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LT. COL. MARK P. PHELAN
Killed in action on Oct. 13, 2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Lt. Col. Mark P. Phelan, 44, was a civil affairs officer assigned to the 416th Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve special operations unit based in Norristown, Pa.

Phelan was killed on Oct. 13, 2004, when his convoy was attacked with an improvised explosive device in Mosul, Iraq.

Phelan, a resident of Green Lane, Pa., deployed with the 416th Civil Affairs Bn. in January 2004 to support operations in Iraq. He had recently extended his tour in Iraq to work with the 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve unit based in Warwick, R.I.

He graduated in 1983 from West Chester University, West Chester, Pa., with a degree in criminal justice. Phelan entered the Army in May of that year and was commissioned an armor officer.



His previous assignments include: intelligence officer with the 157th Support Battalion; maintenance officer, headquarters, 79th Army Reserve Command, company commander, Company C, 157th Support Battalion; and vessel operations officer, executive officer and operations officer, 1185th Transportation Terminal Brigade.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Parachutist Badge.

Phelan is survived by his wife, Brenda; his stepdaughter, April; and his brother, Michael.

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