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Mayor Alan Hanks

## **Mayor Hanks Supports Honor Flight Fundraising Concert and Issues Buffalo Versus Ham Challenge to Sioux Falls Mayor**

Mayor Alan Hanks asks community-wide support for the World War II Veterans Honor Flight fundraising efforts, including the Kenny Putnam and Friends Honor Flight Benefit Concert scheduled for Friday June 18 at Fitzgerald Stadium. The concert is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. following the American Legion baseball game between Rapid City Post 22 and Sioux Falls East in the Rich Hinseth Agency Tournament. The game begins at 5:00 p.m. Concert tickets the night of the concert are \$10.

"Funds raised from this benefit concert will help pay for our veterans to fly to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial," said Hanks. Veterans and their escorts travel by chartered aircraft.

Hanks has asked Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether to encourage Sioux Falls fans to attend the concert as well.

"I'm issuing the Rapid City Post 22 buffalo chuck roast versus the Sioux Falls East ham challenge to Mayor Huether. I'm fully expecting Post 22 to win Friday evening's game and am looking forward to Mayor Huether donating a fine Sioux Falls ham to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission here in Rapid City," said Hanks.

To learn more about Honor Flights, please go to this website: <http://www.honorflightsd.org/>

Kenny Putnam and Friends play acoustic folk, rock, swing, bluegrass, country, and original music.

For more information, contact the Mayor's office at (605) 394-4110.

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