

**1101 Announcements - Events**

**GAYVILLE LUTHERAN Church:** Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Ralph Egbert.

**GOSPEL CHAPEL Church,** 708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

**GRACE BAPTIST Church,** SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

**HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH** 1800 Constance Dr. Worship Sept.-May 10:30a.m. AWANA Small groups; 9-10:15 Worship May-August 10a.m., 6 0 5 - 6 2 4 - 4 8 6 2 , www.hillside-cc.com Like us on Facebook!

**IMMANUAL Lutheran Church,** Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

**KOMSTAD COVENANT Church,** Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: Matt Styles, Pastor. 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

**PLEASANT VALLEY Lutheran Church,** Rural Vermillion: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion First Sunday of every month. All welcome.

**PROVIDENCE REFORMED Church,** 830 Madison: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. "We Welcome You To Historic Protestant Worship And Fellowship."

**ST. AGNES Church,** 416 Walker St., Fr. John Fischer: St. Agnes Church and Parish Office, tele. 624-4478. St. Agnes Rectory, 505 Catalina, tele. 624-1995. Mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30a.m. Sunday, Week-day Masses - consult weekly bulletin; Sacrament of Penance, Saturday 4-4:45p.m.

**ST. PAUL'S Episcopal Church,** corner of Main and Linden. Sunday: nursery available. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 11:00 a.m. coffee hour. Call 624-3379 for more info.

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**The Luther Center at USD:** Life at the corner of campus and faith. Located at Cherry & Plum Streets, Vermillion. We worship weekly on Wednesday evenings at 8:30pm and host service and fellowship events throughout the year. Visit us online at www.luthercenter.org or find us on facebook!

**The United Church of Christ Congregational,** Highway 12 Newcastle, NE. Worship: 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Pastor Gary Kimm. Come join us!

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**The Vermillion First United Methodist Church,** a welcome place reaching out to all God's people. Located at 16 N. Dakota St. Adult Sunday School 9am; Sunday Worship 10:25am; Children's Church after Children's Sermon (PreK-5). Welcome Table-serving free meal Mondays 5:30-7pm. Youth Group with Meal (Gr. 6-8) Wednesdays 5:30-7pm. High School Youth Group 7pm. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7pm. Praise Band rehearsal 8pm. Friday Morning Book Study and Breakfast 6:45am. Call (605)624-2179 for more info. Pastor Rick Pittenger.

**Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E Clark St, Vermillion**

Saturday evenings: 5:30 PM and Sunday mornings: 10:00 AM

Sunday mornings: 9:00 AM - Sunday School and Coffee/Fellowship

Radio broadcast: 10:00 AM on KVTM Radio, AM 1570

Holy Communion celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month  
Pastor Trisha Boese and Intern Pastor Jason Clifton  
Facebook: Trinity Lutheran - Vermillion, SD 605-624-4442

**Unitarian Universalist "The Uncommon Denomination."** Services are the first and third Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the United Church of Christ, 226 E. Main. Child care services and refreshments provided. All welcome. Info: www.unitarianvermillion.blogspot.com

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL,** 226 E. Main St., Pastor Steve Miller. 10:30a.m. Worship Service. *No Longer Strangers* www.uccvermillion.org

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# USD ranks high as military-friendly



By Travis Gulbrandson  
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The University of South Dakota has been named a Top Military-Friendly University by Military Advanced Education for the third year in a row.

In terms of four-year schools, USD is ranked in the top 20 percent - 33rd in the nation - for being military-friendly in Military Advanced Education's 2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities.

"We earned this ranking in part by having a staffed Student Veterans Resource Center (SVRC), and a good balance of academic support and extracurricular activities," said program coordinator Justin Smith. "Supporting veterans is a big issue for getting a higher ranking, so having the center is really important."

Over the past three years, the center has seen a 91 percent increase in visits by student veterans.

"In the last three months, we've gotten 333

visits and combined 350 hours of students benefiting from this space," Smith said. "In December alone ... we had 98 visits of an hour or more."

Among the services offered to student veterans by the SVRC is readjustment counseling services, library support, a warrior and family transition course, free academic tutors and free printing.

The SVRC is also launching a new Web site and social media campaign to better inform student veterans of its existence, as well as a peer mentoring program, Smith said.

All of this is taken into account by Military Advanced Education.

Schools that want to be included in the national ranking fill out a survey and list the services they offer veterans.

"The sole purpose of it is for them to put schools on a chart that veterans can pretty much compare schools by," said Veterans Coordinator Jason Dean.

"The incentive for a school to fill out this survey is so they can get on the list, and are introduced to some of these veterans and active-duty populations that are seeing this survey and are trying to find a school to go to."

In the Guide for 2014, Military Advanced Education cited USD for having the SVRC available on campus.

USD was also praised for generating events that annually promote military service and veterans within the community, including a Veterans Day Community Supper, the annual Military Appreciation Football Game, cords for graduating students and Veterans Week activities.

"We believe the Guide serves as an invaluable tool for both education services officers and transition officers when advising service members about their educational opportunities," said Kelly Fodel, MAE editor, via a press release.

In addition to the SVRC, USD also takes part in veteran-related events, including an upcoming drop-in legal service for veterans, which will be held at the Sioux Falls VA from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on March 21.

Edward Hruska of the Veterans' Legal Education Group said the event allows veterans and their family members to get help with various legal issues they may have, including those

related to child support, family law, benefits and employment.

The event is staffed by licensed attorneys, law students and other staff, all of whom work pro bono.

Approximately 50-55 veterans attended the event last year, Hruska said.

"We're hoping for better numbers this year, although 50 was pretty overwhelming," he said. "We're hoping for 75 to 100 this year."

Military Advanced Education serves education services officers and transition officers at every U.S. military installation, along with the service members they counsel. Published 10 times yearly, MAE's editorial coverage includes exclusive interviews with military executive leadership, educators, and members of Congress; best practices; career and transition spotlights, servicemember, school, and program profiles, and periodic special reports.

For online access to the 2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities, please visit www.mae-kmi.com or pick up a copy of the December 2013 issue of Military Advanced Education.

For more information about the SVRC, visit www.facebook.com/studentvrc.

For information on the USD Veterans Club, e-mail vetsclub@usd.edu.



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A Mitchell, South Dakota native and University of South Dakota graduate, Mr. Doorn earned his MBA in 1993. Before joining Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital he has held executive level leadership and finance roles in Alaska, Washington, Iowa and now back in his home state of South Dakota. Doug has 21 years of experience as a senior health care executive. As CEO at Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital, Doug brings a style of leadership that exemplifies high integrity and excellence.

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