the **ALLIANCE** South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.

A Place for Freedom • A Place to Remember • A Place for All

Here's How You Can Help...

The SDMHA is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation

TIME/TALENT SUPPORT

I'd like to help. Please contact me to discuss how I can help. I have the following interests/skills/abilities.

Please list:

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please accept my support: \$______ enclosed (or we can contact you to use a credit card)

Endowment

I'd like to create a permanent endowment to help ensure the sustainability of the Alliance. Please contact me.

Event Support

I'd like to help sponsor an event or specific portion of the Alliance facility.

Non-Cash Contribution

Please contact me to discuss my possible contribution.

Sponsorship Agreement

I'd like to pledge a commitment of \$	_ per year
years. Total support \$	

Please contact me to make arrangements.

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Address: _____

City State Zip

Phone:

Email:

Please drop off at the **Alliance Office**, or mail to: 1600 W. Russells St. Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Executive Order on a National Road-map to Empower Veterans and End Suicide

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. On average, 20 service members and veterans die by suicide each day. As a Nation, we must do better in fulfilling our solemn obligation to care for all those who have served our country. I am therefore issuing a national call to action to improve the quality of life of our Nation's veterans — many of whom have risked their lives to protect our freedom while deployed, often multiple times, to areas of prolonged conflict.

Answering this call to action <u>requires an aspirational, innovative,</u> <u>all-hands-on-deck approach to public health</u> — not government as usual. The Federal Government alone cannot achieve effective or lasting reductions in the veteran suicide rate. This is not because of a lack of resources. It is, in fact, due substantially to a lack of coordination: Nearly 70 percent of veterans who end their lives by suicide have not recently received healthcare services from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

To reduce the veteran suicide rate, the Federal Government <u>must</u> <u>work side-by-side with partners from State, local, territorial, and</u> <u>tribal governments — as well as private and non-profit entities —</u> to provide our veterans with the services they need. At the same time, the Federal Government must advance our understanding of the underlying causal factors of veteran suicide. Our collective efforts must begin with the common understanding that suicide is preventable and prevention requires more than intervention at the point of crisis. The Federal Government, academia, employers, members of faith-based and other community, non-governmental, and non-profit organizations, first responders, and the veteran community must all work together to foster cultures in which veterans and their families can thrive.