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SDDVA Secretary Whitlock's March Column – A Home for our Heroes

South Dakota's legacy of providing her senior veterans a place of comfort and peace in return for their service dates back to 1889, when the South Dakota Soldiers Home was created in Hot Springs. In 2016, we opened the doors to a new state-of-the-art veterans home.

Our vision for the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home (MJFSVH) is to be a recognized state and national leader in long-term veteran care, and a driving force in providing the best in nursing care, family wholeness, and ultimate enrichment for our heroes. Being the best means serving our residents with selfless and uncompromising loyalty, respect, integrity, and commitment.

Our MJFSVH staff is proud and committed to providing the residents with the highest quality of care in a warm and friendly environment. Our competent team of professionals, support staff, and volunteers are resident-focused and devoted to the veterans who live at our Home.

Our residents enjoy the comfort of modern accommodations as well as the convenience of common living and dining areas for socializing with new friends. They have access to complete medical services, pharmaceutical services, spiritual care, recreational programs, barber and beautician services, and physical, speech, and occupational therapy.

Veterans interested in calling MJFSVH their home can view a virtual video and do an online walking tour at: <https://vetaffairs.sd.gov/veteranshome/Features.aspx>.

I strongly encourage veterans, and or their families, to schedule a visit by contacting our staff at the State Veterans Home at (605) 745-5127.

Greg Whitlock, Secretary
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