South Dakota National Guard
Fallen Heroes Memorial

The South Dakota National Guard dedicated a new memorial plaza, Sept. 8, on Camp Rapid to honor 171 fallen SDNG soldiers who died in various wars or conflicts since the organization’s formation in 1862.

The memorial pays tribute to the service and sacrifice of these fallen heroes who were active members of the SDNG and died while deployed during federal service.

The memorial plaza includes a metallic globe, stone wall and metal plaques with the names of all known South Dakota Guardsmen who lost their lives during the Spanish-American War/Philippine Insurrection, World War I, World War II, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.