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Miami soldier killed in attack at Iraq base

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A 22-year-old U.S. Army soldier from Miami was killed in Iraq by mortar fire on March 3, according to the Department of Defense.

Pfc. Jessica Y. Sarandrea was mortally wounded when insurgent forces attacked her forward operating base with mortar fire in Mosul, Iraq.

An official statement from the U.S. government stated that Sarandrea was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sarandrea, who graduated from Coral Gables High School, was stationed in Mosul, where she worked as a supply specialist performing logistical support for her battalion, said Alejandro "Alex" Sarandrea, her husband. She was walking from her office, perhaps to get her gear, when she was hit by shrapnel from incoming mortar, her husband said.

The shrapnel pierced her liver and severed one of her main arteries, said Sarandrea, of West Miami, who is also 22.

"I know what a wonderful person she was," said Sarandrea. "I will always carry her memory in my heart."

Jessica Sarandrea enlisted in the Army about four years ago, and re-enlisted to be with her husband, he said.

During a prior deployment, the two met in Kuwait. Sarandrea told the young woman she looked familiar to him. She said she did not recognize him. But when the two met again, "we started talking. It turned out we were both from Miami, from almost the same region," Sarandrea said.

"We ended up getting married out there," said Sarandrea, who trains soldiers how to defend themselves against biological and chemical attacks.

Federal officials did not immediately return phone calls for more detailed information about the soldier.

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**rfrankie25** wrote on 03/07/2009 11:50:45 PM:

the soldier that passed away was my niece.i will always love her and will always be proud of her service to her country,but i think it's time our president brings our soldiers home.

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to tonytke:

Holy moly will people like you just get over the BLAME BUSH bull\$hit. Give me a break. I'm sure your an Obama guy.....news flash.....he is bankrupting our country. I can't believe the ignorance of blaming Bush for the death of every US soldier. You will have no other excuse for the upcoming depression.....Oh, but Bush is also to blame for that.

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Obama Hussein left our soldiers in Iraq after promising he will bring them back...now he's beginning to accumulate brave soldiers deaths on his back...

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You can thank Bush/GOP for Death....

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**godacts238** wrote on 03/07/2009 06:53:55 PM:

it is sad to see how many young people die in a war that has no ending unless they re extracted from the war zone she was just 22 beginning to live and all her dreams were cut short i was a soldier once in the us army viet nam era i served 3 tours there saw how ugly the war was and now i say how many more young lives must be lost before someone decides is a very brave but worthless cause how much more american blood must we give in foreign countries i would do another hiroshima on them arabs thy are two face anyway i ask god to have jessica in his heaven for she was very brave an died for a cause and that she may rest in the peace of god

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**johnnp** wrote on 03/07/2009 06:27:36 PM:

she was courageous because she wore the uniform, she was proud and like all of us, I wear my uniform with pride!

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R.I.P soldier

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**dianepmny** wrote on 03/07/2009 05:36:57 PM:

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It this is political... and joeypowee doesn't believe in freedom... well, it should be Obama's fault for not having pulled the troops from Iraq as he lied about (promised)... or maybe HE now understands what is at stake here... and has decided (wisely) to keep 50,000 troops in Iraq... (a little more than what Bush had before the surge)...

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