



A Savannah Family's Sacrifice: Honoring the Life and Legacy of Sgt. Breonna Moffett

SAVANNAH, GA – In a quiet Savannah neighborhood, the home of Francine and Gregory Moffett stands as a testament to both profound loss and unwavering patriotism. It is a place where the memory of their daughter, U.S. Army Sgt. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett, is kept alive not just in photographs and medals, but in the very spirit of service she embodied.

Sgt. Moffett, a 23-year-old construction engineer, was one of three Georgia-based soldiers killed in a drone attack on a U.S. base in Jordan on January 28, 2024. Her death sent shockwaves through her community, transforming the Moffetts into a Gold Star family—a title no parent ever wishes to hold.

Breonna, known for her radiant smile and fierce dedication, joined the Army Reserve after high school, seeking to follow in the footsteps of her mother, a veteran, and to build a better future for herself and her family. She was on

her first deployment when the outpost in Tower 22 was attacked.

Her sacrifice has become a powerful, somber symbol of the ultimate price paid for freedom, a theme deeply felt by those who have visited the Moffett home to pay their respects. Recently, the family was visited by Dr. Kevin P. Wallace and Lauren W. Wallace from the "Van of Valor" project, which travels the nation to document the stories of fallen heroes and their families.

Francine Moffett remembers her daughter as a beacon of light and determination. "Breonna had a heart bigger than this whole city," she said, her voice steady but filled with emotion. "She believed in doing something that mattered, in being part of something greater than herself. She wasn't just my daughter; she was a hero to all of us long before she put on that uniform."

The visitors from the Van of Valor were deeply moved by their time with the Moffett family. Dr. Wallace reflected on the gravity of their mission. "Sitting in the home of a fallen hero is a sacred experience," he said. "You feel the weight of their absence in every corner, but you also feel the immense power of their legacy.

The Moffetts' strength in the face of such tragedy is a profound lesson in resilience and love," Dr. Wallace continued. "It reminds us that behind every name on a memorial, there is a family that continues to serve by keeping their memory alive."

Mrs. Wallace, a practicing anthropologist and current Harvard University History Graduate School student, emphasized the universal lesson of patriotism she took from the meeting.

"Patriotism isn't just about flags and parades; it's about the unwavering support we owe to our military families and the sacred promise to never forget their sacrifice," she stated. "The Moffett family's grace and openness in sharing Breonna's story is the highest form of patriotism.

"They have given the nation a daughter, and in return, we must give them our eternal gratitude," said Mrs. Wallace. "We need a promise that Sgt. Breonna Moffett's name and service will always be remembered."

As the community continues to mourn, Sgt. Breonna Moffett's legacy endures. It is a legacy of bravery, selflessness, and a deep-seated love for her country—a love so strong she was willing to give everything for it. Her

family, now forever bonded by a gold star, ensures that her spirit of service continues to inspire long after her final salute.

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