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ILLINOIS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIER DIES FROM INJURIES *Injuries sustained from January IED attack*

SPRINGFIELD – Spc. Simone Robinson, 21, assigned to Company G, 634th Brigade Support Battalion in Crestwood, died March 1 at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, from wounds sustained Jan. 17 in Afghanistan. Robinson, along with four other Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers, was wounded in an attack by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device in January.

Robinson, a resident of Robbins, Ill., graduated from Thornton High School in Harvey, Ill., in 2005. She joined the Illinois Army National Guard in December 2004 and completed basic training December 2005. This was her first deployment. Robinson is survived by her 2-year-old daughter.

"I am truly saddened by the loss of Spc. Simone Robinson," said Maj. Gen. William Enyart, Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard. "Spc. Robinson was a driven and dedicated Soldier who will be missed by all of us in the Illinois National Guard. We will continue to have her family in our thoughts and prayers."

Robinson deployed with Company E, 634th Brigade Support Battalion in Joliet, to Afghanistan as part of the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) in August 2008 to provide force protection for Camp Eggers and to be the quick reaction force for the Kabul area. It is one of the approximate 30 units with the 33rd IBCT and two units from the 404th Chemical Brigade that deployed to Afghanistan to form Task Force Phoenix VIII. They were joined in theater by various coalition partners and forces from other U.S. service components to form the remainder of the task force.

Robinson is the 24th casualty the Illinois National Guard has suffered since operations in Afghanistan and Iraq began. No information on funeral arrangements has been determined at this time.

Out of respect for the Robinson family, please contact the Illinois National Guard Public Affairs Office at 217-761-3569 for all media requests, after duty hours please call 217-725-2265.



Spc. Simone Robinson

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