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FRANK J. HOLCOMBE

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CENTERVILLE, 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 19A bridge over Vermillion River, about two miles south of Centerville, will be dedicated as the PVT Frank J. Holcombe Bridge.

- PVT Frank J. Holcombe was one of Centerville's earliest volunteers in World War I, enlisting in September 1917 and serving with Company C of the National Guard's 147th Field Artillery. Frank was killed in action on August 3, 1918, in France, becoming the first Centerville soldier to die in the war. Initially buried in France, his remains were returned to the United States three years later and reinterred with full military honors at Riverview Cemetery in Centerville on August 14, 1921.

