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SD Bridge to be Dedicated in Honor of U.S. Army PVT Frederic Schroeder

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting a State Bridge Dedication Ceremony next month to honor U.S. Army Private Frederic Schroeder.

The ceremony will be Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. (CT) at the Madison City Armory (198 VanEps Avenue N) in Madison.

The Big Sioux River Bridge on SD HWY 34, one mile east of Egan, will be dedicated to PVT Schroeder.

Schroeder, whose home of entry was Egan, enlisted in the U.S. Army and began his World War I tour of duty in 1918. Schroeder was killed in action September 30, 1918, while serving with B-Company 361st Infantry Regiment 91st Division.

Naming bridges in honor of our combat veterans who died while serving their country is an initiative of Governor Kristi Noem and the South Dakota Departments of Military, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.

“Whenever and wherever this nation has called, in times of darkness and danger, as well as in times of peace and prosperity, veterans have been there and have proudly carried the torch of liberty for all to see,” said Greg Whitlock, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.

“Our fallen heroes are no longer with us, but their memories live on in the hearts of their loved ones and our state,” said Whitlock. “Naming our South Dakota bridges in honor of our fallen gives us an opportunity of remembrance, reflection, and respect—for honoring the men and women who gave their lives in service to this nation. They cherished liberty and loved freedom enough to lay down their lives to preserve our way of life.”

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