

# **SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NEWS RELEASE**

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## **South Dakota State Fair Salutes Veterans**

HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair salutes our veterans and active military personnel.

To show appreciation for their service, the fair will give all veterans and active military personnel free gate admission on Thursday, Sept. 1.

“We want to thank all of our country’s military personnel for their service and sacrifices for our country. We extend a special invitation for them to visit the South Dakota State Fair and take advantage of the free admission,” said Jerome Hertel, South Dakota State Fair Manager.

A Salute to Veterans program will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage. Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch will be the keynote speaker.

Maj. Gen. Reisch is the state’s Adjutant General. As the Adjutant General, he serves as the Commanding General for both the South Dakota Air and Army National Guard.

The 2011 State Fair runs Thursday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Pannar Preview day is Wednesday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. The State Fair theme this year is Country Pride Statewide. For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900 or visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) . You can also find the State Fair on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SDStateFair) and Twitter ([@SDStateFair](https://twitter.com/SDStateFair)).