



CPL MARTIN FLUEGEL

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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 West Fork of the Vermillion River Bridge on HWY 38 is dedicated to CPL Martin Fluegel.

Fluegel served during both World War II and the Korean War. During the Korean War, he was a member of the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was taken prisoner of war while fighting the enemy in South Korea on February 4, 1951, and died while a prisoner on July 24, 1951.

For his service...and sacrifice...Martin received many medals and citations. Among them... the Combat Infantryman's Badge, POW Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korean War Service Medal, and World War II Victory Medal.