

We are pleased to offer a number of exciting events in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre area this October in recognition of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month. These events will promote the benefits of a diverse workforce that includes veterans with disabilities. All of these events will be held at the Pierre Best Western Ramkota.

Dueling Duo

7:00pm October 15th, Pierre Best Western Ramkota

Musical entertainment by Dueling Duo is open to the public to attend. The Dueling Duo is an all-request, Las Vegas-style dueling pianos show that has entertained audiences all over the Midwest. Each member brings his own incomparable talents to the show: Andy's charismatic rapport with the audience and smooth vocal styling, Ryno's comic viewpoints and massive songbook, along with Dan's multi-instrumentalism all merge together to create a show unlike any other.

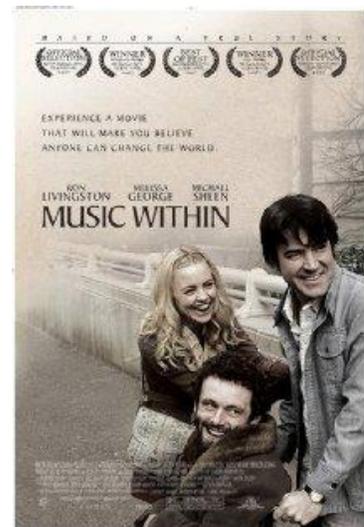


There is a \$10 cover charge at the door. Proceeds will be donated to South Dakota programs that work with veterans with disabilities. Contact Janet Ball at 605-773-3195 for more information.

Wounded Soldiers Returning to Work

10:30am to 1:30pm October 16th, Pierre Best Western Ramkota

Dr. Richard Pimental is a nationally renowned expert on Disability Management, Job Recruitment, Job Retention, Americans with Disabilities Act and Attitude Change. Dr. Pimental is distinguished by his ability to predict industry trends and the needs of employers. He has designed and implemented return to work systems for the private sector and government employers throughout the country. He has pioneered proactive risk management, return to work and equal employment opportunity (EEO) programs to generate both cost savings and enduring attitudinal changes in corporate culture. [Wounded Soldiers Returning to Work Registration form](#)



The movie "Music Within" is a true story of Richard Pimental, a brilliant public speaker with a troubled past, who returns from Vietnam severely hearing impaired and finds a new purpose in his landmark efforts on the behalf of Americans with disabilities. [View Music Within Official Trailer](#)



Secretary Larry Zimmerman became the first Secretary of the SD Department of Veterans Affairs in January 2013. As the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Zimmerman serves over 70,000 veterans within the borders of South Dakota. His vision and mission statement for the new department is “Voices for Veterans.” Secretary Zimmerman will provide a keynote presentation at the luncheon.

Enclosed is the registration form and additional information on Dr. Pimentel and Secretary Zimmerman. For individuals interested in attending, we encourage registering online at WWW.Pierre.org (Select “Calendar of Events”). The cost to attend Dr. Pimentel’s presentation is \$20, and the cost of Secretary Zimmerman’s keynote presentation and luncheon is \$15 payable to SD RehabACTion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bernie Grimme at 773-6284 or Bernie.Grimme@state.sd.us.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – 2013 Fall Conference 1:00pm October 15th to noon October 17th, Pierre Best Western Ramkota

Each October, an annual conference is held to provide training and awareness to enhance the employment of individuals with disabilities. This October the conference will be in Pierre, SD, with a focus on working with veterans with disabilities. The "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" conference will include the keynote presentations by Dr. Richard Pimentel and Secretary Larry Zimmerman. In addition, there are a number of other concurrent sessions on working with veterans with disabilities. The Fall Conference is a collaboration of agencies providing presentations in the areas of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Community Employment Services and Transition Services for Students with Disabilities. The 2013 Fall Conference titled "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon," offers dual meaning;

- Working with veterans with disabilities when they return home, and
- Working with students with disabilities as they transition to employment or adult services.

The cost to attend the Fall Conference is \$125. This registration fee also includes the registration cost to attend the Dueling Duo, Dr. Pimentel presentation and the keynote luncheon presentation by Secretary Larry Zimmerman. Conference information, registration form and booth application can be found at www.SDRehabACTion.org. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janet Ball, Ronda Williams, Eric Weiss or Bernie Grimme at 605-773-3195.

Please feel free to distribute this information to individuals who may be interested in attending any or all of these events. Hope to see you at this year’s conference.