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## Texas Military Department Announces the Death of Soldier

**AUSTIN, Texas (January 22, 2021)** – A Texas National Guardsmen died Tuesday, January 20, 2021, in a non-combat related incident while supporting Operation Spartan Shield at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Manchester, 34, of Austin, was a non-commissioned officer with the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard, headquartered in Austin, Texas. Manchester deployed with the 36th ID, September 2020.

“We are devastated by the loss of one of our own,” said Maj. Gen. Tracy Norris, the Adjutant General for Texas. “In this profession, we always know in the back of our mind that this is a possibility, but we hope it never comes to pass. The entire Texas Military Department sends our deepest condolences to Staff Sgt. Manchester’s family and loved ones he leaves behind. We are also keeping his fellow service members in our thoughts and prayers who are still overseas mourning the loss of their brother in arms.”

The unit leadership will continue to provide support and assistance to his family during this difficult time.

Manchester joined the Texas Army National Guard in 2018, after serving in the U. S. Marine Corps. His awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

The incident is under investigation.

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