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Karim Family Creates Future Endowment for Riggs Graduates

In the fall of 2004, Mansour Karim placed seven apartment housing properties valued at \$1.1 million into a charitable life income trust with his college alma mater, South Dakota State University. In return, he will receive a lifetime income stream from the trust and will enjoy income tax benefits that include avoidance of capital gains taxes on the appreciated properties. Eventually, the trust will end and create the Mansour and Ruth Karim Scholarship Endowment, primarily benefiting T.F. Riggs graduates attending SDSU.

Karim left Tehran when he was 17, and arrived in Brookings in 1951 with little English and \$27 in his pocket. He took a job after graduation with the State Department of Transportation in Pierre as a civil engineer. Marrying his wife Ruth, a local schoolteacher, helped him put down some roots. Along the way, the Karims' had seven children, now spread from Cincinnati to Hawaii.

Karim's children went through Pierre's Riggs High School, and Ruth served on the Pierre School Board for nine years, so he wanted to provide opportunities for Pierre graduating seniors to attend South Dakota State. He wants to fund scholarships for engineering students, with the



The Karim family with Governor Michael Rounds. From left, Ruth Karim, class of 1948, Mansour Karim, Governor Michael Rounds, class of 1973, and Jafar Karim, class of 1989.

occasional wrestler as part of the mix as well. "I don't want to help just the top students with the highest grades," Karim explains. "I wasn't one of those myself."

Mansour Karim knows more than a little about the value of a helping hand along the way, and reasons that the 'B' and 'C' students of the world need friends too. 🍌

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Pierre Educational Foundation

About the Pierre Educational Foundation

The Pierre Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community based organization committed to helping students of all ages in their pursuit of academic excellence. The activities of the foundation are directed by a Board of Directors.

The Foundation was established in 1995 with a gift from the Cora London Estate. Cora London was a successful clothier business owner and operator for many years in Pierre. Her generosity will encourage additional grants, gifts and endowments for educational purposes.

The Pierre Educational Foundation seeks to involve all sectors of the community. Our goal is to perpetuate a high quality system of education for all citizens within the boundaries of the Pierre School District. The Foundation is dedicated to providing well-rounded educational opportunities where graduating students will be well prepared to succeed in their post high school years; faculty members will be able to teach in a positive and well equipped learning environment; educators can continue to develop innovative and sound instructional programs; local employers will be assured that schools will provide competent employees; and all Pierre citizens will benefit from the Pierre School District.

The purposes of the Pierre Educational Foundation are to promote and support the educational needs of the students, teachers, and community members through donations, pledges, gifts and grants; to accept contributions from individuals, businesses and public or private organizations; to deposit and productively invest funds received, obtaining the maximum income obtainable with safety; and to provide funding for academic scholarships and educational activities in accordance with the terms specified by donors. ■

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From the President

Verne Brakke, Pierre Educational Foundation President



Everyone has memories of their educational experiences in elementary, junior high/middle school and high school. For some that was just a beginning of their educational experiences and for some it was the end. The Pierre School District, since 1890 has been preparing

young minds for a successful future. Wherever you find yourself and whatever you are doing, your educational experience has been the key to your success.

I'm sure some of my experiences and memories are similar to yours. When Deb and I moved our family to Pierre in 1978, we knew that Pierre was a great place to raise our family and educate our children. Little did I know that my involvement in our children's education would lead to nine years on the Pierre School District Board of Education. That experience crystallized my understanding of the changing needs and wants of our educational system. Unfortunately this increased need to support all aspects of education has been paralleled with limited increases in state and local resources. While the commitment is there, the financial where with all probably never will be accomplished through state and local taxes alone.

At a school board strategic planning session in late 1992, the idea of exploring non-traditional sources of funding surfaced; after all private schools had a proven track record of such activity. I further pursued the idea and sought out other school board members with similar beliefs in Iowa, Nebraska, and California. It wasn't until the school board received a gift from the Cora London estate was it possible to finally put the Educational Foundation for the Pierre School District together. The official 501(c)3 status was finalized in 1996.

We are now approaching the 10th year anniversary of our efforts to build a permanent endowment to support educational efforts of the Pierre School District. Thanks to the generous efforts of our business community, alumni, educators and many

others, the Pierre School District Educational Foundation has approximately \$500,000 of permanently endowed funds managed by the Bank West Oahe Foundation. This includes new scholarship programs for graduating seniors, a fund to re-establish a debate program and mini-grant opportunities for educators. Future deferred endowments have also been created to support music, math and science. The generosity of our alumni, community and the Foundation Board members has been incredible.

Given that I only have one month left of my ten year term I now know that what has been created will live on to support the educational needs of our community for years, decades, and maybe even centuries. I am asking everyone to join in this effort to support the Foundation. Maybe it's a small cash gift, or being named in your will. Possibly it is leaving a legacy for an educational need that made a difference in your life or that of your children. Maybe it is leaving an appreciated asset such as stock, land, or buildings. Whatever your role, big or small, it will make a difference.

Finally, take note of the changes now and in the future that are taking place. If you haven't looked at the website www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org, take a quick look. There are a lot of links on the web site to provide you much more than you might think. We have also just started a year long project to complete a Pierre High School Alumni Directory, so don't be surprised if you are contacted through the mail or by phone. It is exciting to see this growth in the Foundation and the impact it is having upon our children and the community.

Charlotte Lunsford once stated, *"We won't always know whose lives we touched and made better for our having cared, because actions have unforeseen ramifications. What's important is that you do care and you act."*

Thanks again for your generosity and your support. 🍷

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Verne D. Brakke".

From the Student Body

Drew White, Riggs High School Senior Class President

Just over four years ago, my family moved from North Platte, NE all the way to Pierre. At first, I didn't know what to think. We came from a city with a population almost twice the size of Pierre, and arrived just in time for me to attempt to make the transition into high school. I was nervous more than anything, because an awful lot of new things were happening in a very short period of time.

Fortunately for me, this move played out to my advantage. My new classmates welcomed me with open arms and never made me feel like the "new kid." I'm not sure if I actually fit in or not, but everybody was nice enough to at least let me think I did. Four years later, I find myself preparing to graduate. I won't graduate as the "odd man out" among a class of un-accepting strangers; instead I will be graduating as a proud member of the single unit called the Riggs High Class of 2006. We all went through many of the same classes and had many of the same problems and all can share each other's experiences as if they were our own. I never could have imagined that four years could go so quickly, but they did. Looking back now, I can say that my senior year was by far my best experience while in the Capital City.

It is pretty easy for me to see why it's been such a great year (nostalgic moments aside). This is one of the most successful years in Riggs' history. Athletics, music, drama, Student Senate . . . the list could go on.

During the time I've been here, I have seen improvements that have simply amazed me. For example, when I first arrived, the football team won maybe two games in the entire season. This year we were one win away from the state championship game. The boys' basketball team actually made it to the championship, but ended up as runners-up. This was my first real experience watching basketball and as a result I can't really go into detail how past seasons have gone. I do know that the year before they were consolation champions and that was considered to be an improvement. The girls' cross country team finished higher in state and ESD than they had in a long time, and the boys managed to have two runners finish in the top 15. It would be very

easy to spend all of my time relaying how the sports teams have done, and nobody could argue that athletically, Riggs has excelled this year. However, our high school has much more to offer than just sports—no matter how many games we win.

One area where Riggs shines, is in the fine arts. This year our jazz band received a 1+ rating at large group contest, which is the highest score possible. The pep band was the featured band of the day at the AA State Basketball Tournament. The drama department earned a superior rating at the One-Act festival in Vermillion. With the risk of simply listing accomplishments, we also had students place in local art shows, and one student was selected to have her artwork displayed in the Capitol building to represent all of Hughes County. Our Chorus also had a good year, with several students earning 1+'s on their solos or duets at small group contest.

Being the student body president, I need to mention a few of the things that Student Senate accomplished for the 2005-2006 year. For the third year in a row, we were named one of South Dakota's "Outstanding Student Councils," no doubt for the hard work our senators put in to making our school the best it can possibly be. Aside from the traditional activities, such as Homecoming, the Student Senate also put together intramural ping pong and 3-on-3 basketball tournaments. These events served as fundraisers that got many more students participating than might normally do so. The Senate also held a "Senior Prom," in which senators went and danced and chatted with the residents of the Parkwood Independent Living Complex. We also set up a senior wall painting project where seniors can paint a brick on one of Riggs' walls and leave a mark (after it's been approved). The result is more color and character in our hallways.

Other organizations that had a tremendous year include: our Future Business Leaders of America organization, which will be sending several of their

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From the Superintendent

John Pedersen, Pierre School District Superintendent



Greetings from the Pierre Public Schools, for most readers the school from which you graduated or at a minimum have a genuine interest. On behalf of our school, we appreciate your interest and support.

Our school is successful; we provide a quality education for all students. Our graduates are a testament to our success, with Riggs graduates accomplishing outstanding results. Our test scores are always at the top of the ESD results. No Child Left Behind is a federally mandated programming requiring all schools to reach certain levels of proficiency with all students. We accept this challenge and in most situations, we have achieved our goals.

With the school year ending, it's always a time for reflection. I'm completing my 25th year as a school superintendent in South Dakota, having had the opportunity to serve four school districts. Yes, our schools are changing, in most situations the change brings about positive results. Today schools are called upon to do more than ever before. Many times these additional responsibilities and programs do not have supporting funding attached. Technology is changing instructional methods of delivering instruction. Technology is a key tool for classroom instruction for student learning.

Alumni members are more important today than ever before. We need your support to continue the programs necessary to continue "Governor" pride. Your interest and involvement in our school is appreciated. 🍷

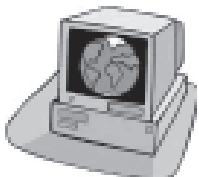
Drew White, continued from previous page...

members to Nashville to participate in business-oriented competitions; our National Honors Society, for once again putting on one of the biggest blood drives in the state; our school yearbook, for earning All-State yearbook for the 15th consecutive year and being named top of the class for all of South Dakota..

The best part of listing all of the things that took place this year is the fact that I know I have missed several accomplishments. The reason I say that's the best part is because that just goes to show how much we've succeeded in one year. This school year has been an experience that most people can never imagine to go through—so much success over such a short period of time. I truly could never ask for a better way to end my high school years. Despite all of the awards and honors we have accumulated, I don't think anything I've listed so far is the biggest success of the year. These activities and their respective accomplishments have brought myself and my classmates even closer together, and now we will leave high school as friends. When I first came, I was scared I wouldn't fit in. Now, as I leave, I know that Pierre is and will always be my home.

I don't know how what else is necessary to call this year a success. 🍷

New Pierre Educational Foundation Website



Have you had a chance to check out www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org? The Pierre Educational Foundation has a new website, which includes information about the foundation, scholarships, mini-grants, and much, much more. Check it out today!


Spring 2006 Mini Grant Recipients

The Mini-Grant Program Funds are awarded to students, educators, and members of the community to:

- ✓ Encourage teachers to focus beyond standard curriculum;
- ✓ Sharpen instructional ideas and techniques that can be adapted by other teachers and schools;
- ✓ Raise the educational performance of students of all ages;
- ✓ Offer solutions for urgent educational challenges;
- ✓ Provide a way for the private sector to support educational projects through a non-profit charitable organization;
- ✓ Establish directed or non-directed scholarships to encourage and support post-secondary study.

The Pierre Educational Foundation awards mini-grants twice annually. Applications were due on April 1, and winners were announced on May 1. Thirteen applications were submitted, and the following five projects were awarded mini-grants, totaling \$5,070.00.

- ✓ \$630.00 to Barb Newman at Jefferson Elementary for **A Young Musician's Guide to Composing** – a workshop that addresses composing and arranging music with specific guidelines, reading, listening, analyzing and describing music. It is aligned with the National Standards for Music Education.
- ✓ \$582.60 to Darlene Braun at St. Joseph School for **Teaching the Craft and Traits of Writing Through Literature** – a program that emphasizes life long learning skills, teaching students to write with the help of great authors; leading students to recognizing that the ability to put one's thoughts in written form is necessary.
- ✓ \$460.00 to Joan Crabtree at Buchanan Elementary for **Purposeful Playgrounds** – to purchase stencils for a map of the United States and another of the World and paint these on the playground along with painting walking lines on the black top.
- ✓ \$1044.85 to Deborah Hepper at Georgia Morse Middle School for **Realization of the Impact of Water on Erosion for the Middle School**. One of the standards involves instructing students about erosion and weathering factors related to water. The sixth grade has tied this standard to the geography of South Dakota – specifically the Black Hills, caves, Badlands, the Northeastern region in relation to glacial evidence with lakes and the Missouri River. The best way to teach this is through first hand experience by constructing models of rivers and streams and applying variables of water to the models.
- ✓ \$2343.00 to Darlene Braun at St. Joseph School for **Boost Up the Brain** – curriculum that is designed to develop and enhance the physiological and neurological readiness skills of the students. Activities are visual perception, and eye-hand coordination. The Boost Up activities specifically develop essential connections within the brain which leads to improved learning for all students. (A similar mini-grant was awarded to Buchanan Elementary School in 2005).

For a complete list of all mini-grants awarded by the Pierre Educational Foundation, visit our website at www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org. Applications for the next round of mini-grants are due October 1, 2006. Applications are available at the Pierre School District Administration building, or you can download an application at <http://www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org/minigrants/application.shtml>. 

The James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship Winner 2006



Maria Tracy, 2006 Mueller Scholarship Winner, accepts her scholarship award letter from Pierre Educational President, Verne Brakke at the 2006 Seniors Awards Banquet on May 9, 2006.

The James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship is awarded to a T.F. Riggs High School graduating senior planning to enroll in an accredited college or university who intends to pursue a career in the medical field. The 2006 winner of the James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship is Maria Tracy. Tracy will receive \$3,245.00 after she has completed her first semester accredited college or university.

The Pierre Educational Foundation's Mueller Scholarship committee is comprised of the Foundation Board President (or a board designee), a T.F. Riggs High School Guidance Counselor, and a doctor representing the Pierre medical community. 📍

Coming Soon: Riggs High School Alumni Directory!



The Pierre Educational Foundation would like to introduce the Riggs High School Alumni Directory, the most comprehensive directory of Riggs High School alumni ever published.

The Pierre Educational Foundation has contracted with Alumni Research, Inc. to collect and compile the information into a hardbound, library quality volume and an online community. This directory is being made available to Riggs High School alumni only and is a limited edition press run and offered only one time.

Alumni Research, Inc. will soon be contacting those who have provided current telephone numbers and addresses to verify biographical information. Please help your alma mater to keep in touch with you. The directory is scheduled for completion in the Spring 2007. To be included in the Alumni Directory or for more information please contact Alumni Research Inc., by phone at toll-free (800) 299-1230, U.S. mail at 3333 US Highway 19 Suite 6 Holiday, FL 34691. 📍

Irene L. and Herbert C. Emde Scholarship

Irene Emde taught 3rd and 4th grade in the Pierre School District for more than 20 years. Her students remember her as the teacher who taught them reading, and inspired them to learn. She had a long teaching career of 60 years beginning in 1927 at the age of 17 in Stringtown, Arkansas; where her father had also started teaching. She went on to teach at many schools throughout the Midwest, teaching more than 3,000 students during her 60 years of teaching. After her retirement from the Pierre School District in 1975, she continued teaching by substituting both in the Pierre School District and at the Pierre Indian School until 1987 when at the age of 78, she entirely retired.

A scholarship has been established in her and her husband Herbert's honor to help graduating high school students whose goal is to become teachers. The hope of the scholarship is that Irene Emde's legacy of teaching will be continued. Former students, friends, and those wishing to support a scholarship for future teachers may send a tax-deductible donation to the Irene L. and Herbert C. Emde Scholarship Fund, Pierre Educational Foundation, PO Box 94, Pierre, SD 57501. 📍

Alumni News

The Thirties

Lois Potter Ackerman

Class of 1932

Lois currently resides in Eugene, OR. Her husband Ray and her settled in Eugene shortly after the war.

Daniel Hoyt

Class of 1936

Daniel and his wife Dorothy currently reside in Winona, MN. Daniel taught junior high one year 1946-1947 prior to going to grad school at the University of Iowa.

Doris Potter McMurtry

Class of 1936

Doris currently resides in Eugene, OR.

Bernice (Winckler) Haugejorde

Class of 1938

Bernice currently resides in Iowa City, IA. Bernice has spent her retirement years traveling to visit family and helping foster children.

The Forties

Hugh Parker Warren

Class of 1940

Hugh is currently living in the "South" and is searching to locate relatives.

Cal Jassmann

Class of 1942

Cal and his wife Phyllis currently reside in Longmont, CO. Cal was a pilot for Capital – United Airlines for 31 years, and has been retired for 21 years.

Betty Wunschel

Class of 1944

Betty currently resides in Helendale, CA. She recently returned from a trip to Antarctica where she got to walk with the penguins!

Marcene VanderPlaats Rummier

Class of 1948

Marcene currently resides in Pittsford, NY. Her husband, Norman, class of 1951 died on September 10, 2004. Norman graduated from USD and was an Artistic Director for the Federal Emergency Management Association for 30 years in Washington, D.C.

The Fifties

Beverly E. Jones Jennings

Class of 1950

Beverly and her husband Kenneth currently reside in Pierre, SD. They are currently retired and have two daughters, Terri Jennings Pleinis, class of 1982; and Tanya Jennings Noble, class of 1984.

Dr. Wayne F. Echelberger, Jr.

Class of 1952

Dr. Echelberger serves as a consultant to the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the review of research and demonstration grant proposals. In 1999, Dr. Echelberger established the Wayne and Iris Echelberger Scholarship through the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Foundation. The scholarship is annually awarded to a soph., junior, or senior majoring in Civil Engineering with special interest in the area of Environmental Engineering.

Sandra (Vilas) Patterson

Class of 1958

Sandra and her husband John, currently reside in Powder Springs, GA. They are retired and enjoy RVing, going to church, and spending time friends and family.

The Sixties

Fiona Emde Sohns

Class of 1961

Fiona and her husband Oscar, currently reside in Los Gatos, CA. Fiona graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, IA and taught English for almost 38 years to more than 10,000 students. She retired in June of 2003. Her husband, Oscar, is a retired Architect and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley. He practiced architecture for 38 years and had his own firm in Los Gatos. They are enjoying the free time retirement provides and looking forward to upcoming travels.

Judy Rilling Kilpatrick

Class of 1965

Judy and her husband Jim, currently reside in Killeen, TX. They have been married for 22 years, and Judy has two children, three stepchildren, and four grandsons. She works as a federal employee at Fort Hood, TX as an Information Technology

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Specialist. Her husband works for a contractor on Fort Hood as an Aviation Planner / Analyst. They both plan to retire sometime within the next five years.

Steve McArthur

Class of 1967

Steve currently resides in Gillette, WY. He is currently employed in the coal bed methane industry as a lease operator.

The Seventies

Barry D. Glum

Class of 1974

Barry currently resides with his wife in Bismarck, ND. He is employed with Job Service North Dakota as a Customer Service Specialist. They have two daughters, and one granddaughter. Prior to moving to Bismarck, he worked for Child Protection Services in Pine Ride, SD for 14 years.

The Eighties

Dr. Scott H. Anderson

Class of 1981

Scott and his wife Sohee, reside in Tigard, OR. They have two children, Alexander and Nicole. Scott is practicing optometry in Beaverton, OR.

Ward Judson

Class of 1987

Ward and wife, Heather, are the proud parents of Bryce Ward, born April 22, 2006. He joins 2 sisters, Adeline, 4, and Meredith, 2. Ward has been at Erico, a privately held company in Cleveland, Ohio, for 2 yrs., in the research and development area. His work involves metal solidification projects for railroads. Heather is a graduate of Wheaton College, Chicago, Illinois. They recently purchased and moved to a new home in Hudson, Ohio.

Brian Miller

Class of 1988

Brian and his wife Brandee and their daughters currently reside in Sioux Falls, SD. Their second daughter, Aubree, was born in October 2004.

Tim Hilton

Class of 1989

In January 2005, the Hiltons moved from Hudson, WI to Hummelstown, PA. Tim is currently working as

an Electrical Engineer at the URS Corporation, an architectural engineering firm in Hunt Valley, MD. He designs power and lighting for commercial facilities. Tim's wife, Wanda, works as the Assistant Professor of Health Education at Messiah College. Tim and Wanda have two children.

The Nineties

Donita (Bauske) Brown

Class of 1990

Donita is currently employed at the SD Women's Prison as a correctional officer. Her boyfriend Jason is employed by the SD Department of Transportation. They had their first child, Nathan, in October 2004.

Laura (Menning) Gordon

Class of 1990

Laura, her husband Jack, and their children reside in Florence, KY. They have two children, Jackson and Abigail. Laura continues to work for Campbell Lodge Boys' Home. Her husband Jack is a sales manager for Belterra Casino and Resort.

Connie (Taylor) Hauser

Class of 1990

Connie, her husband Mark, and their three boys currently reside in Fort Knox, KY. Connie is a stay at home mom with her boys, Max, Karl and Conrad, and often volunteers at their school. Her husband Mark, is a Captain in the army as a Tanker.

Matt Brakke

Class of 1996

Matt, his wife Kim, and their daughter Madilyn currently reside in Pierre. Matt works at a financial planner for Brakke Financial Services. His wife Kim, works from home for the Pierre Educational Foundation and BPro, Inc. Their daughter Madilyn was born on June 5, 2005.

Torry Zeller

Class of 1996

Torry is currently training for the 2008 Olympics in China. Torry has been competing with world class runners around the country to gain experience at this level of competition. If you would like to contribute to Torry's training, make your check payable to Pierre / Ft. Pierre Olympic Qualification Fund, 711 North Monroe, Pierre, SD 57501. Good luck Torry! 🍀

Class Reunion Information

Class of 1956

50 Year Reunion

September 22 – 24, 2006

For more information, visit www.pierre56ers.com or contact Jeannette (Hall) Pfeiffer at Pfeifgran@aol.com.

Class of 1966

40 Year Reunion

June 23 – 25, 2006

For more information, visit www.riggshighclassof1966.myevent.com.

Class of 1976

30 Year Reunion

June 23 – 25, 2006

For more information, visit www.pierreclassof76.com or contact Jody Badger Hardwick at demspir@pie.midco.net.

Class of 1986

20 Year Reunion

June 23 – 25, 2006

For more information, visit www.pierreclassof86.com or contact Michelle Ulmen Baack at tmbaack@mncomm.com or Marcie Lyngstad Long at mlong@pie.midco.net.

Class of 1996

10 Year Reunion

June 30 – July 1, 2006

For more information, visit <http://riggshighclassof1996.myevent.com>.

Class Reunion Challenge!

The Pierre Educational Foundation challenges the classes of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986 and 1996 to see which class can raise the most money for the Pierre Educational Foundation at their reunion this summer!

The Pierre Educational Foundation seeks to involve all sectors of the community. Our goal is to perpetuate a high quality system of education for all citizens within the boundaries of the Pierre School District. We challenge the classes having reunions this summer to raise money to help the PEF continue to make a difference in education within Pierre. The results will be included in the next issue of the *Governor News*, which will be published this fall. 🍎

In Memoriam

Lewis Bloom
Class of 1930

Bob Coe
Class of 1948

James A. Dalethorp
Class of 1949

Dorothy K. (Towne) Dean
Class of 1950

Helen DuBois
Class of 1927

Irene I. Emde
Pierre School District Teacher

Shirley (Wine) Fike
Class of 1950

Tom Gandy
Class of 1939

Kirk Hazeltine
Class of 1981

Robin (Kayser) Hewlett
Class of 1950

Esther Jensen
Class of 1935

Eli "Jack" Martensen
Class of 1939

Vanetta (Adams) Matthews
Class of 1928

Olivia Moberg
Class of 1934

Pauline (Jones) Nash
Class of 1947

Bernice Pade
Class of 1934

Fred Price
Class of 1938

Edna Maye (Hagemann) Schmitz
Class of 1950

Bernice (Maher) Stelov
Class of 1929

Mildren (Hunsley) Stuart
Class of 1932

Howard Tegland
Class of 1945

Chuck Tucker
Class of 1953

Norman VanderPlaats
Class of 1951

Vietnam War Memorial Dedication

September 15 - 16, 2006

Pierre, SD



One of the largest events of its kind will bring thousands of Vietnam War-era veterans to Pierre in September 2006 to dedicate a 7-foot-tall bronze statue of a combat-weary American fighting soldier.

"I invite all Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who call South Dakota home to join us for a very special 'thank you' and 'welcome home' for their service," Gov. Mike Rounds said.

Final plans are being made for the Sept. 15-16, 2006, dedication of the South Dakota Vietnam War Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol in Pierre. It will honor the more than 28,000 young men and women from South Dakota who served in the Vietnam War era and the 207 who gave their lives during the war.

"Many dedicated volunteers already are working on the details, and we expect to host the largest event ever held in central South Dakota," he said.

In addition to the ceremony dedicating the statue, plans call for a huge parade through the city of Pierre, followed by a fireworks display. There will be displays of military equipment and aircraft used during the Vietnam era, including the Huey helicopter. Veterans who want to find their wartime comrades and renew old acquaintances can sign up at the "Find a Buddy" tent. A traveling exhibit modeled after the popular Vietnam Memorial Wall in the nation's capital also will be featured.

People who attend the dedication activities won't lack for entertainment options. In addition to popular local and regional entertainers, organizers already have booked top-name concerts by The Beach Boys, The Steve Miller Band, Creedence Clearwater Revisited, and The Red Willow Band.

Private donations from individuals, companies, and corporations will solely fund the dedication events. To register Vietnam-era veterans for the event, to learn more about the memorial, or to make a tax-deductible donation for its dedication and upkeep, visit the Web site at www.SDVietnamWarMemorial.com or call or write the South Dakota Vietnam War Memorial Dedication Committee, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, telephone (605) 773-3688. 🗨️

Does your will include the Pierre Educational Foundation? If not, please consider a bequest of cash, property, or stocks and bonds— or a percentage of your estate. Your gift will make a difference!



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Occupation: _____

Children: _____

What's new with YOU? (feel free to use a seperate sheet of paper): _____

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