

Black Hills Veteran March



FACEBOOK Baby!

Thanks to Chad Carlson and Brendan Murphy from PAO 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.

This is an awesome step for the march. We will use this to bring those who have been a part of the march with those who spend a lot of time on the internet and stumble across it.

Literally two days after the account was created a Soldier that has not ever done the BHVM, but is interested, was playing around and found it. He is now a fan of the march and said that he will be reviewing other's comments and the photos to prepare him for this year's march.

My daycare provider and husband spent a half hour on our Facebook page and our website the other night. Between just those two different incidents we have a potential of four registrations

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.

Posters

Rorie has sent out posters to the major armories around the state. I distributed a couple to the SF Armory and Cathy has a couple at the Air Guard Base. Between the two of us and the rest of Sioux Falls, we will need at least 20 more.

If you haven't seen them, please let Rorie or I know and we will get you some. If you need more, again let us know. I am working with Rorie and Tim Vogl to get some additional Posters.

Distribute them everywhere! They work!

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

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"Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live."

**DOROTHY
THOMPSON**

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

Minutes from this Month's Meeting

- *Add the history of the march to the*
 - o Spoke with Mark Thomas about creating a history for the website. He will speak with a couple of other members from the first march to create the write-up.
- *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.*
- Pat reserved the Fairgrounds & Mikkelson Trail.
 - o Both the Fairgrounds and Trail have been confirmed. We are GTG
- Follow-up with Christina when she gets back from school in regards to virtual tour, add that to Facebook page also.
- 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.
- 16.2 Mile Mini March was discussed. All were in favor of the event and it was added as an event. Mini March will start 2 ½ hrs after main event at separate location.

***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 (8) individuals and three (3) 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 twenty-five (25). That is pretty good for the end of March! Keep soliciting; we are doing great!

