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Edinburg man killed in Iraq

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A 34-year-old Army sergeant who loved spending time with his family and dreamed of settling down in his hometown died Wednesday in Iraq, family members said.

Military officials told the family that Sgt. Christopher Ramirez of the 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Stewart, Ga., died in an ambush.

"He did not want to be over there," said Cynthia Ramirez, Ramirez's sister-in-law. "He only wanted to be there for his troops, to lead his platoon. He couldn't let his comrades down."

One of a family of 11 children, Ramirez loved to come home to see all his nieces and nephews.

"He loved spending time with his family, loved being with his brothers and nephews and nieces," Cynthia Ramirez said. "He loved baseball games. When he was home, almost every day we had to do something with him."

After graduating from Pharr High School, Ramirez immediately joined the military. He had more than 12 years of military experience and had served in Kosovo and Desert Storm, according to KRGV-TV.

He was looking forward to ending his military career and joining the U.S. Border Patrol. He had been saving for a plot of land and planned to build his own house.

His term with the Army was up in January, but the Department of Defense extended his tour. On Christmas Day during his last leave he was told there was an emergency and he had to return.

"Christmas Day, when he had to go back, he was just quiet. It wasn't like him. It was silence, it was nothing," Cynthia Ramirez said.

View from the top



Junior finance major **Jenica Van Winkle** climbs up a 30-foot telephone pole during her venture dynamics class Wednesday afternoon. Students had to climb the telephone pole, stand on the top without holding anything and jump forward to try to catch a ball hanging six feet away.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wife of kidnapped contractor in Iraq prays for his return

MACON, Miss. (AP) — Kellie Hamill said Wednesday her family is struggling with the silence that has followed the capture of her civilian husband in Iraq, maintaining their courage through prayer and the support of others.

"It's hard, it's really hard," she said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from her home in Macon. "You want him home. You want to hear from him."

Thomas Hamill, 43, a fuel tanker driver for Halliburton Co. subsidiary Kellogg, Brown & Root, was abducted Friday when gunmen attacked his convoy of fuel trucks.

Now, Hamill's family must deal with reports that four bodies have been found in Iraq, possibly the remains of private contractors who are missing.

Kellie Hamill said she had not seen her husband's picture since the weekend, when the Arabic news network Al-Jazeera aired tapes of the former dairy farmer. In the segment, Hamill's captors

threatened to kill him unless troops ended their assault on the city of Fallujah.

A deadline imposed by abductors came and went Sunday with no word of his fate.

"It's nerve-racking, not knowing what's going on," said Hamill's mother, Phyllis.

Wendy Hall, a Halliburton spokeswoman, said Wednesday the company has no new information regarding the missing workers and whether the bodies that were reported Tuesday have been identified some of those workers.

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