



U.S. ARMY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL
GORDON LIPPMAN

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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.

The Spring Creek Bridge on US HWY 16 near Hill City is dedicated to U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Gordon J. Lippman.

LTC Lippman devoted his life to the United States Army, serving as a paratrooper during World War II, a company commander in the Korean War, and Executive Officer during the Vietnam War. He grew up in Lemmon, eventually moving to Hill City. On December 11, 1965, Lieutenant Colonel Lippman was serving as Executive Officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. On that day, Viet Cong snipers infiltrated his camp perimeter near Lai Khe, South Vietnam, and while LTC Lippman attempted to locate the snipers to direct defensive fire, he was shot and mortally wounded.

For his service and sacrifice, Lippman received many medals and citations. Among them, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, and the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star.

