

*In Loving Memory of
Staff Sergeant Gregory A. Wagner*



**SSG GREGORY
WAGNER**

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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 38 Bridge over the James River east of Mitchell, will be dedicated to U.S. Army SSG Gregory Wagner.

Wagner graduated in 1989 from Hanson High School in Alexandria, and soon after enlisted in the South Dakota National Guard. His unit was deployed to Iraq in October 2005. On May 8, 2006, he died when his convoy was attacked in a Baghdad neighborhood.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (Posthumously Awarded), the Purple Heart (Posthumously Awarded), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with "M" Device, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, the South Dakota Distinguished Service Medal with Four Oak Clusters, the Combat Action Badge (Posthumously Awarded), the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge, and the Driver and Mechanic Badge.