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SSG DANIEL CUKA

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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 James River Bridge on SD HWY 46 near Yankton, is dedicated to U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Daniel Cuka, of Yankton.

Cuka was killed on December 4, 2005, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during convoy operations in Baghdad, Iraq while he was serving with Charlie Battery, 1-147 FA.

For his service...and sacrifice...Cuka received many medals and citations. Among them...the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart were posthumously awarded.

