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### **VETERANS DAY AT THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. - The South Dakota State Fair will host its annual "Salute to Veterans" program, scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. on the Northwestern Energy Freedom Stage. This significant event honors the service and sacrifice of veterans, active military personnel, and their families, offering free gate admission for all veterans and military personnel on this dedicated day.

This year's program will feature Jeremiah Schneider, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, as the keynote speaker. A distinguished native of South Dakota, Secretary Schneider brings extensive experience from his over 19-year career in the United States Naval Reserves, where he holds the rank of Master Chief and serves as the Deputy Senior Enlisted Leader for Expeditionary Medical Facility Camp Pendleton. His leadership roles and multiple tours in Afghanistan underscore his deep understanding of military service. Secretary Schneider resides in Southeastern South Dakota with his wife and four children.

Throughout the entire fair week, dedicated staff from the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will be available at Booth #5A in the Expo Building. They will provide updates and personalized assistance regarding state and federal benefits, programs, and services tailored for veterans.

For more information about the South Dakota State Fair schedule and events, please visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com).