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SD Bridge to be Dedicated in Honor of U.S. Army Sergeant Terry G. Rada

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting a State Bridge Dedication Ceremony to honor U.S. Army Sergeant Terry G. Rada.

The ceremony will be Saturday, August 10, 2024, at 12:00 noon (CT) at the Multi-Purpose Center in Geddes (409 Michigan Avenue).

The SD50 bridge over Pease Creek, east of Lake Geddes, will be dedicated as the SGT Terry G. Rada Bridge.

Terry was killed in action by enemy grenade June 9, 1969, in South Vietnam, Quang Tin province.

Naming bridges in honor of our combat veterans who died while serving their country is an initiative of Governor Kristi Noem and the South Dakota Departments of Military, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.

“Our fallen heroes are no longer with us, but their memories live on in the hearts of their loved ones,” said Greg Whitlock, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “Naming our South Dakota bridges in honor of our fallen gives us the opportunity for remembrance, reflection, and respect. It helps us to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to this nation. They cherished liberty and loved freedom so much, they were willing to lay down their lives to preserve our way of life.”

“We can never over appreciate the costs they bore for us,” said Whitlock. “We must never forget that our fallen sacrificed their future and their dreams. Their memories will live on for generations.”