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U.S. service member remembered

BAGHDAD – On Oct. 20, 2016, U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Jason Finan died from wounds sustained during an improvised explosive device blast near Ba'shiqah, Iraq.

Finan was behind the forward line of troops advising Peshmerga forces during their offensive on Mosul when the element he was with came under small arms fire. Finan was repositioning to a more advantageous position when his vehicle struck an improved explosive device.

As teammates provided immediate aid, a medical evacuation helicopter was dispatched. Flight medics provided Finan continuous medical attention on the helicopter and delivered him to the Erbil troop hospital. At the hospital he received additional medical attention from the forward surgical team but succumbed to his wounds.

"His sacrifice will not be in vain," said Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, commander of Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve. "The entire Counter-ISIL Coalition sends our condolences to Chief Petty Officer Finan's family, friends and teammates. Our troops are in harm's way supporting our partners in their fight against ISIL, which presents a very real danger to not only the region, but the United States and our friends and allies around the world as well. This barbaric ideology must be defeated and I thank God every day that we have warriors like Chief Finan who are willing to take up that fight."



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The Coalition is determined in its mission to support the government of Iraq in its fight to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant. The liberation of Mosul is one key step in this fight. The fight will be hard but the Coalition remains resolute in its support and confident in the training and ability of the Iraqi security forces to militarily defeat ISIL. The defeat of ISIL in Iraq and Syria will provide greater security to the region, Europe and the United States.

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