

CAPTAIN ROBERT C. SCHEETZ, JR.
1972-2004

Robert Scheetz, born on 25 October 1972, grew up in eastern Pennsylvania and graduated from Shamokin Area High School in 1990. Scheetz then moved to Alabama to attend a private flight school, fulfilling a childhood dream. In 1996, he enlisted in the US Army and served briefly in a Military Police battalion in Tallahassee, Florida, before attending Troy State University in Alabama. Upon graduation in 1999 with degrees in international business and military science, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Infantry. In 2001, he was sent to Baumholder, Germany, to serve as the Executive Officer of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division.

In April 2003, Capt. Scheetz deployed to Iraq as the Battalion S2 with the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment. While on combat patrol in Musayyib, Iraq, on 30 May 2004, the vehicle in which he was a passenger hit an improvised explosive device. Capt. Scheetz died of his injuries the following day, Memorial Day, 31 May 2004. Also killed in the explosion was Sgt. Aaron Elandt, the driver.

Capt. Scheetz was described as “a great officer and model Soldier” with a great sense of humor, positive attitude, and compassion for all. His awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Star, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.