



## **95th CIVIL AFFAIRS BRIGADE (AIRBORNE)**

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# **MAJ. ROBERT D. LINDENAU**

## **Killed in action on October 20, 2008**

### **Operation Enduring Freedom**

Maj. Robert D. Lindenau was a civil affairs officer assigned to 91st Civil Affairs Battalion, 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He died Oct. 20, 2008, from wounds sustained when a rocket-propelled grenade struck his vehicle during mounted operations in Afghanistan. Lindenau was serving as a civil affairs team leader in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He was born Aug. 22, 1969, in Seattle, Wash. He attended the University of Idaho, where he graduated with both a Bachelor's of Music and a Master's of Music in Classical Guitar Performance, in 1992 and 1996, respectively.

Lindenau enlisted in the Army in July 1996 as a wheeled-vehicle mechanic. After serving in various positions in a direct support maintenance company, he attended the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School in 1999, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.



His assignments include company fire support officer and later battalion targeting officer for 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate); battery fire direction officer in Alpha Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment; battery executive officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery, 4th Bn., 11th FA Regt.; and battalion maintenance officer, 4th Bn., 11th FA Regt.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom he served as assistant operations officer, 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, and squadron effects coordinator, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment RSTA (Recon, Surveillance and Target Acquisition). Since joining civil affairs, he has served as a Civil-Military Support Element Team Leader in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans Sahel with Fox Company, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), and his most recent assignment as a civil affairs team leader with the 91st CA Bn.

Lindenau's military education also includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course and Captain's Career Course at Fort Sill, Okla., Basic Mountaineering at the Northern Warfare Training Center, Fort Wainwright, Ak., the Combined Arms Staff Services School, Civil Affairs Qualification Course, Advanced Regional Analysis Course, Special Operations Language Training-Arabic course, Basic Airborne Course and Air Assault Course.

His awards and decorations include six Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, four Overseas Service Ribbons, the Combat Action Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

Lindenau is survived by his wife, Tonya, and their four children, Rachael, Gabe, Sarah and Hannah of Fort Bragg, N.C.