
U.S. ARMY
STAFF SERGEANT
ERVIN C. RIECK

JULY 26, 2025

WARNER, 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 US HWY-281 southbound bridge over Moccasin Creek just west of Warner will be dedicated as the S/SGT Ervin C. Rieck Bridge.

- S/SGT Ervin C. Rieck was born on August 5, 1915, in Brown County, South Dakota. Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, he trained as a machine gunner and served in the Philippines and Okinawa, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant in Company C of the 383rd Infantry, 96th Division. On April 9, 1945, Ervin was killed in action on the Ryukyu Islands of Okinawa while trying to save a wounded fellow soldier. He was initially interred in Okinawa before his remains were later returned home for burial in 1948.

