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South Dakota Bridge to be Dedicated in Honor of U.S. Army Private First-Class Vern A. Harris

Sioux Falls, SD – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) will host a Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication to honor U.S. Army Private First-Class Vern A. Harris.

The ceremony will be on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. (MT) at the Red Earth Table (421 North Main Street) in Isabel.

This dedication is part of a statewide initiative established during the Noem-Rhoden Administration and expanded under Governor Rhoden. In partnership with the South Dakota Departments of Veterans Affairs, Military, and Transportation, the program establishes enduring tributes that honor service and serve as a lasting reminder to future generations.

The SD HWY 20 bridge over the Irish Creek, west of Isabel, will be dedicated as the PFC Vern A. Harris bridge.

PFC Harris served with honor and distinction, and this dedication will ensure their legacy continues to inspire all who travel this roadway. SDDVA invites the public to attend and recognize this hero's sacrifice and service to our nation.