



South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

September 10, 2021

Commissioner Larry Jensen
520 3rd Street - Suite 210
Brookings, SD 57006

Dear Commissioner Larry Jensen,

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs would like to invite you to a "State Bridge Naming Ceremony" to honor U.S. Army Air Corps CPT Elmer Rusch.

The ceremony will be held Friday, October 8, 2021, at 11:00 am (CT) at the DePuy Military Hall on the SDSU Campus in Brookings (1150 Campanile Avenue).

The Rusch Bridge will be located at South Dakota HWY 14 Bypass Bridge west of Medary Avenue.

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.

We hope you can join us as we honor one of South Dakota's special heroes.

Sincerely,

Greg Whitlock, Secretary
South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs