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Staff Sgt. Lindsey Kibler is currently supporting Operation Enduring Freedom as a Media Embed Coordinator assigned to the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan, serving with Headquarters, I Corps, out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

Kibler arrived in country in July, and has credentialed more than 30 multi-national, civilian journalists, allowing them the opportunity to tell stories of Afghan, U.S. and NATO forces throughout Afghanistan. Prior to her current position, Kibler served as a photojournalist on the IJC Multi-Purpose Public Affairs Team. Kibler was selected to cover operations with the 82nd Airborne Division, as well as the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, in Kandahar province, one of the most volatile Taliban strongholds remaining in Afghanistan. A highlight of her MPPAT time, she produced 11 print stories and captured more than 300 images in support of her articles over the course of three weeks in the region.

Kibler also served on the IJC Joint Operations Center Press Desk, a job typically held by a sergeant first class. Kibler, a sergeant at the time, was responsible for answering media queries and issuing operational and organizational press releases. She helped to generate the Aug. 6 release about the downed Chinook that took the lives of 30 U.S. service members, and provided answers to more than 15 Afghan, U.S. and foreign news agencies regarding the incident. Her efforts on the team to protect the release of key information at the source, bought officials in the United States enough time to complete next-of-kin notification before details of this story broke.

Prior to deployment, Kibler served as a Public Affairs NCO with Headquarters, I Corps, where she produced various command information articles. In addition, her daily responsibilities and duties included work as a PAO training NCO, primary company-level Unit Prevention Leader, Suicide Intervention Leader and Government Purchase Card Holder.

Kibler attended the Warrior Leader Course in November 2010, graduating in the top 20 percent of her class of more than 320 Soldiers, earning honors and placement on the Commandant's List.

She graduated with honors from Pierce College in October 2010 with an Associate of Arts and an Associate of General Technology. She is currently working on her last semester toward a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology from St. Martin's University in Lacey, Wash.

Kibler deployed with Headquarters, I Corps, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 2009 to March 2010. She initially worked on the Multi-National Corps-Iraq Current Operations Press Desk. She was responsible for answering media queries, issuing press releases and briefing the O-6 Joint Operations Center Chief nightly about current Western and Pan-Arab media trends. Kibler spent the last six months as the print NCO-in-charge for the 114th Public Affairs Detachment, New Hampshire National Guard. She directly supervised one Soldier, and was responsible for assigning stories to five PA Soldiers in the unit, editing their work and assisting with the layout of a weekly eight-page publication. She was recognized by the Corps Chief of Staff as the "Unsung Hero" of the month of January, 2010, for her efforts in marketing PA products to internal and external outlets.

Kibler attended the Editors Course at the Defense Information School in January 2008.

She graduated from the Basic Public Affairs-Writer Course in October 2006, after completion of Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., in July 2006.

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Oct. 2, 1985, Kibler completed high school in 2004 and joined the Army as a private in April 2006. She has one son, Azrael Gene, who is 4 years old.