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## Burn Ban Modified

Yankton County Now Allowing Some Burning With Prior Approval

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Yankton County has amended its burn ban to allow some exceptions, but county officials and area fire chiefs emphasize the ban hasn't been lifted.

The Yankton County commissioners approved the changes during Friday's special meeting. Under the amended version, a property owner must first get permission to burn from the local fire chief or other designated person, who in turn will contact the county dispatch center to inform

authorities of the burn.

The commissioners discussed the change at Thursday's regular meeting. The board tabled action on the burn ban until Friday's election canvass so minor corrections could be made in the burn ban amendment.

Chairman Bruce Jensen said the decision to allow some burning, if approved by fire chiefs, has received public support. Other commissioners said they also received requests for at least limited burning.

"The people I talked to, they said it's a good move," Jensen said. "They understand that we

can't lift the burn ban because it's still dangerous."

Commissioner Garry Moore said he heard from fire chiefs who wanted to maintain some control over fires.

"They don't want the ban lifted, but they want some latitude," Moore said. "They have latitude with this (amendment)."

Moore noted the change requires documentation of fires and informs law enforcement of authorized burns.

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Saying that he had shown "extremely poor judgment," CIA Director David Petraeus, seen in this 2010 file photo, a retired general popular on both sides of aisle, resigned Friday after admitting to having an extra-marital affair.

## CIA Director Quits Over Extramarital Affair

Petraeus Admits To Showing 'Extremely Poor Judgment'

BY KIMBERLY DOZIER AND CONNIE CASS  
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WASHINGTON — David Petraeus, the retired four-star general renowned for taking charge of the military campaigns in Iraq and then Afghanistan, abruptly resigned Friday as director of the CIA, admitting to an extramarital affair.

The affair was discovered during an FBI investigation, according to officials briefed on the developments. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the matter. It was unclear what the FBI was investigating or when it became aware of the affair.

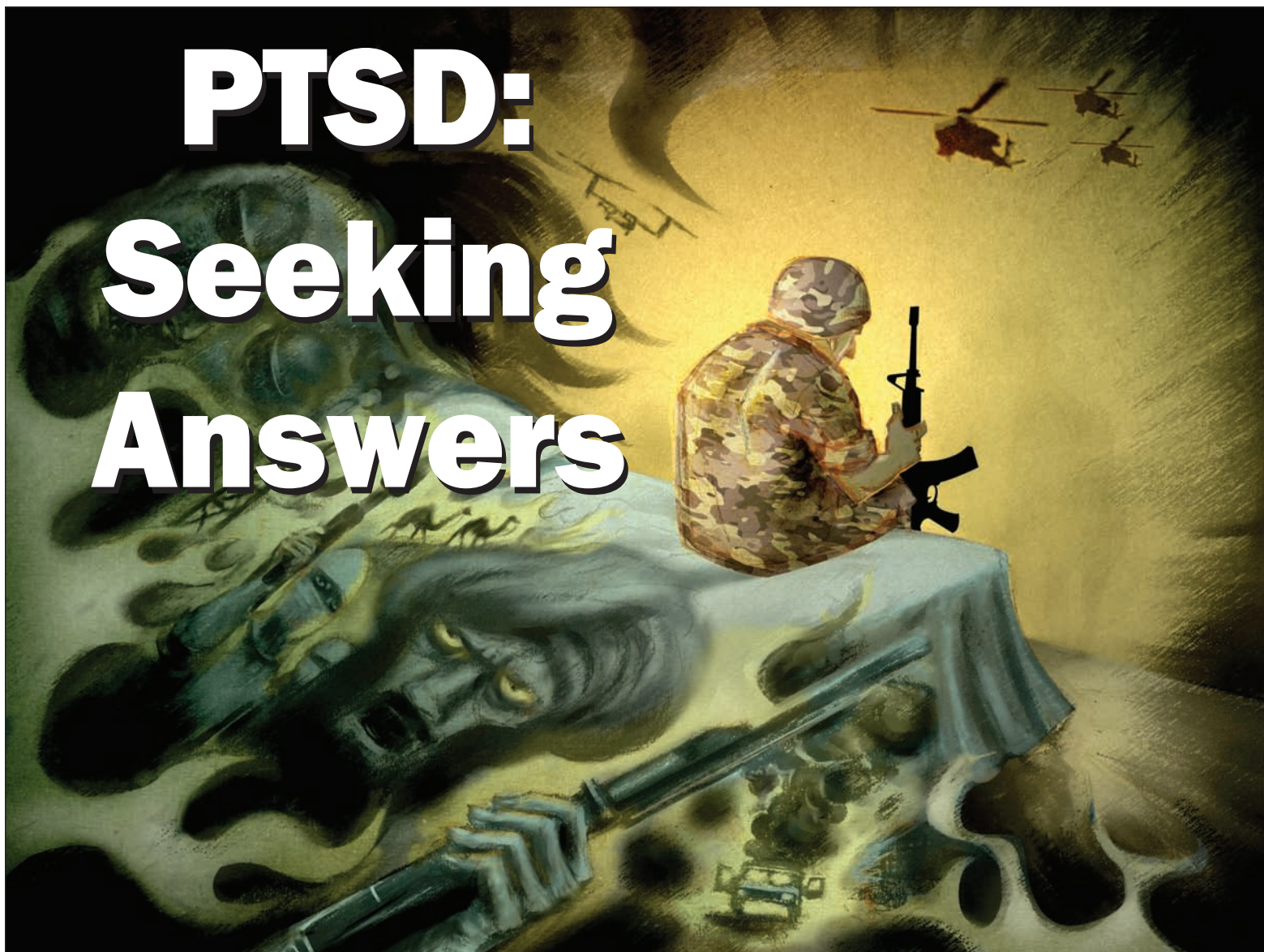
Petraeus' resignation shocked Washington's intelligence and political communities. It was a sudden end to the public career of the best-known general of the post 9/11 wars, a man sometimes mentioned as a potential Republican presidential candidate. His service was effusively praised Friday in statements from lawmakers of both parties.

Petraeus, who turned 60 on Wednesday, told CIA employees in a statement that he had met with President Barack Obama at the White House on Thursday and asked to be allowed to resign. On Friday, the president accepted.

Petraeus told his staffers he was guilty of "extremely poor judgment" in the affair. "Such behavior is unacceptable, both as a husband and as the leader of an organization such as ours."

He has been married for 38 years to Holly Petraeus, whom he met when he was a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. She was the daughter of the academy superintendent. They have two children, and their son led an infantry platoon in Afghanistan.

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## USD Researches Traumatic Stress Affecting Combat Vets

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a two-part series on how local groups are dealing with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other challenges faced by veterans. The second part will appear in Monday's edition of the Press & Dakotan.

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**F**or many combat veterans, the battle doesn't end when they return home.

They find themselves torn between the war they left behind — or can't leave behind — and trying to deal with family, jobs and other issues on the homefront.

And often, no one else seems to understand them or their situation.

Now, University of South Dakota researchers at Vermillion are seeking new insights into the complex issues surrounding Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Drs. Jeffrey Simons and Raluca Gaher of the USD psychology department are part of the multidisciplinary study. The project is made possible by a \$1.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The grant will cover equipment, salaries and reimbursement for participants.

The study focuses on Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) veterans, Simons said. The ultimate goal of the researchers is to improve care for the country's newest generation of veterans.

"It's a rolling experiment over four years. We are following a particular subject for 18 months," he said. "By time we are done, we will have followed 250 people

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State Command Sergeant Major of the South Dakota Army National Guard, Larry Zimmerman speaks to Yankton Middle School (YMS) students, along with Veterans and other members of the public on Friday at YMS' Veterans Day celebration. Zimmerman spoke about sacrifices military personnel make for us to enjoy the freedom we have here today.

## YMS Honors Sacrifices Made By Veterans

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Thirty-five Yankton Middle School (YMS) students and teachers gathered in front of their friends and coworkers on Friday to help Larry Zimmerman make a point.

Zimmerman, the South Dakota state Command Sergeant Major, brought the students and teachers to the front of the gym to show the audience how many South Dakota soldiers have been killed in the line of duty over the past 11 years.

"I think it's important for young adults like the students here to know the sacrifices so many people made for them to have their freedoms," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman became the seventh state command sergeant major of the South Dakota Army National Guard in 2009. As part of his duties, he serves as the adjutant general's personal advisor on all enlisted matters, with a special emphasis on soldier issues and training. Zimmerman also acts as an advocate and representative for more than 3,400 soldiers from South Dakota.

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