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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE N.C. (March 18, 2010) Gunnery Sgt. Robert L. Gilbert II, 28, of Richfield, Ohio, died March 16 of wounds sustained March 8 while conducting combat operations in Badghis province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to 2d Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Regiment, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, based here.

Born on March 16, 1982, Gilbert joined the Marine Corps on June 27, 2000, and was trained as a reconnaissance man. He joined MARSOC on May 31, 2008, and was promoted to gunnery sergeant on March 1, 2010. His decorations include a Purple Heart, a Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Combat Action Ribbons, three Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal, an Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons.

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