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RUSSELL FERDIG

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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 477th Avenue bridge over I-29 at Exit 15 is dedicated to U.S. Army Corporal Russell N. Ferdig.

- Russell experienced a traumatic event which ultimately resulted in loss of life September 8, 1968, in South Vietnam, Hoa Nghia province.

- For his service and sacrifice, Ferdig received many medals and citations. Among them were the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and the National Defense Service Medal.

