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### **Missing Soldier's remains found**

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**BAGHDAD** – After almost four years, the remains of a Soldier missing in action have been found.

The Army officially announced March 31 that the remains of Army Staff Sgt. Matt Maupin have been discovered northwest of Baghdad.

Then-Pfc. Maupin went missing after his fuel convoy came under enemy attack in Iraq in April, 2004.

His remains were discovered after Coalition forces received a tip from a local Iraqi. Coalition forces searched the location March 20. The evidence was collected, and forensic and DNA testing was performed on the remains. Positive identification was made March 30.

"Although this is a day of sadness and mourning, I am hopeful that this discovery brings a sense of closure for the Maupin family," said Lt. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, commander of Multi-National Corps – Iraq. "This family has been incredibly brave and stoic over these past four years, and they represent the essence of a great Army Family.

"Speaking for all the service members of Multi-National Corps-Iraq, I send my deepest condolences and prayers to this wonderful family," Austin said.