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.

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