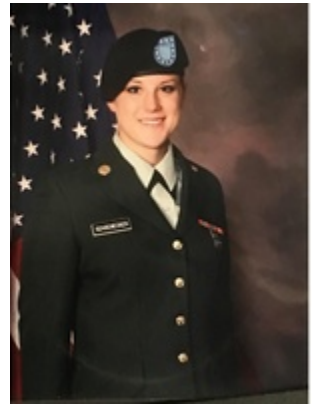




## **STEVI HILLMAN IS RUNNING FOR SGT. CHRISTINA M. SCHOENECKER**

Died February 19, 2018 Serving During Operation Inherent Resolve

26, of Arlington, Kansas, died in Baghdad, from a non-combat related incident. Schoenecker was assigned to the 89th Sustainment Brigade, Wichita, Kansas.



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The incident is under investigation, but a source, in Baghdad, told Popular Military Schoenecker's death is believed to be a suicide.

In 2016, suicide became the number one cause of death for troops deployed to the Middle East to fight the Islamic State.

Schoenecker enlisted in the Army in May 2009 and was on her first deployment, which began last June. A human resources specialist, she was assigned to the 89th Sustainment Brigade out of Wichita. She enlisted as a human resources specialist and achieved the rank of sergeant in January 2015.

She had received the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Service Ribbon, and the National Defense Service Medal.

A month before her deployment, Stars and Stripes reported that Schoenecker exchanged numerous Facebook messages saying that she planned to take many family photos with her overseas.

'We express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Sgt. Christina Marie Schoenecker,' command executive officer for the 451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Frankie Murphy, said in a statement.

