

# Kolb Road Connection to Sabino Canyon Road

## AIRMEN MEMORIAL BRIDGE



### HISTORY

**1942:** B-24 Liberator training became the sole mission of the 39th Bombardment Group based at what was then known as Davis-Monthan Army Air Field.

**NOVEMBER 30, 1944:** A mid-air collision between two B-24 Liberator Bombers over the Pantano Wash kills 18 Airmen.

**2016:** Bill Davidson, Ray Villalobos and Fred Gateman found a WWII cartridge in the Pantano Wash, learned of the B-24 mid-air collision and proposed the dedication of the new Sabino Canyon Road bridge to those airmen who lost their lives in the collision.

**JANUARY 5, 2017:** The new Sabino Canyon Road bridge over the Pantano Wash is dedicated as Airmen Memorial Bridge. Naming approved by City of Tucson Mayor and Council on December 20, 2016.

### AIRMEN ON B-24 LIBERATOR (#42-73357):

William T. Dixon, *Private First Class, South Carolina*  
Charles F. Gavilsky, *2nd Lieutenant, Illinois*  
Theodore V. Glock, *2nd Lieutenant, Pilot, Minnesota*  
David H. Lorenz, *Corporal, Ohio*  
Julian J. Magiera, *Corporal, Massachusetts*  
Harry C. Meade, Jr., *Corporal, Maryland*  
Joe D. Stoudemire, *2nd Lieutenant, Georgia*  
William J. Turner, *2nd Lieutenant, Colorado*  
Arnold L. Vander Wilt, *Private First Class, Iowa*

### AIRMEN ON B-24 LIBERATOR (#42-73344):

Harold D. Ballard, *2nd Lieutenant, Pilot, Colorado*  
Raymond J. Link, *Private First Class, New York*  
Leonard S. Schultz, *Private First Class, Illinois*  
Joseph N. Shober, Jr., *2nd Lieutenant, Pennsylvania*  
Henry A. Smith, *Corporal, Illinois*  
James G. Spagnoli, *Corporal, Illinois*  
Alexander P. Tuttle, Jr., *Flight Officer, Texas*  
Earl J. Viney, *2nd Lieutenant, Wisconsin*  
Eunice W. Young, *Corporal, Texas*

