



U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST FIVE SAMUEL J. JORGENSEN

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- On November 26, 2019, South Dakota launched the Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program. The program dedicates state bridges to South Dakota heroes who died while in active service, were a prisoner of war or were missing in action.

- Nelson Creek Bridge on SD HWY 50, is dedicated to U.S. Army Specialist Five Samuel J. Jorgensen.

- In connection with ground operations against a hostile force on February 14, 1970, Jorgensen heroically distinguished himself while serving as a loader with Company M 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in the Republic of Vietnam. Troop C, with Specialist Jorgensen's platoon attached, was summoned to aid an infantry unit who had engaged a well-entrenched enemy force. Upon arrival at the scene of contact, the tanks began to assault the enemy bunkers. Jorgensen's tank was struck by a rocket propelled grenade. Jorgensen died of multiple wounds.

- For his service and sacrifice Samuel received many medals and citations. Among them the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

