



**PVT RICHARD  
BERTRAM**

**AUGUST 14, 2021**

COLOME, SD



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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 a prisoner of war or were missing in action.

The South Dakota HWY 183 Bridge, which spans the Keya Paha River, is dedicated to PVT Richard Bertram of Colome. He was killed in action on Okinawa Island in Japan in 1945 while serving with Company C, 382<sup>nd</sup> Infantry.

**Awards/Ribbons Bertram Received:**

Bronze Star  
Purple Heart  
Combat Infantryman Badge  
World War II Victory Medal  
Marksmanship Badge  
American Campaign Medal  
Army Presidential Unit Citation  
Army Good Conduct Medal  
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal  
And numerous other awards and decorations