
U.S. ARMY
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LEROY GOOSEN

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ONIDA, SD



- 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 prisoners of war, or were missing in action.
- The SD HWY-1804 bridge over Okobojo Creek, south of Onida, will be dedicated as the PVT LeRoy Goosen Bridge.
- PVT Goosen enlisted in the U.S. Army in January 1952 and attended training at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, with two other hometown boys. In July 1952, he was deployed to Korea, where he was assigned to the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, serving as a machine gunner. On October 8, 1952, during a heavy barrage of artillery, PVT Goosen was killed in action.

