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**NEBRASKA ARMY GUARD SOLDIER  
SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES SUSTAINED  
IN IRAQ HUM-VEE ACCIDENT**

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MAJ GEN ROGER LEMPKE**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – A Nebraska Army National Guard Soldier died Sunday in Germany from injuries he sustained in a Hum-Vee accident in Iraq on Aug. 21, Maj. Gen. Roger Lempke, adjutant general for Nebraska, announced today.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey J. Hansen, 31, died at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, after he was injured when the Hum-Vee he was riding in went off a berm near Camp Anaconda, Iraq, and was submerged in a canal. Staff Sergeant Hansen's family was with him at the time of his death.

Hansen, a native of Cairo, Neb., is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and his father Robert Hansen of Bertrand, Neb. He was preceded in death by his mother Deborah Hansen.

"The entire Nebraska National Guard is grieving over the news of the loss of another Soldier," said Lempke. "Our hearts go out to the family of Staff Sergeant Hansen. He was a dedicated Soldier and a good leader, and we will miss him."

Three other Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 1-167th Cavalry Squadron (reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition) were injured in the Hum-Vee accident. Pfc. Corey L. Walcott, a 32-year-old native of Kearney, has been evacuated to Walter Reed Medical Center for continued treatment, while one other Soldier is being treated in Germany and is expected to return to duty in Iraq within the next week. The fourth Soldier was treated in Iraq and has been returned to duty. The names and conditions of the two injured Soldiers are not being released.

The cause of the accident is currently under investigation by the U.S. Army.

Walcott is a Nebraska Army National Guard medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1-167th Cavalry Squadron (RSTA). All three Soldiers are members of the 1-167th Cavalry Squadron (RSTA), which is currently stationed in and around Camp Anaconda in central Iraq near the city of Balad.

Hansen was born on July 25, 1975, in Minden, Neb., and was a 1993 graduate of Bertrand Community High School. He later earned his bachelor's degree in Athletic Training from the University of Nebraska-Kearney in 1997.

Hansen joined the Nebraska Army National in January 2000 as a member of Troop A, 1-167th Cavalry in Hastings, Neb. He attended basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., before returning to his unit as a cavalry scout.

During the years that Hansen served in the Nebraska Army National Guard, he steadily rose through the ranks, serving as an assistant squad leader, fire team leader and squad leader before his current assignment as a fire support sergeant.

Hansen also was a veteran of peacekeeping service, serving in Bosnia with the 1-167th Cavalry for six months from late 2002 until mid-2003.