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JOHN C. MCDOWELL

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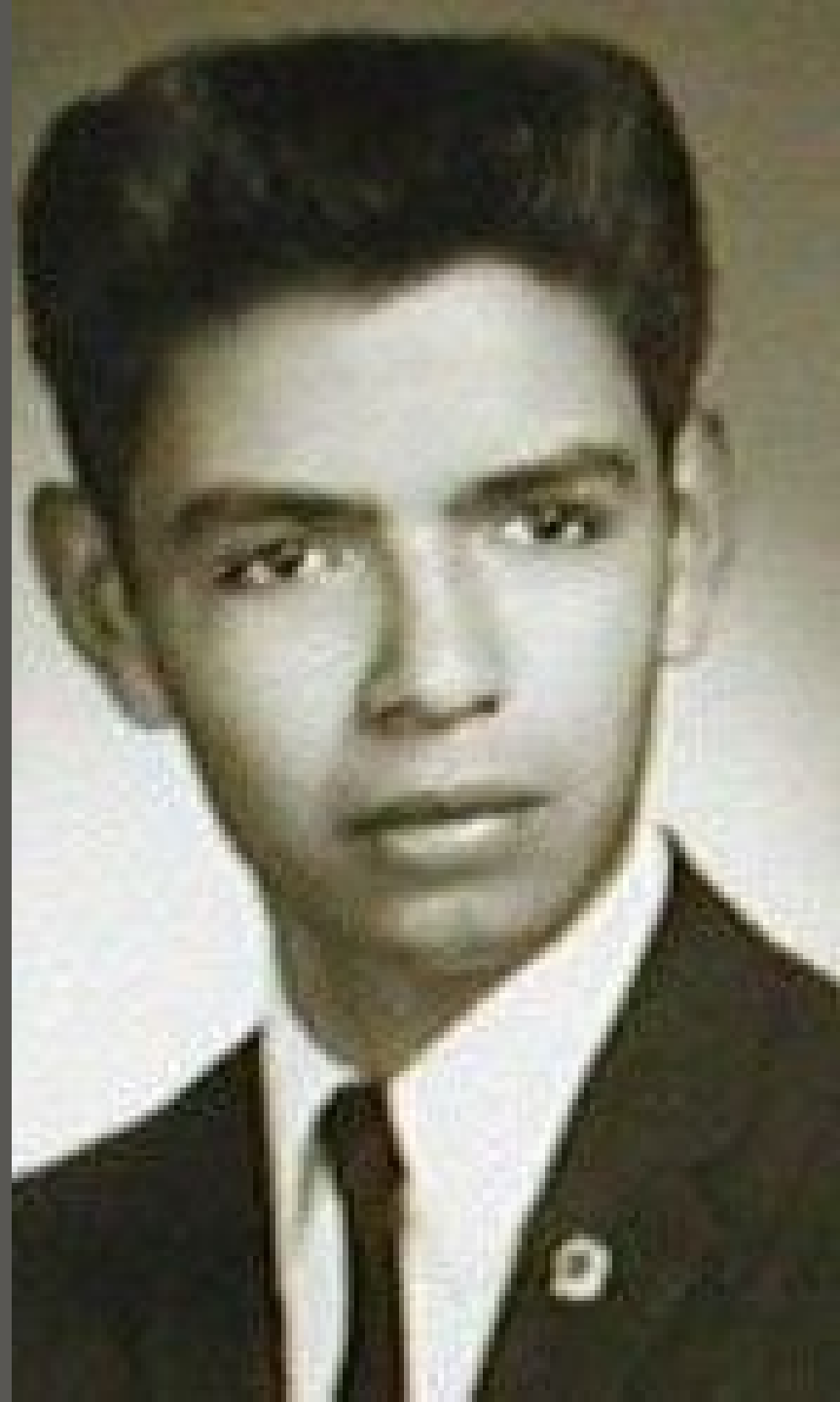

- On November 26, 2019, South Dakota launched the Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program. The program dedicates state bridges to South Dakota heroes who died while in active service, were a prisoner of war or were missing in action.

- The SD 44 Bridge over Andes Creek, just west of US 281 is dedicated to U.S. Army Corporal John C. McDowell.

- John began his tour of service on September 30, 1967, during the Vietnam War. A traumatic event ultimately resulted in the loss of his life on January 9, 1968, in Long Kkanh province, South Vietnam.

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