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\$1.14 Million to Upgrade Heating, Ventilation, Lighting

FORT DODGE - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that the Kansas Soldiers' Home at Fort Dodge has received \$1.14 million to upgrade the heating, ventilation and lighting at the facility. The funding is through a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Improving the quality of the facilities that our veterans depend on is an important step in ensuring that our veterans receive the care they deserve," Moran said. "These improvements will give veterans greater heating and cooling control in their rooms, in addition to helping the facility better serve veterans."

The funding will be used to upgrade the heating in Nimitz, Grant and Lincoln Halls, and to replace the roof of Halsey Hall. The funding will also be used to upgrade the lighting in all of the halls, which will save the facility about \$15,000 per year in energy costs. In addition, the water cooling units in Eisenhower Administration Hall will be upgraded to air cooled units, saving the home about one million gallons per year in water usage.

"I appreciate the support from Congressman Moran and the Veterans Administration for the approval and awarding of the remodeling construction grant for Fort Dodge," said Bill Ramsey, superintendent of the Kansas Soldiers' Home. "These enhancements will greatly improve the comfort and quality of life for our residents."

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