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U.S. ARMY  
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MARK SHIELDS

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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 prisoners of war, or were missing in action.
- The SD HWY-50 Bridge over the Crow Creek is dedicated to U.S. Army PFC Mark Shields.
- PFC Shields answered the call to serve his country during the Korean War. Enlisting in the United States Army, he served with the 72nd Engineer Combat Battalion, attached to the 5th Infantry Regimental Combat Team. During the summer of 1950, PFC Shields and his unit were part of the United Nations (UN) forces defending the Pusan Perimeter. PFC Shields gave his life in the line of duty on August 16, 1950, in Chingong-Ni, South Korea.

