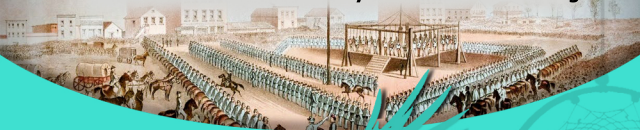


# Honoring Our Ancestors Saturday March 1st, Join Us for a Sacred Ceremony and Potluck Gathering



**ON DECEMBER 26, 1862**

**THIRTY-EIGHT DAKOTA MEN WERE HANGED IN MANKATO, MINNESOTA.  
THIS IS THE LARGEST MASS EXECUTION IN U.S. HISTORY**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**, Please Join Us for a Sacred Ceremony and Potluck Gathering (*All times approximate.*)

The ceremony will be performed by Joseph Bester and Lon Navarre.  
Assisting in the ceremony will be Tommy, Steve and Riley.

**When:** March 1st, 2025, 11:00 AM, with the lighting of the sacred fire  
**Where:** Fort Snelling State Park, 101 Snelling Lake Rd, St. Paul, MN 55111  
Park entrance off Highway 5 at Post Road near the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.  
Stop at the park office for a free pass or bring this flyer.

Please bring Tobacco and Sage for the ceremony (if possible).  
The ceremony is outdoors—dress warmly as it will be cold.

## **Potluck Gathering:**

**Time:** 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
**Location:** Dupuis House (Sibley Historic Site) 1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota, MN 55150  
Please bring a food to share, as this is a family style potluck.

Please contact Sharon for more info, directions, or if you would like to help.  
[sharon@mendotadakota.com](mailto:sharon@mendotadakota.com) 651-452-4141.

## **Sponsored By:**

The Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Council and Members: Sharon Lennartson (Chairwoman), Steve Renville (Vice Chairman), Joe Lennartson (Treasurer), Danielle Ross (Secretary), Greg Strandmark (Historian). Special thanks to the Minnesota DNR for nearly 30 years of support.

We hope to see you there! With love, Sharon "Good Thunder Woman"