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South Dakota Bridge to be Dedicated in Honor of U.S. Army Private George P. Thares

Sioux Falls, SD – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) will host a Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication to honor U.S. Army Private George P. Thares.

The ceremony will be on Friday, July 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. (CT) at the St. Joseph Catholic Church (518 2nd Ave W) in Mobridge.

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 US HWY 12 bridge west of Mobridge will be dedicated as the PVT George P. Thares bridge.

PVT Thares 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.