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**South Dakota Bridge to be Dedicated in Honor of U.S. Air Force
1st Lieutenant Laurence E. Radlinger**

Sioux Falls, SD – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) will host a Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication to honor U.S. Air Force 1st Lieutenant Laurence E. Radlinger.

The ceremony will be on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (MT) at the Minneluzahan Senior Citizen (315 N 4th St) in Rapid City.

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 16B bridge in Rapid City will be dedicated as the 1LT Laurence E. Radlinger bridge.

1LT Radlinger 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.