

# Black Hills Veteran March



The scenic view of the  
Beautiful George S.  
Mickelson Trail

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## BHVM Website Updates

We are making a couple of changes to the BHVM webpage. We have already uploaded a new interactive map to help those who haven't met the challenge of the march before get an idea of what it's all about. We are also looking into changing the overall look of the website. Take it look and let us know if there is anything else we can do to make it better.

## Team Challenge!!!!!!!

We have created a team challenge on our registration page. This team challenge is gear specifically to First Responders. We are challenging First Responders to form teams and see who can come up with the most registered members. These individuals will still pick a race category to compete in, but the team that registers the most individuals will win a \$200 donation to the charity of their choice. Spread the word to your local Fire, Police and EMT offices and start the battle!

Click here to sign up: [First Responders Team Challenge](#)

## 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. Click [here](#) to donate to the March to help make it better!

## BVHM Static Display

Thanks to Tim Vogl from Recruiting and Retention Cmd and the PAO crew, we are working on getting large posters and banners that will be available to use throughout the state as a static display in an effort to get more awareness of the BHVM out there. Let one of the board members know if you have an event you think we would benefit from having a display. Examples would be the Brookings ½ Marathon, Sioux Falls' Avera Breast Cancer Race, etc.

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

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*"We spend most of our  
lives conjugating three  
verbs: to want, to have,  
and to do. "*

**EVELYN UNDERHILL**

## 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 to support this 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.*
- Based on All Sport Central fees, cost per participant is \$10, cost based on budget report (all items included) is nearly \$35 per participant. Discussion not to raise the cost for individuals but reducing the "early bird" discount for individuals to \$5. Team cost of \$150/team, we are losing money. Suggestion to increase the team cost to \$175/team and "early bird" discount to \$25/team. We will not implement new fees until 2011.
- 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.
- Bibs – we purchase them from All Sports Central; can design our own up to 4 colors. Maybe use one color for full March and one for mini March. Looking for an exclusive sponsor on the bibs, charge them \$500-1000. Pat put out a challenge to "update" our BHVM logo, but still use the boot
- *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).*

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

## Registration Update

We currently have fifteen (15) individuals signed up to volunteer!

We have thirty-two (32) individuals and twenty-two (23) teams registered. There are still only three (3) people registered for the mini-march.

That brings our total to 150! That is pretty good for the end of April! Keep soliciting; we are doing great!

