

# V.O.I.C.E

Giving Our Young Heroes a Voice in Military Life

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## SD MILITARY YOUTH CAMP BY CASEY CALLIES



Military Youth Camp 2011 was a lot of fun and we all were able to do an assortment of different things. This was the 3rd year that I was a Junior Counselor. The camp was held at Camp Bob Marshall in Custer State Park. Other than the spiders, the campgrounds were great. The weather was nice for camp this year, and made for an enjoyable week.

We were able to go to Evans Plunge for an afternoon of swimming in a fun water park. We also were able to go canoeing in the lake. The campers had a shooting contest with pellet guns. They were kept busy doing fun things for most of the day every day. We were also able to go to the Veterans' Home and perform team skits that each team created in front of the Veterans, as well as visit Mount Rushmore for the lighting ceremony.

I thought that camp was fun this year. I hope that all of the campers that came had a good time and can come back next year for another year of camp.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**MILITARY  
YOUTH CAMP  
AGES 10-13  
JULY 9-13, 2012**

**STORM  
MOUNTAIN**

## Teen Camp by Austin Chase

This year the Military Teen Camp was conjoined with the 4-H Teen Leadership Conference and was in Brookings.

Monday there was registration and we took pictures at Frost Arena. Later that night, we went to the Swiftel Center and we got in our Summit Groups and did activities.

Tuesday we started the day by having Counterdrug do team building and a simulation of a drunk driving experience in a go-cart and impaired goggles. We also had a scavenger hunt and later that night there was a dance at the Swiftel Center.

On Wednesday we had Holly Hoffman from Survivor come in and she shared her experience on the show Survivor. We also competed in the TAC Ball arena with the Mobile Events Team.

The last day of activities was Thursday. We started the day by having the recruiters come in and do relays by putting on a helmet, boots, body vest, and pants. Later we made a video for Operation Military Kids and went frisbee golfing at the SDSU Course.

The banquet was later that night where they announced the new 4H president and the rest of the committee. After the banquet we had another dance. Friday, we packed up our stuff and said our goodbyes.



## Teen Camp

### Volunteers, Guests, and Contributors

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 Mobile Events Team - Paul Hoffman and Tyler Jacob

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 4H volunteers  
 SD Air and Army National Guard  
 SDNG Family Programs  
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 Hot Springs State Veterans Home  
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 Counter Drug  
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 Mobile Events Team – Paul Hoffman and Tyler Jacob

# National Youth Symposium by Adair Chase

The 2011 National Guard Youth Symposium was held in Louisville, Kentucky. South Dakota had two representatives attend - Casey Callies, Youth Council President, and Adair Chase, Youth Council Vice President.

The Symposium started on a Sunday with delegates flying from all over the United States to Kentucky. The Symposium started off with a guest speaker, Jude Stringfellow, and her dog Faith. Faith only has two legs, which makes it difficult for her to get around, but she overcomes her obstacle and does it.

On day two, the delegates were given the opportunity to listen to Craig Hillier. There were many laughs along with a great message given about how to breakthrough and become a leader. That night the teens

attended a pool party at the hotel.

Day three started off with the delegates going to the Louisville Slugger Museum. After the museum, the delegates split into two groups and attended two workshops. The first was about how to be safe online and not give out some information on Facebook; the second was given by Dee LaMay. Dee's class was about some team building games. The third day came to an end with a USO concert by Montgomery Gentry.

Day four started off with the speaker Bill Cordes YOGOWYPI (You Only Get Out What You Put In). Bill's message was about building relationships with people and the effort that you put into



things. After lunch the delegates went to the Louisville Science Center.

The conference came to an end with a dinner and a dance for all the delegates. Being able to attend the symposium was a once in a life time experience. Many friends were made along with many messages brought back!

## HOOAH by Liz Foy

Saint Patrick's Day parade: marching bands blaring Irish songs, men in fuzzy hats and funny ear bands hand out candy to children. Feelings of joy and laughter pass through the air, along with what remains of winter's snip. Then something stronger passes through the crowd, a feeling of respect and honor passes as people lower their caps and expose their frigid ears to the bitter cold. And for a few moments, on a day that celebrates Irish heritage, silent respect is paid to the small group of servicemen and women harnessed in white chords, rich colors, and marching somberly down the street. Two rifles stand guard at the ends, keeping watch over as a different colored flag passing through the green, white, and orange colors. Red, white and blue cut through the crowd, gently blowing in the breeze, accompanied by the blue and gold of the South Dakota flag.



As soon as the military personnel pass through, those in the crowd go back to their previous activities, but with a new perspective of the day.

Color Guards - you have all seen them, whether they are recognized or not. The term applies to the "Color" as the American Flag, and "Guard" to the two rifles/sabers that stand on guard to protect the Colors to its right and left. They honor the Flag, their fellow servicemen and women, and their country. They protect, respect, and serve with precision, grace, and excellence. If not this way, how else should our flag be honored?

The tradition of carrying flags into battle actually originated during the early Medieval Ages, when the flag bearer symbolized the health of those going into battle. If the flag-bearers were attacked, and the flag stolen or dishonored, it was the same as losing the battle. So, the tradition arose to have at least two rifle-bearers on either side of the flag whose sole job it was to protect and defend the flag at all costs. At times, sabers were used in hand to hand combat instead of rifles, but the concept still held true.

Traditions like these have been carried on into today, though we don't always have to worry about dishonoring the Flag.

Another tradition of ours originates not necessarily in Medieval Ages, but in a symbol of respect for those superior to us. From the time we are little, we are taught to stand up straight and put our right hand over our heart when we say the Pledge of Allegiance, or hear the National Anthem. What may be little known, is that the placing of the right hand over the heart is a form of salute with the same meaning, but different background, than the military salute. When we as military families put our hands over our hearts, we remember not only the flag, but our friends and members of the military in our own families.

That's the big deal about saying the National Anthem, and putting your hand over your heart. Even if no one else does, let us be examples in our schools of honor to the uniformed men and women. So the next time you see a flag, remember what it stands for, and just for a moment, honor those who serve.

## SDNG Youth Council

- *Casey Callies*—President
- *Adair Chase*—Vice President
- *Jeff Nelson*—Spokesperson
- *Liz Foy*—Research/Development
- *Austin Chase*
- *Amber Couser*
- *Maggie Lambert*



The Youth Council represents National Guard youth in South Dakota and serves as a voice for the unique opportunities and challenges they face.

Stay tuned for upcoming information on how you can join!

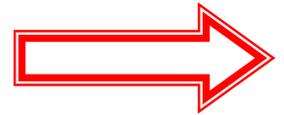
Please share your pictures and stories about your Family, Service Members, and Community Involvement

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In light of recent economic troubles that have plagued the U.S. for roughly the past decade, it seems that in the areas of corporate America, the economy is getting progressively better and better. For the past nine quarters, the top 500 largest companies in America have posted increasing growth, and many of them are back to pre-crisis levels of profit.

On the other hand, if you are the average American worker, unemployment rates are worse than ever - an estimated 7 million. A large number of people have completely stopped looking for work, and an even larger number of people have only part-time jobs that barely pay enough for their living expenses - the classic wage for part-time

### The American Economy by Maggie Lambert

workers is a mere \$19,000 per year. If you add all of these areas together - people who are unemployed, people who have stopped looking for jobs but are unemployed, and people who have part-time jobs - the number is 24 million Americans.

The single largest reason for the current lack of job availability is recent advances in technology. In manufacturing for instance, it takes far fewer people to manufacture such products as vehicles now that we have machines and technology available that will produce a more reliable product than hands-on production.

It also doesn't help that due to globalization, there are pools of skilled laborers around the world who are willing to do the same jobs as Americans, but for a tenth of the price, saving big corporations millions, but sacrificing many thousands of jobs.

One thing that our government could do to increase job availability would be to take some advice from how Germany revitalized its manufacturing. They have managed to maintain high-end manufacturing in their country, and their country has reaped the benefits. Also if we would focus on retraining retiring workers in order to keep their skills up to date, we could ensure that with employment in the current global economy. We should also focus on the areas of the economy that are succeeding, such as entertainment, healthcare, and tourism, rather than focusing on the areas that are not going to be fixed until the entire economy evens out, such as real estate.

We as Americans have a duty to do all of these things because our country faces a jobless recovery without taking these steps.

## Our Stories

This is a picture of me, my dad and my little brother Hudson. My dad Michael has been in the military for 23 years. When I was 9 months old, he was gone for 18 months on a deployment to Iraq. Right now he is a Command Sergeant Major for the 153<sup>rd</sup> EN BN out of Huron. When we play Army at home, I am always the Captain, so I get to make the rules. I am very proud of my dad but he is gone a lot for the Army and my brother and I miss him.

**Brody Burgeson – Age 8**

(April 2011)



## Making a Difference Written by Jasmyne R. Harris

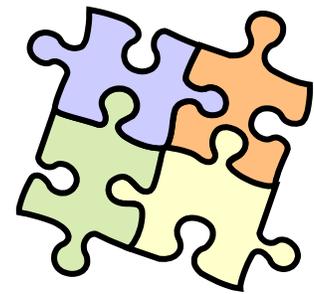
On August 10, 2011, my next door neighbors Kyle and Lacy Rosson, and I with the help of our parents set up a lemonade stand in the Affiliated Mortgage parking lot across from Camp Rapid. We set up the Lemonade Stand to raise donations for The Fallen Officers Memorial Fund. We sold lemonade, cookies, blue ribbons and memorial bracelets.

We had a Captain from the fire department, a group of police officers wives, a highway patrol officer, a sheriff's deputy, and a police officer all stop by. We did the lemonade stand during the Sturgis Rally.

People from out of town donated money. There were some people who just donated money without having a lemonade or cookie. Some people just stopped to say thank you for what we were doing.

I came up with the idea, because my Uncle Evan is a Rapid City Police Officer. It was a way I could help the officers involved in the shooting and their families. In seven hours we raised \$1,050.75. All donations were given to the Fallen Officer Memorial Fund.





Joint Family Support Assistance Program Military Family Life Consultants (JFSAP MFLC) are Masters or PhD level, licensed credentialed clinical providers that offer services and support to all military members and their families.

Their goal is to support operational readiness for military members and their families throughout the state. To reach people in geographically dispersed areas, support is offered through training and education programs.

Individual, couples, and family counseling are also provided. The goal of the MFLC is to provide on-site, mobile, and/or telephonic, confidential (no records are kept), non-medical, solution focused counseling for everyday issues.

Some of the topics include parenting, relationship conflicts, stress, personal loss, and deployments and reunions.

This service is provided at no cost to the service member or their family and there is no insurance to file.

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This service is offered at no cost to families of the Guard and Reserve members. Please visit [www.Tutor.com](http://www.Tutor.com) and click on Tutor.com for the military to take advantage of this benefit.

### Military Families Near and Far

Military Families Near and Far is an extension of Sesame Workshop's ongoing efforts to support our troops and their families.

Military Families Near and Far is a free, bilingual (English and Spanish) website where families can create, communicate, and stay connected. Developed for military families, the site provides new ways for preschool and school-aged children to express themselves and communicate within their own family networks.

Families can add characters from Sesame Street and The Electric Company to their networks to get messages from these special friends. New interactive tools for creating art, music, videos, letters, cards, and notebooks help kids explore their emotions and encourage communication. Materials from Sesame Street's ongoing Talk, Listen, Connect initiative and new materials from The Electric Company provide resources for parents and caregivers to help children cope with challenging transitions, such as military deployments, multiple deployments, homecomings, changes, grief, and self-expression.

[www.familiesnearandfar.org/login/](http://www.familiesnearandfar.org/login/)



## JOIN US!!!



To all South Dakota National Guard Youth and their Families -  
please join us on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Falls!

You're invited to a "tailgate" gathering before the Stampede hockey game.  
We'll have pizza, make banners, and showcase our military pride!

RSVP to Taryn for the "tailgate" gathering no later than January 6th

**Who:** National Guard Youth and their Families

**What:** Evening of fun and hockey

**When/Where:** Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Falls with the Stampede

**Why:** To connect with other Guard Youth!

Wear camouflage, part of your Service Member's uniform, or the National Guard logo to the game.

*For hockey tickets contact Jim Olander with the Stampede direct at 605-336-6060 ext. 205*

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Thinking of You this Holiday Season  
Thank You for all that you do!

~SDNG Youth Program~