

**(S.D.)-Officials To Unveil Report Regarding Battle Mountain Sanitarium**

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(HOT SPRINGS, S.D.)-Representatives from the National Trust for Historic Preservation have announced that they will join area military veterans, elected officials, and local preservationists at a press event in Hot Springs this week to unveil a significant new report regarding the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The report includes recommendations that would directly impact the Battle Mountain Sanitarium.

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 7th, and will include Hot Springs Mayor Don DeVries; Jenny Buddenborg, a senior field officer with the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Army veteran Don Ackerman with The American Legion Post 71; and Army vet Pat Russell, who also serves as the AFGE Local 1539 President and Save the VA Committee Chair. The group will meet at the Base of the Battle Mountain Sanitarium Grand Staircase (adjacent to Golden West commercial building) to share the report with those in attendance. The location in case of inclement weather is The American Legion Hall at 1045 Jennings Ave.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation named Battle Mountain Sanitarium one of America's National Treasures in 2012. National Treasures are classified as endangered places of national significance where the National Trust is committed to a long-term effort to preserve a place. The local Save the VA committee has been working to save the National Historic Landmark campus since the Department of Veterans Affairs announced a proposal to close it in December 2011.

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