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**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES
DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE MICHAEL J. FITZMAURICE STATE
VETERANS HOME**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will hold a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home. The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. (MT) on Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

The ceremony will be held on the campus of the current Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home at 2500 Minnekahta Ave. in Hot Springs.

Planned speakers for the ceremony include Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Lt. Gov. Matt Michels, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Larry Zimmerman and Medal of Honor recipient Michael J. Fitzmaurice.

The new state of the art facility incorporates the latest in nursing home construction design and staffing concepts and has 76 skilled and 24 independent living rooms. This two-story facility has eight neighborhoods/households arranged around administrative and support amenities in the center. Residents have access to physical therapy, speech therapy, fitness, recreational opportunities, workshops and an auditorium. The community space is located in the center of the building on the main floor and includes a chapel, cafeteria, postal service, pharmacy, barber shop and community room to name a few.

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