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MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Retiree and Veteran Benefits Summit to be held in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota National Guard will host the Retiree and Veteran Benefits Summit in Pierre at 6:30 p.m. (CDT) on Wednesday, July 25, at the National Guard armory. The intent of the meeting is to encourage South Dakota Army National Guard retirees and veterans of all services to attend and answer questions regarding services, benefits, and entitlements.

The summit will also provide South Dakota Army National Guard retirees with an update on the transformation of the National Guard and the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program.

The format for the summit will include brief presentations followed by opportunities for attendees to meet individually with representatives to discuss specific questions and concerns.

The long-term goal is to conduct a similar meeting in every community where there is a National Guard armory.

Other summits are scheduled to be held at armories in Huron on Sept. 13, Rapid City on Nov. 7, and Watertown on Jan. 16, 2008.