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**SPC. CHRISTOPHER ANDREW LANDIS**  
**Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan**

Spc. Christopher A. Landis, 27, of Independence, Ky., died Feb. 10, 2014, of wounds received from small-arms fire in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., and was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Landis enlisted as a cryptologic linguist in the U.S. Army in March 2011. He completed initial entry training at Fort Jackson, S.C., followed by Arabic language training at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., and then advanced individual training for Cryptologic Linguist at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas.

In August 2013, he arrived to his first duty assignment with 2nd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A) and deployed with his unit to Afghanistan shortly thereafter.



Landis' military education includes Basic Combat Training, the Modern-Standard Arabic Language Course, the Cryptologic Linguist Course, and the Basic Airborne Course.

Landis' awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

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