

## BASE NEWS: Fallen Marine brave at early age

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His final mission was on April 29, 2007. His patrol was leading the search of an area suspected to be holding several insurgents when it came under fire. Lt. Manion rallied his men in a counterattack, personally taking out an enemy position. He left his more secure position on at least two occasions to help others who were wounded.

Iraqi army reinforcements were delayed by an improvised explosive device, or IED, as they advanced on the flank of the insurgents, and Lt. Manion and his patrol were taking fire from three sides. Determined to gain a better position from which to fight and to draw fire away from the wounded, Lt. Manion moved to an exposed position: He held the insurgents at bay with his rifle and grenade launcher. The insurgents moved to the rooftops. A sniper aimed at him, fired and hit him in the side, just above his body armor. Despite the best efforts of his fellow Marines, he died on the battlefield.

"The American people must know we, too, lost a close friend and brother this day," said Iraqi Army Col. Ali Jaffar at the memorial service.

"If not me, then who?" Lt. Manion said to his mother before leaving for his second deployment.

Lt. Manion was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star with Valor for his actions in Iraq on Dec. 5.

The Travis Manion Foundation was created by the Manion family to assist wounded service members and the families of the fallen. Programs include fellowships for wounded veterans who wish to do community service, scholarships for the children of fallen service members, support for family members and community service projects.

For more information, visit [www.travismanion.com](http://www.travismanion.com).

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By George Jahn - Associated Press

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By Rowan Scarborough - The

Washington Times

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