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U.S. ARMY  
FIRST LIEUTENANT  
THOMAS M.  
MARTIN

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HURON, SD



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 James River Bridge on US HWY 14 near Huron is dedicated to U.S. Army First Lieutenant Thomas M. Martin.

Martin, who was born in Huron, was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 40<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team (Airborne). He died October 14, 2007, in Al Busayifi, Iraq, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using small-arms fire during combat operations.

For his service and sacrifice, Martin received many medals and citations. Among them, the Bronze Star Medal (2 awards), Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2 awards), Ranger Tab, and the Parachutist Badge.

