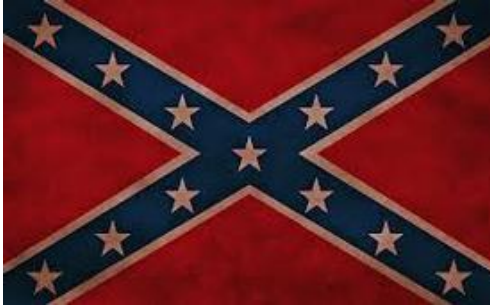




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(S.D.)-Confederate Flag Removed At VA Hospital



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HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Officials at the Veterans Affairs medical center in Hot Springs have removed a Confederate flag from a historical display after some patients complained.

VA Black Hills Health Care System Director Steve DiStasio says that he will meet with the veterans next week to talk about the matter.

The flag has been a part of the display for decades. DiStasio says he understands that it might be offensive to some, despite its historical significance.

He says there is no time frame for making a decision on whether to permanently remove the full-size flag, and a smaller Confederate flag that is part of a separate display.