SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS COUNCIL



The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 1054 & 959 Military Order of the Purple Heart

The South Dakota Veterans Council is requesting the participation of elected State Legislators at one of the upcoming Veterans Legislative Roundtable Sessions and the 2024 Legislative Reception.

Our Council meets regularly and discusses the issues that surround our Veterans and brings legislation to the table for the betterment of our state and our Veterans that live here. Your participation at our Legislative Roundtable Sessions is paramount to the success of these legislative changes and the overall health and wellness of our military men and women. We look forward to visiting with you at these future events.

- Wednesday, November 15th, 2023, at the Disabled American Veterans Headquarters (DAV) along with the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), 1519 West 51st Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota at 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. (CST). Lunch will be served.
- Thursday, November 16th, 2023, at the American Legion Post 17, 1412 9th Avenue SW, Watertown, South Dakota at 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. (CST).
- Friday, November 17th, 2023, at the American Legion Post 8, 520 S. Pierre Street, Pierre, South Dakota at 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. (CST).
- Saturday, November 18th, 2023, at the American Legion Post 22, 818 E. Saint Patrick Street, Rapid City, South Dakota 11:00 a.m. 12:30 a.m. (MT).
- Wednesday, Legislative Reception January 10th, 2024, at the American Legion Post 8, 520 S. Pierre Street, Pierre, South Dakota 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (CST). The Legislative Reception is an event that is open to all Legislators, where food is provided by our Veteran Service Organizations. It is a great opportunity to socialize and speak to our VSOs one on one prior to the legislative session.

The South Dakota Veterans Council is a collaboration of representatives from The <u>American</u> <u>Legion Department of South Dakota</u> (TAL); The <u>Vietnam Veterans of America</u> (VVA); <u>Military Order of the Purple Heart</u> (MOPH); The <u>Veterans of Foreign Wars</u> (VFW); <u>Disabled</u> <u>American Veterans</u> (DAV); and The <u>Paralyzed Veterans of America</u> (PVA) and we are the voices of the nearly 61,000 Veterans that live in the great state of South Dakota.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would RSVP for the Legislative Roundtables by November 10th, 2023, by emailing Marty Pennock at <u>adj@davsd.org</u> to indicate your attendance at any of the events.

Respectfully, Connie Johnson *Army Veteran* President South Dakota Veterans Council