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## Glad Grads!

### YHS Bids Farewell To Seniors At Commencement



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There was a lot in the air Sunday — accomplishment, accolades and, eventually, copious amounts of Silly String — as the Yankton High School Class of 2014 received their diplomas during the school's 139th annual commencement exercises at the YHS/Summit Activities Center's main gym. The large crowd that packed the gym heard graduation addresses from students Aliyah Greaver, Gregory Hauer, Juan Skorey and William Steward before diplomas were presented by Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle, YHS Principal Dr. Jennifer Johnke and Yankton school board president Dr. Jim Fitzgerald. To see or purchase images from commencement, visit [spotted.yankton.net](http://spotted.yankton.net).



PHOTO: NORTHERN ST. UNIVERSITY  
**Northern State University men's basketball coach Don Meyer is shown at the 2009 ESPY Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, where he received the Jimmy V. Award for Perseverance. Meyer passed away Sunday after a long fight with cancer.**

## Loss Of A Legend

Don Meyer  
Loses His Fight  
With Cancer

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SIoux FALLS — Don Meyer, one of the winningest coaches in college basketball who came back from a near-fatal car accident and liver cancer before closing out his career, died Sunday in South Dakota. He was 69.

Meyer led his teams into the playoffs 19 times and compiled a 923-324 during his 38-year career, most of which he spent at Lipscomb in Tennessee and Northern State in South Dakota.

The former Northern State coach died Sunday morning of cancer at his home in Aberdeen, where he had recently gone into hospice care, family spokeswoman Brenda Dreyer said.

"He won his greatest victory and is now running again and gearing up to pitch nine innings," the Meyer family said in a statement. "The family appreciates the outpouring of love, prayers and concern."

Four months after a near-fatal car accident and a cancer diagnosis, Meyer passed Bob Knight as the NCAA's winningest coach in men's basketball history in 2009. The native of Wayne, Nebraska, retired following the 2010 season at Northern State and a 13-14 record — only his fourth losing season.

Some of the greatest names in college basketball were his biggest fans, including Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, who surpassed Meyer's record in 2012 and once said Meyer did "a wonderful job of giving back to our great game." Former Tennessee women's coach Pat Summitt, who holds the all-time win record for college basketball, has called Meyer "truly one of the best teachers in the history of the game."

Jerry Meyer played for his dad at Lipscomb from 1989-1992, and credits his dad's success with a seamless, on-and-off-court philosophy that lent itself to an exciting game.

"He was a tough coach to play for, very demanding physical and mentally. But that's what made him a great coach, and that's why all his players, he influenced their lives so much and produced so many coaches," Jerry Meyer said.

Lipscomb athletic director Philip Hutcheson, who also played for Meyer there, said it wasn't hard to see the coach's legacy at the school — "that's well-established and it's enormous." What's difficult, Hutcheson said, is "trying to determine where his impact ended."

Praise also came from opponents, including Nebraska coach Tim Miles, who coached against Meyer at Northern State.

"It didn't matter if you were

## Hailing The 'Scorpion'

### Submarine Veterans Honored During Yankton Memorial Service

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Known as the "silent service," submarine veterans from across the region came together Saturday to honor — and talk at length about — their fallen comrades.

Veterans like Jim Black of Yankton did not waste an opportunity to recognize a family that continues to dwindle in numbers as time passes.

"Of course, most of all the guys that I worked with to build this thing are gone now," said Black, 90, who is one of three living World War II submarine veterans in South Dakota.

Another of the three living veterans is 92-year-old Bob Hanson of Yankton, who is battling an illness in a local nursing home. The other lives in the Rapid City area.

Black was among those in attendance Saturday for a 70th anniversary service for the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) and the U.S. Submarine

Veterans of World War II. The anniversary commemorated the USS *Scorpion* SS-278, which was lost at sea in January 1944.

The service was held at the *Scorpion* memorial located west of Meridian Bridge in Yankton, and featured the local VFW Honor Guard, USSVI representatives from regional bases, as well as featured speaker Lt. Gov. Matt Michels.

The memorial was dedicated in 2002, but in the 12 years since, has taken on new life thanks to the efforts of the USSVI, Black said.

"I'm delighted that as many people turned out today that did," Black said. "We have to thank the (*Press & Dakotan*) for their efforts. It's great that the post-world war sub vets are taking over and doing this. After we dedicated it, we didn't do anything for a number of years, but then these guys grabbed the ball and they're drawing in big crowds."

The nearly hour-long ceremony



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

A veteran studies the monument that has been erected for the USS *Scorpion* SS-278, a submarine that went missing in the Pacific theater during World War II. A memorial service was held Saturday at the monument, which is located just west of Meridian Bridge in Yankton. The service on Saturday, which was Armed Forces Day, remembered the *Scorpion*, which went missing 70 years ago this year. Its fate remains unknown. There were 77 hands on board.

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D

This drop box for worn flags has been erected in front of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory in Yankton. A special dedication ceremony was held Saturday for the box, whose design was created by airbrush artist Mickey Harris.

## A Show Of Respect

### Ceremony Dedicates New Flag Drop Box

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When it comes to the proper way to dispose of a tattered or weathered American flag, respect is key.

That was the overriding theme Saturday during a dedication ceremony for a new flag drop box at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory in Yankton.

The box, located in front of the building on W. 21st St., was unveiled during a ceremony that included the local VFW 791 Honor Guard, members of the Patriot Guard Riders, the Rev. Rod Veldhuizen, flags to recognize all 50 states, as well as 36 flags to recognize those military members from South Dakota who have been killed in action since Sept. 11, 2011.

According to funeral director and owner Kevin Opsahl, holding such a complete gathering was a

small way to honor those soldiers who gave their lives for this country.

"We thought it seemed very appropriate to celebrate the service of both men and women of our country this way," he said, "to show the respect that not only they deserve but our flag deserves."

There was also an educational lesson by having such a formal gathering, Opsahl added.

"Most people are unaware that a formal flag retirement ceremony is actually a complete dismantling of a flag," he said.

One such way is to remove the spine and remove the white stars from the blue field, Opsahl said. Other ways call for the traditional 13-fold technique before burning, while another calls for the stripes to be cut apart before burning.

"I'm not sure that that extreme is practiced as it's taught, but certainly the flag drop box offers a

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