

# Black Hills Veteran March



The scenic view of the  
Beautiful George S.  
Mickelson Trail

4/30/2010

- \$10 Reduced Rate on Individual and Team Registrations Expires.

## BHVM History

Thanks to Ben Lamp and Mark Thomas, the Black Hills Veteran March history was typed up and will be uploaded to the website and Facebook page. Check it out and discover the history behind the march you support year after year!

## Booth at SDNGEA Conf

We will have a booth at the SDNGEA Conference in Rapid City. This booth will be utilized to assist people in registering for the march (at a reduced rate) and selling BHVM merchandise.

We currently only have 5 names, including myself, that have volunteered to manage the booth throughout the weekend. If you can help, please let me know ASAP!

## FACEBOOK Baby!

We are on Facebook now! You must have a Facebook account in order to view our page. If you have an account, become a [fan](#). If you do not, [create an account](#) and become a fan.

## Donation/Merchandise

All Sport Central has a module that you can purchase BHVM apparel. Click [here](#) to order some for yourself.

Donations to BHVM can be made online as well. This module will be up shortly.

## BVHM Apparel Order

An order for BHVM apparel will be placed NLT 1600 CST today. This apparel will be ready for delivery at this week's conference. If you don't make this time, I can still place an order, but it most likely will not be ready until next week. Please contact me if you would like to order a polo or shirt.

## Posters

Additional posters have been requested. Hopefully we will get them this week so that we can distribute them to the commands at the Conferences.

Please feel free to contact one of our Board or Committee Members with your Questions/Comments.

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*"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive."*

**ELBERT HUBBARD**

## We are Tax Deductible!

The Black Hills Veteran March is reported under a Non-profit War Veteran Organization status. This means that anyone gracious enough to donate to the March or Sponsor Mile Marker signs can claim it as a deduction on their taxes! So, if you are a business owner, or know someone who is, and are willing to help support our March, please let them know about it. If you have any questions, please contact one of our board members.

## Volunteer for Next Year's March

As most of you know, it takes a lot to make this march happen. Whether during the months before the event and the coordination it takes or at the event itself, it is more than one can imagine. Fortunately, we have been blessed each year with volunteers. This year we were able to add a new feature to our registration website. Anyone who would like to add a volunteer to support the march can follow the hyperlink below and volunteer. This not only helps us track these individuals, but also gives us a better idea on t-shirt ordering. Please take some time to view this link or any of the Black Hills Veteran March links to ensure that they represent us correctly. If there are corrections or suggestions, please contact Pat Jones or Kim Chase as soon as you can. And, if you are ready, sign up as a volunteer!

Volunteer: [allsportcentral.com](http://allsportcentral.com)

## Minutes from this Month's Meeting

- Maj Murphy is working w/ GX Magazine and similar magazines to get an add or write up in each.
- Gary is going to get an ad in the EANGUS New Patriot before deadline of 1 May 10.
- Discussion on massage therapist. Committee voted that we would shoot for 1 volunteer therapist per 40 registered marchers. A budget line item was added for unexpected costs dealing with the therapists.
- We are still looking for a small enclosed trailer to use to haul stuff to the March and to use as publicity that can be dropped at other events. If you know of one for around \$1000, please contact someone on the committee.
- Jen Deters from the Air Guard Junior Enlisted Council solicited sponsoring a rest stop. Gary will contact other organizations about the same and potentially eliminate the need for unit reps to manage rest stops.
- *We will need to create a couple of other committees whose role will be the actual event concentrating on logistical areas such as the meal, registration, transportation and such.*
- *Follow-up with Christina when she gets back from school in regards to virtual tour, add that to Facebook page also.*
  - o **Maj Murphy will assist in the virtual tour setup as well.**
- *Discussion on the t-shirt color this year, suggestion of Joint Purple.*
  - o **Still have not decided on colors yet. Marketing Committee will take the lead on that decision**
- *Capt Dirk is still researching different options for Awards.*
- *Gary will update the SOP for Rest Stops. Suggestions to have some type of rest stop or water break just past the railroad tracks (somewhere in the 18 to 20 mile area).*
- *Discussion about the method for timing. Suggestion about using a local school system's timers. All-Sports Central is an option up to 30 days out.*

*\*\*Items in this color and italicized are previous meeting minutes that have not been resolved.*

## Registration Update

We currently have two individuals signed up to volunteer! We also have eight (12) individuals and four (4) teams registered. And, just a week after the Mini March was loaded we have two (2) individuals registered for that! That brings our total to thirty-four (34). That is pretty good for the end of April! Keep soliciting; we are doing great!

