

Master Sergeant Davey Lind, USMC (Retired)



MSgt Lind was born and raised in northwestern Pennsylvania and is a 1989 graduate from Titusville area High School, attending boot camp immediately following graduation at Parris Island, SC.

He attended the Marine Combat Training and School of Infantry at Camp Geiger, attaining the initial MOS of 0311 (infantry), and was then assigned to India Co 3/7 stationed at 29 Palms, CA, acting as the platoon RTO. While with this unit, he made his first deployment to Okinawa and to the Philippine Islands and eventually deployed to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in support of Task Force Grizzly and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Upon returning stateside Lance Corporal Lind took and successfully passed the Indoctrination for the Surveillance and Target Acquisition (STA) Platoon and was assigned as a scout. In the fall of 1992, LCpl Lind was assigned to STA 2/7 acting in the capacities as ATL and with his promotion to Corporal, Team Leader, making his second Unit Deployment to Okinawa. Upon return, Cpl Lind was assigned as Instructor and Troop Advisor at School of Infantry West, Marine Combat Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton in June 1993. While at this command he was promoted to Sergeant.

Sgt Lind took and passed the 1st Force Reconnaissance INDOC in January 1996. He was later assigned to 1st Force Reconnaissance Co, and attended and graduated several Reconnaissance oriented schools, including The Basic Reconnaissance Course, Marine Combat Diver, Basic Airborne, Survival-Evasion- Resistance-Escape (SERE), Military Free Fall Parachutists, Marine Scout Sniper, Static Line Jumpmaster and Military Free Fall Jumpmaster. While assigned at 1st Force, Sgt Lind acted in the capacity of Team RTO, Team Scout, Assistant Team Leader and Finally Team Leader. Making several deployments while assigned to the command, most notably, deploying with less than 24 hours' notice in support of the 15th MEU(SOC) and Operation Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan and Deploying in support of the 13th MEU(SOC) to Iraq. While at the command, Sgt Lind was promoted to both Staff Sergeant and Gunnery Sergeant.

In August 2004, GySgt Lind reported for duty with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, fulfilling duties as Platoon Sergeant and making his second deployment to Iraq. June 14th 2007, while on his third deployment to Iraq, GySgt Lind's vehicle struck and activated a pressure plate IED. The blast from the device amputated his legs from the knee down. Making a fast recovery, GySgt Lind continued to surpass expectations by taking his first steps 2 months to the date of his injuries. Promoted to his final rank, Master Sergeant Lind continued his road to recovery while filling duties as Operations Chief, A Co, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

Retired since December 2009, David "Davey" Lind continues to contribute to the defense of the nation in the private sector.

Master Sergeant Lind's Personal awards include the Purple Heart, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V", the Naval Achievement Medal with Combat "V" and 4 Gold Stars and the Combat Action Ribbon with 2 Gold Stars. Additionally, he is a Military freefall Jumpmaster, a Combatant Dive Master, and a Marine Scout Sniper.