

Middleboro man killed in Iraq bombing

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A Middleboro man was one of eight soldiers killed by a car bomb while they checked for improvised explosive devices just south of Baghdad Thursday, the Department of Defense announced yesterday.

Pfc. Norman Darling, 29, of Middleboro died with seven other members of his unit when a vehicle approached them and set off the bomb, according to the Department of Defense.

All the men were assigned to the Army's 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division based in Baumholder, Germany.

The men were out of their vehicle and searching for explosives at the time of the bombing, the department said.

As of Friday, 732 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in [Iraq](#) last year, the department said.

Darling is at least the 16th Massachusetts resident to die in the war in Iraq.

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