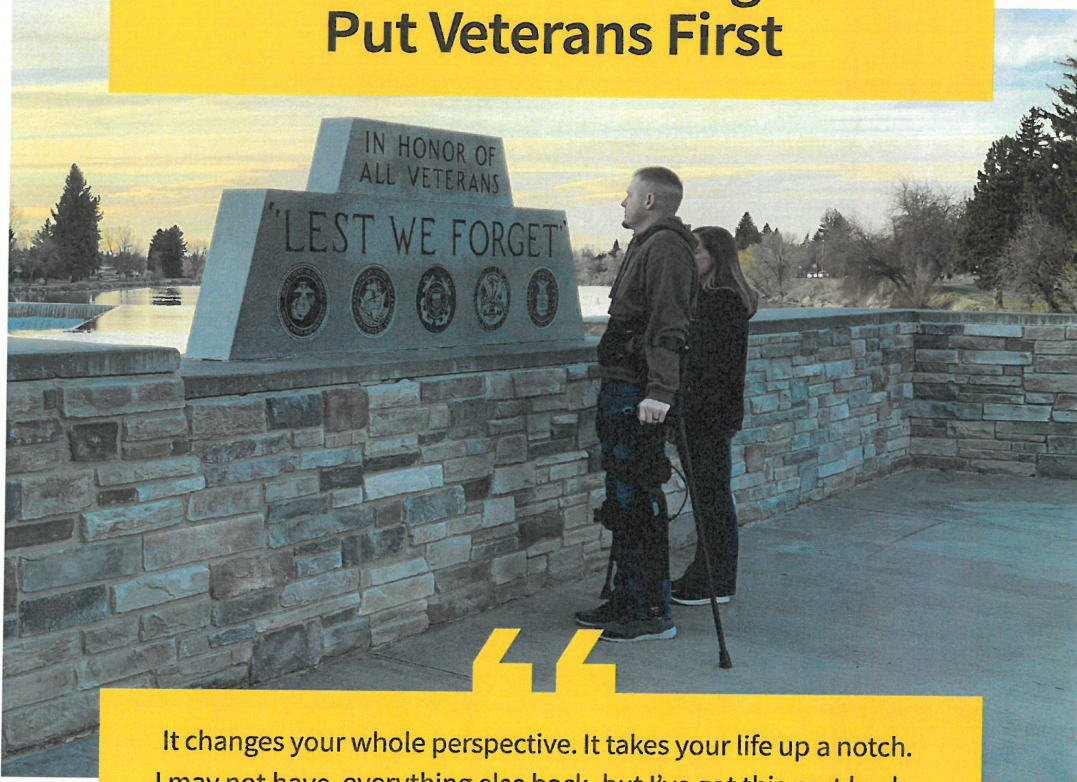
When should you call 988? Anyone in need of crisis support for themselves or someone else should call 988 which started on July 16th. 988 is an opportunity to transform our country’s behavioral health crisis system to respond to anyone in need.

Is 1-800-273-8255 going away? No. Moving to 988 does not mean the 800 number goes away. Dialing either number will get people to the same services, no matter which number they use. In the end, 988 is an easier-to-remember way for all Americans to access a strengthened and expanded network of crisis call centers.

For more information about 988, click on: <https://sdsuicideprevention.org/988-2/>.

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