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### **Veterans, See What's Brewing! Join Us in Ipswich for Coffee and Conversation**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA), in partnership with Edmunds County Veterans Service Officer Barb Schaefer, invites all veterans, to attend a special “Coffee and Conversation” event in Ipswich. This gathering is part of the Department’s “What’s Brewing” program—an outreach effort to connect directly with veterans, hear their stories, and provide updates on services and benefits available to them.

Date: Thursday, June 26

Location: FEM Electric Conference Room (800 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Ipswich, SD)

Time: “What’s Brewing” conversation begins at 1:00 pm (CT).

“The ‘What’s Brewing’ series serves as an important platform for meaningful conversations with our veterans,” said SDDVA Secretary Jeremiah Schneider. “These gatherings not only allow us to better understand the concerns and challenges veterans are facing, but also provide a forum to share updates on benefits, services, and resources available to them. It’s our duty as advocates to stay connected to their experiences and honor the sacrifices they’ve made in service to our country.”

Secretary Schneider, members of the SDDVA team, and CVSO Schaefer will be available to answer questions and provide information on a wide range of veterans’ benefits and services, including compensation, education, pensions, healthcare, burial benefits, the State Veterans Cemetery, and the State Veterans Home.

All veterans are encouraged to attend. For those unable to make it, the SDDVA remains just a call or click away. Reach the Department at 605.333.6869 or locate your county or tribal Veterans Service Officer at:

<https://vetaffairs.sd.gov/veteransserviceofficers/locatevso.aspx>

Let’s grab a cup and connect—because every veteran’s story matters.