



## **JESSICA TELFORD IS RUNNING FOR ARMY 2ND LT. TRACY LYNN ALGER**

30, of New Auburn, Wis.; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.; died Nov. 1 in Shubayshen, Iraq, of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near her vehicle

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Wisconsin native killed in Iraq  
The Associated Press  
NEW AUBURN, Wis. —

A New Auburn native whose passion was barrel-racing died when an improvised explosive device exploded near her Humvee in Iraq, her mother said Nov. 3.

Alger grew up in New Auburn, went to Chetek High School and then studied graphic design at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. After college, she worked as a graphic artist and then a certified nursing assistant at a nursing home before signing up for the National Guard.

“Serving her country was what she wanted,” Knutson said. “We had a conversation before she left that she might not be coming back, so we spent as much time together as we could.”

Knutson said her daughter started considering the service after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Alger was in charge of convoys that transported supplies, her mother said. “She was a very considerate officer,” Knutson said. “She didn’t have to go on a lot of the convoys, but she wanted to serve alongside her people. She was not a stay-back-at-camp kind of person.”

Alger spent many years barrel-racing, a rodeo-like event in which horse and rider are timed as they maneuver around large barrels, she said. Her horse, Tango, is boarded at Knutson’s home.

