

Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program  
SGT Jeremiah J. Boehmer - Parkston, SD  
November 11, 2020



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 James River Bridge on HWY 44, near Parkston, is dedicated to SGT Jeremiah J. Boehmer and SSG Jason W. Montefering, of Parkston. Boehmer served in the United States Army from April 1983 – February 2006. He died in Iraq when an explosive device detonated near their Stryker squad engineer vehicle February 5, 2006, while on a routine security mission.

Jeremiah James Boehmer was born April 10, 1983, to Jim and Jo Boehmer at Parkston, SD. He attended Parkston High School, graduating in 2002. He worked for Mid-Continent Restoration for a short time before enlisting in the United States Army. Jeremiah served during Operation Iraqi Freedom in both Afghanistan (2003- 2004) and Iraq (2005-2006). He was assigned to the 562<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Company, 172<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team based at Fort Wainwright.

During his quiet times, he enjoyed fishing and playing video games.

**Awards/Ribbons Boehmer Received:**

- Bronze Star
- Purple Heart
- Army Achievement Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Combat Action Badge
- Airborne Tab for War Time Service

