



U.S. ARMY  
FIRST LIEUTENANT  
DANIEL KIRCHGESLER

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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.

- US16B bridge over Rapid Creek in Rapid City is dedicated to U.S. Army 1LT Daniel J. Kirchgesler.

- Kirchgesler was killed August 21, 1969, in a search and clear operation near the village of An Lam in Quang Tin Province, Republic of South Vietnam.

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

