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As South Dakota veteran population declines, honor guards carry on

By Stu Whitney
South Dakota News Watch

It was 2017 when Tony Gonsor, a 74-year-old Vietnam veteran and Custer resident, took charge of the community's veterans honor guard, presenting military honors at funerals and on holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

He quickly realized that there was no shortage of funerals for veterans at Black Hills National Cemetery and other sites, but finding able-bodied veterans to fill out the honor guard was a challenge.

"The average age is around 70, and a lot of them are slowing down," said Gonsor. "We're always trying to find younger members."

The problem is emblematic of a larger trend in South Dakota, where the number of military veterans has declined nearly 20 percent since 2010, from 69,780 to 56,590, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Veterans comprise 8.3 percent of the state's adult population, down from 11.4 percent in 2010 but still more than the national average of 6.2 percent.

South Dakota ranks 22nd among U.S. states in the number of veterans per 100,000 adult residents, ahead of neighboring states North Dakota (25th), Nebraska (30th), Iowa (35th) and Minnesota (41st).

176 WWII veterans in

South Dakota

For Gonsor, honor guard duties were traditionally filled by those who served in World War II, Korea or Vietnam, proud members of the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars who faced the inevitable drumbeat of time, accelerated in some cases by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Census data show that there are 176 World War II veterans (0.3 percent) alive in South Dakota, compared with the Korean War (2,056; 3.6 percent) and Vietnam (19,363; 34.2 percent). Those who served in the Gulf War before Sept. 11, 2001, (15,116; 26.7 percent) and after 9/11 (16,317; 28.8 percent) make up the majority in the state.

Connie Johnson, president of the South Dakota Veterans Council, pointed to research that veterans under age 65 are more likely than their older peers to seek mental health counseling, with services increasingly available through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

"A lot of older veterans were in organizations like the VFW and American Legion, and that's where they went to find that camaraderie," said Johnson.

Military rites include 21-gun salute

Gonsor's first step in reviving the Custer Veterans Honor Guard was combining the ranks of Custer Post 46 and VFW Post 3442. That increased the number of volunteers

available to perform military ceremonies such as the playing of Taps, flag presentations and the 21-gun salute.

Still, there were growing pains as the squad – ranging in age from 47 to 85 – accepted requests to appear at sites throughout the southern Black Hills, as many as three funerals a month in addition to special ceremonies.

"Six years ago, there weren't two guys dressed the same," Gonsor said of the squad. "Now everybody has a uniform and we're all on the same page most of the time. A lot of the ceremonial weapons were showing their age for a while and would sometimes misfire. But now we've got a good set of rifles, the same type used in World War II."

It takes 14 volunteers to pull off each ceremony, with color guard, firing squad, bugler, officer of the day and commander. One of the more notable recent events was the 75th anniversary of D-Day June 6, 2019, at the 1881 Courthouse Museum in Custer.

The honor guard suspended operations for a year during the pandemic and is still trying to meet the demand of military burials. The state Department of Health estimates that 3,281 people died from COVID-19 in South Dakota, with the elderly most at risk.

"Once we started back up, we were busy just about

every weekend," Gonsor said. "With the cremation process, a lot of (veterans) were sitting on the shelf waiting to be buried. We're close to getting caught up."

'How can we help them?'

Connie Johnson served in the Army from 2002-05, spending 11 months in northern Iraq during the Second Gulf War. She received a Purple Heart for injuries suffered when her 101st Military Police Company convoy was struck by a roadside bomb.

She was able to return to duty but dealt with nerve damage and post-traumatic stress disorder after returning to South Dakota, with scars on her neck as a remnant of war.

Her South Dakota Veterans Council role keeps her active in advocating for former soldiers, with the recognition of changing times and shifting needs. In South Dakota, 12.4 percent of military veterans are female, according to Census data, compared to 7.7 percent in 2010.

"As society changes, veterans change," said Johnson, noting the protests and resentment that many Vietnam veterans faced upon returning home. "War is the same, people are the same, but the way we deal with our veterans has evolved. It's more accepted today for veterans to seek mental health care because our society is recognizing that there are problems. There's more willingness to sav. 'How can we help

them?'"

Suicide rate for vets higher than civilians

In 2020 the suicide rate for veterans was 57 percent higher than for non-veteran adults, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Earlier this year, the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center campus was expanded with a mental health outpatient clinic focused on substance abuse, vocational rehabilitation and suicide prevention services.

Some veterans still find solace and support in groups such as the American Legion and VFW, while others take a more personalized approach.

Gonsor was drafted into the Army in 1969 and served 14 months in Vietnam as a combat engineer and gunner. Part of his inspiration for the honor guard comes from his late father, a WWI veteran.

"I went to the VSO (Veterans Service Officer) to inquire about military rites and was told they would take care of it," said Gonsor. "On the day of the funeral, we went to the cemetery and there was no military presence there. I vowed to myself that I would never let that happen again."

Honor guard finds new members

Helping with the youth movement is Richard Bierle and his wife, Kristen, who are members of American Legion Post 46. In August 2023, Kristen became the

first female member of the honor guard by helping to provide military honors at the funeral of a Custer veteran.

Their son, Brandon, a senior at Custer High School, has served as a flag bearer in the color guard and will soon be trained as a member of the firing squad, bringing youthful energy to the corps at a time when it's much needed.

That's a source of satisfaction for Johnson, who doesn't believe the dwindling number of veterans in South Dakota should impact the legacies of those who came before.

To help do that, she started the Freedom Acres initiative in which she puts on her uniform upon request and delivers flowers to the gravesites of veterans whose families want to memorialize their service.

"I feel like we need to continue to have these remembrances," she said. "No matter where you go, there's someone whose life has been affected by the service. Whether it's at a funeral or Veterans Day or Memorial Day, these things are worth acknowledging."

As for Gonsor, his future plans were made clear to his fellow honor guard veterans.

"I'm going to end up in the national cemetery up in Sturgis – that's my next move," he said. "I told the guys that it would be an honor for them to bury me."

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LIVE MUSIC - LOCAL EVENTS

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Wednesday 11-15

Men's Breakfast Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
7:30 AM

Custer County Commission
Custer County Courthouse
Custer, SD
8 AM

Driver's License Exams
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
8 AM to 5 PM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM

Hill City Seniors Board Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 12 PM

Wiggles & Giggles Toddlers and Parents Fun Time
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
10:30 -11:30 AM

Women's Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
12 PM

Bingo & Potluck
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
Potluck at 12 PM
Bingo at 1 PM

Seniors Cornhole
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
1 PM

Custer County Library Board Meeting
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
1 PM

Crafternoon
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
3 PM

BOLT
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
3:20 PM

The Landing
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
4:30 PM

Fall Centerpiece Class
Jenny's Floral
Custer, SD
5:30 PM

Middle School & High School Youth Group
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:40 PM

Keystone Town Board Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Bluegrass Jam *LIVE*
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30-8:30 PM

Prayer
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6:15 PM

Crossroads Church Xtreme Youth Group
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Fairburn Town Board
Fairburn Civic Center
Fairburn, SD
7 PM

Thursday 11-16

Women's Bible Study Fellowship
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
8:30 AM

Seniors Stretch & Flex
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Foot Clinic
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Coffee and Tea Social
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
9:30 AM

Soup & Pie
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
11 AM to 1 PM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
12:30 PM



HUMBLETOWN — Humbletown is a folk/bluegrass duo featuring Morgan Carnes on clawhammer banjo and Dylan Lewis on flatpick guitar and mandolin. The duo primarily writes their own songs in eclectic styles but also plays traditional songs, fiddle tunes, and folk and country covers. The duo will perform at Miner Brewing Co. in Hill City Saturday evening. [Submitted Photo]

Seniors Games and Puzzles
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
1 PM

Imagination Club
Hill City Public Library Kids' Annex
Hill City, SD
3:15 PM

Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Mixer
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
5-7 PM

Tony DuBlois Musical Savant *LIVE*
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Men's CR Step Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:30 PM

Fall Centerpiece Class
Jenny's Floral
Custer, SD
5:30 PM

Trivia Night
HippieRockStar Boutique
Wine & Beer Bar
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Legion Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 11-17

Hill City Seniors Flow & Relax Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
8:30 AM

Seniors Coffee Club
Hill City Center Small Room
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 11 AM

Story Time
Hill City Public Library Kids' Annex
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Hill City Purse Project Purse Filling
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM

Storytime
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Grant Writing Workshop
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
11 AM to 2 PM

NARFE Social for Southern Hills
Winners Circle
Hot Springs, SD
11:30 AM

Seniors Karaoke
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
1 PM

Celebrate Recovery
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6 PM

Winter Solitude Canvas Painting
HippieRockStar Boutique
Wine & Beer Bar
Hill City, SD
6-8 PM
\$45 per person

Saturday 11-18

Victorian Christmas in Keystone
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
8 AM - 2:30 PM

KISS AA Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Adult Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Monday 11-20

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 11 AM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
Noon

Seniors Crafts
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
1 PM
Help with supplies is appreciated. Call 605-981-8261 with questions.

Pringle Volunteer Fire Department Meeting
Pringle Community Center
Pringle, SD
5 PM

Hill City Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall
Hill City, SD
5:30 PM

Fall Centerpiece Class
Jenny's Floral
Custer, SD
5:30 PM

Custer City Council
Custer City Hall
Custer, SD
5:30 PM

Custer American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Custer School District Administration Building
Custer, SD
5:40 PM

Chick Chat and Crafts
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6:30 PM

AA Meeting
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hill City, SD
7 PM

Tuesday 11-21

Seniors Beginning Line Dancing
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Prairie Hills Transit Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Hill City Seniors Flow & Relax Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10:30 AM

Thanksgiving Potluck
Elk Mountain School
Dewey, SD

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-4:30 PM

Seniors Knitting & Crocheting Group
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Celebrate Recovery
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:45 PM

Hermosa Town Board
Hermosa Town Hall
6 PM

Inflammation Talk
The Wellness Way
Hill City, SD
6:30 PM

Wednesday 11-22

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM

Wiggles & Giggles Toddlers and Parents Fun Time
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
10:30 -11:30 AM

Seniors Cornhole
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
1 PM

Crafternoon
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
3 PM

Thanksgiving Eve Service
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Crossroads Church Xtreme Youth Group
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Bluegrass Jam *LIVE*
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30-8:30 PM

Thursday 11-23

Thanksgiving Day

Friday 11-24

Hill City's Olde Tyme Christmas Kick-off

Holiday Express
1880 Train
Hill City, SD
Select times Booked

Hill City Seniors Flow & Relax Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Coffee Club
Hill City Center Small Room
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Kris Kringle Craft Fair
Hill City School Gyms
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 4 PM

Trees and Trains Exhibit
South Dakota State Railroad Museum
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 5 PM

Seniors Karaoke
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
1 PM

Snacks with Santa
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
2-4 PM

Cider & Chesnuts at The Alpine Inn
Alpine Inn
Hill City, SD
5 PM

Olde Tyme Christmas Parade
Hill City Main Street
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Celebrate Recovery
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD

Movie Night Showing "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
Doors Open: 7 PM
Movie starts: 7:30 PM

Saturday 11-25

Shop Small Saturday
Hill City, SD

Holiday Express
1880 Train
Hill City, SD
Select times booked

Kris Kringle Craft Fair
Hill City School Gyms
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 3 PM

Trees and Trains Exhibit
South Dakota State Railroad Museum
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 5 PM

Wiggles & Giggles Toddlers and Parents Fun Time
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
10:30 -11:30 AM

Sip N' Paint (Your Own Planter)
Addie Camp General Store
Hill City, SD
11 AM - 1 PM
Cost \$25

SheJumps and BHPFA Winter Film Series
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
3:30-5:30 PM

Tony DuBlois Musical Savant *LIVE*
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Adda Boyd *LIVE*
Miner Brewing Company
Hill City, SD
6-7:30 PM

Brandon Sprague *LIVE*
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-10 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD

Sunday 11-26

KISS AA Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Adult Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD

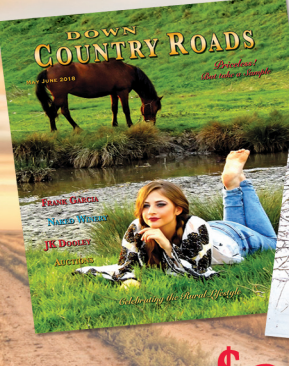


NEXT WEEK AT THE BEACON — Burn off those Thanksgiving calories next Saturday at the Custer Beacon by dancing to the songs performed by Brandon Sprague and his blues trio. The Brandon Sprague Band current lineup includes Dave Wilson on bass, Fred Epstein on drums and Brandon Sprague, lead guitar, slide guitar and vocals. Sprague is a gifted lead guitarist/vocalist and has performed at major venues in Chicago, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, & Denver. [Submitted Photo]

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