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CAVCON 2026 Call for Proposals

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Theme: Post Traumatic Growth: Beyond Physical and Hidden Disabilities

Conference Dates: September 14–15, 2026

Location: Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
1201 N West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Community Action for Veterans (CAV) invites proposals for 75-minute breakout sessions for CAVCON 2026.

This conference brings together social workers, healthcare professionals, community providers, and advocates who serve veterans, service members, military families, and caregivers.

We are seeking engaging, practical, and evidence-informed presentations that advance understanding of post traumatic growth, address both visible and invisible disabilities, and strengthen systems of support for military connected individuals and families.

Learning Tracks

Proposals must align with the conference theme and at least one of the following tracks:

Mental Health

Approaches that support mental health, emotional wellbeing, resilience, and post traumatic growth among military connected individuals

Rural Challenges

Strategies to improve access to healthcare, social supports, and community resources for veterans and families living in rural communities

Caregiving and Military Family Life

Exploration of how military service impacts families and effective supports for caregivers and loved ones

Proposal Requirements

Each proposal must include:

- Presentation title
- Selected learning track
- Presenter name(s), title(s), organization(s), and contact information
- Session abstract
- Learning objectives
- Session format
- Target audience
- Brief presenter biography

Audiovisual equipment, including an LCD projector, screen, and Wi-Fi, will be provided for all sessions.

Presenter and Participant Benefits

Presenters will:

- Gain statewide visibility at a professional conference
- Share practical strategies with cross-sector professionals
- Earn continuing education units (CEUs)
- Strengthen their professional portfolio with a conference presentation

Participants will:

- Earn CEUs by attending conference sessions
- Build practical knowledge across mental health, rural challenges, and military family support

Submission Information

Proposal Submission Deadline: June 12, 2026

Submit proposals to: Erin Nosal, erin.nosal@sdvets.org

Proposal Timeline

June 12, 2026 – Proposal submission deadline

Late June 2026 – Review by CAV Conference Planning Committee

Early July 2026 – Notification of selection

Late August 2026 – Presenter materials due (slides and handouts submitted electronically)

September 14–15, 2026 – Conference presentations

For more information about the conference, visit <http://www.sdvets.org> or contact Erin Nosal at erin.nosal@sdvets.org.