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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

National Guard cases colors of the 109th Engineer Battalion

STURGIS, S.D. - The South Dakota Army National Guard will be officially inactivating and casing the colors of the 109th Engineer Battalion during a ceremony at 2 p.m. (MDT) on Saturday, Aug. 18, at Woodle Field in Sturgis.

Prior to the inactivation ceremony, the City of Sturgis Forestry Committee will be dedicating the Sturgis Freedom Memorial at 1 p.m. (MDT) at the Hills and Plains Park. The Freedom Memorial will honor all branches of the military and their long standing traditions.

The unit is collecting and organizing pictures, documents and memorabilia for historical purposes. If anyone has anything that might be of interest, please let the unit know and also indicate interest in a 109th Engineer Battalion history book if one were created. Pictures and historical items will be on display at the Main Street Armory on Aug. 18.

Event schedule:

- 1 - 2 p.m. Dedication of the Sturgis Freedom Memorial Hills and Plains Park
- 2 - 3 p.m. Inactivation Ceremony Woodle Field
- 3:30 - 5 p.m. Social, at the Main Street Armory
- 5 - 6:15 p.m. Banquet
- 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Program – Guest Speakers and Video Presentation
- 7:30 p.m. Social