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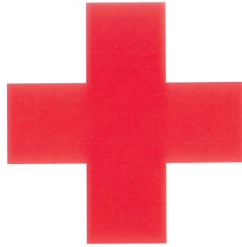
August 2024

Your Connection For All The Latest Happenings

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Give blood.
Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



**Blood Drive
The Alliance**

Stage Area
1600 W Russell St
Sioux Falls, SD

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

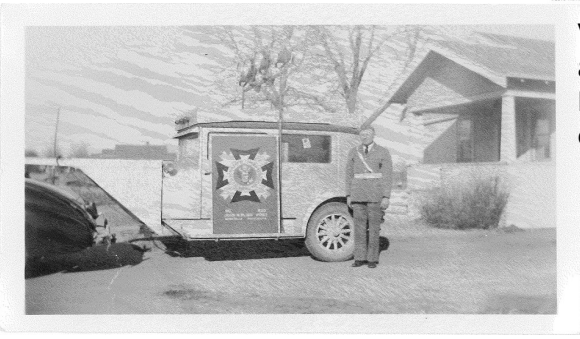
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: TheAllianceSiouxFalls to schedule an appointment.



Donors needed! Come give blood in August for \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/Help



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



VFW Post 628 Fife and Drum Marching Band trailer for its equipment. 1930's



USS South Dakota Day of Honor

Crew Member Reunion and Commemoration of
Armored Cruiser (ACR 9)
Battleship (BB 57)
Attack Submarine (SSN 790)

Saturday, August 10, 2024

10 am - Concert by Sioux Falls Municipal Band Brass Quintet
11 am - Ceremony with guest speaker, Matt Michels
Former LCDR United States Naval Reserve
Former Lt. Governor of South Dakota and Speaker of the House



Battleship South Dakota Memorial
West 12th St. & Kiwanis Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD
605-366-3291 / 605-367-7141
info@southdakotabattleship.org
Public is invited-*free admission*



Sioux Falls VA Health Care System
East River Legal Services

**FINANCIAL & MEDICAL DIRECTIVES
VETERAN ADVANCE CARE PLANNING CLINIC**

2nd Wednesday of the month at
the ALLIANCE
South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.
1600 W. Russell Street, Sioux Falls
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

★ It's always too early until it's too late ★

Contact for questions:
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**Auxiliary President
Amy Bolduc**

This is a reminder that the Auxiliary is collecting items to fill first aid kits for Stand Down in September, items for school, items to make activity kits for the Veterans Affairs Hospital to be handed out to children, and plastic bags. All

items can be brought to the August and/or September meetings or dropped off at the Post during the week. The list of items will be posted on the Auxiliary Facebook page and emailed out as well.

Thank you for all you do to support our Veterans!

VA Fraud Alert

The VA Office of Inspector General has issued a new fraud alert, warning veterans to beware of education program scams and how you can help stop wrongdoers who submit false records. [Know the signs and help take action](#). For more information, go to: [Fraud Alert - Beware of Education Program Scams \(vaoig.gov\)](#)

[For additional assistance](#), you can call one of the VFW Service Officers at the South Dakota Veterans Regional office at 605-360-4173

VA Life Insurance

- VA life insurance can offer financial security for Veterans, service members, and their spouses and dependent children. Explore your options, manage your policy, and file claims to get the insurance benefits you've earned.
- Find out which life insurance plans you may qualify for—and the benefits you'll receive with each plan. Different programs cover Veterans (VGLI), service members (SGLI), and family members (FSGLI). You may also be able to get short-term financial coverage through TSGLI to help you recover from a traumatic (severe) injury. And if you have a service-connected disability, you may be able to get coverage through VA Life.

For more information Go to: [VA Life Insurance | Veterans Affairs](#)

PTSD Treatment

Sometimes, when you experience a traumatic event — a car accident, an IED blast, military sexual trauma, or the death of a fellow Service member — that moment can continue to bother you weeks, months, and even years later.

That can mean reliving the event: constantly replaying it in your head. It can mean avoiding places or things that remind you of the experience. It can also mean nightmares, sleeplessness, or anxiety. You might feel numb or, conversely, feel hyperaware of your surroundings.

[Vet Centers](#) are small, non-medical counseling centers conveniently located in your community. If you are a Veteran or service member including members of the National Guard and Reserve, you may be [eligible](#) to receive individual and group counseling at no cost to you and your family. You can access these services even if you're not enrolled in VA health care or have a service connection.

For further information, go to: [PTSD: VA Programs & Services - Mental Health - Mental Health](#)

Continental Congress Declaration of Independence

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Continental Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims the independence of the United States of America from Great Britain and its king. The declaration came 442 days after the first volleys of the American Revolution were fired at Lexington. This marked an ideological expansion of the conflict that would eventually encourage France's intervention on behalf of the Patriots. Read more here. <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/american-colonies-declare-independence?>

Special visitors to John M. Bliss Post 628

November 2010 was a special day for Post 628. We were honored to host 24 descendants and family members of John M. Bliss.

The family donated a set of pictures and narratives about John M. Bliss and his six brothers that served during WWI. Those Pictures and items are displayed in the office of Post 628.

Two Brothers of John were charter members of Post 628, Ernest and Dewy. Their names are on our Post Charter. For One hundred and three years, the Bliss family has stated

that they are grateful to the men and women as well as its auxiliary in keeping 628 viable and honoring their ancestor.

On Wednesday, July 17, some of the Bliss family paid a short visit to our post and the Alliance. Susan Bliss-Hass stated "We always wanted a place of honor for Uncle Johns pictures. We have that in the Post [628]". Susan did comment that the hope is that Post 628 place the memorabilia back into a case and place it in a place to be viewed by all that enter Post 628.



Susan Bliss Hass, Commander Don Kranz and Carol Vig Susan and Carol are John M. Bliss Descendants

Remembering our Brothers and Sisters

In Memory VFW Post 628

Donald Kauers- 91 June 27

Neal Landeen- 65 July 1

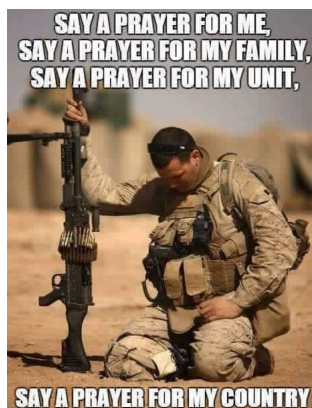
Jerry Corey-80 July 28

Henry Satlak-106

VFW Post 628 Aux

Bernice Hammerstrom-90

Beverly Ellsworth-82



WRIISC WOMEN Center of Excellence Announcement

In October 2022, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) established the Women's Operational and Military Exposure Network (WOMEN) in response to the growing needs of women Veterans with military environmental exposures (MEE; e.g., airborne hazards and open burn pits, endocrine-disrupting chemicals, blast exposure, and biological/chemical weapon exposure) and related health concerns. VA's WOMEN.

For more information go to: <https://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/>

Upcoming Days of Interest

August

August 2: National Sisters Day

August 3; National Watermelon Day

August 4: Coast Guard Birthday

August 7: Post meeting, 7PM

August 12-13: Meteor Showers

August 18 Pancake Breakfast 830 AM

August 18: Cooties Chislic, 3PM

August 19: Orville Wrights Birthday

August 28: State Fair Opens

September

September 2: Labor Day

September 4: Post Meeting, 7PM

September 13-15: Sanford Intl Golf

September 15: Pancake Breakfast, 8AM

September 15: Cooties Chislic, 3PM



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1700 W. Russell Street
Sioux Falls SD
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605-336-8092

**No One Does More
For Veterans**

We are on line
at vfw628.org



Good of the Order

- With the summer upon us, remember to stay hydrated. We are heading into the hottest part of 2024. Drink water, stay in cool area as much as possible and check on our neighbors.
- We are always in need of volunteers to assist in many of our events. Please step up and support these events. Our biggest needs are for the Honor Guard and Pancake Breakfast. Call 605-336-8092 to volunteer.
- Attend meetings. Your presence is welcome and needed. Our post strength is through our members being active. This includes Post meetings. You are important and you are needed.
- **Attention:** For those of us with email, it is the intent of the post to have the Post Newsletter deliverable by email or text only. Please provide your correct email and phone number to the office at: office@vfw628.org or call the office at 605-338-0869
- The 2024 Veterans Standdown is scheduled for September 20, 2024. If you can volunteer, call the office at 605-338-0869.
- 2025 Vets Aid is tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2025.

Pancakes and Chislic

Pancakes

The next pancake Breakfast will be held August 18, 2024 starting at 830 AM.

Adults \$8, Children under 10 years \$2

Cakes, Sausage, Eggs, Coffee, Juice and all the fixings.



Revenues help us take care of other veterans around the Sioux Falls Community.

Chislic

Great lamb Chislic August 18, 2024, serves from 3PM thru 6pm

