Another Oregon soldier killed in Iraq

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U.S. Army Sgt. Sean Patrick Fennerty of Portland, Oregon has been killed in Iraq, the Oregon Military Department announced this week.

Sgt. Fennerty, 25, was killed Saturday while conducting combat operations against anti-Iraqi forces in the Al Anbar Provice of Iraq when the M1124 high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle he was in was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED) or roadside bomb.

U.S. Army Sgt. Sean Patrick Fennerty of Portland, Oregon was killed in Iraq on Jan. 20, 2007. Photo provided by Oregon Military Dept. Born in a naval hospital in San Diego, Calif., the sergeant grew up in Tucson, Ariz. and Portland, Ore. He was a graduate of Jesuit High School in Portland, and Oregon State University.

Jesuit High School faculty members remember Fennerty as a faith-filled person who participated in all areas of the school. â€œHe took it upon himself to strengthen the school community with his generous and giving spirit. These qualities enabled him to be a friend to many faculty and students while he attended Jesuit. His awareness of duty to make our world a better place is what led him into the military service of our country.â€•He was stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska with the 25th Infantry Division.

Sgt. Fennerty is survived by his mother and father, one brother, and two sisters.

His family said Sean loved to ski, fish and spend time with his friends. â€œHe always wanted to be in the military and serve his country, as he felt this was part of honor and service.â€•