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Bronze Star Medal

Major Dexter Brookins

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, U.S. Army Maj. Dexter M. Brookins, then-Capt. Brookins, commanded a Patriot anti-missile battery in Kuwait. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

From March to May of 2003 during the invasion of Iraq, Brookins was in command of a Patriot anti-missile battery in Camp Doha, Kuwait. This 85-man unit was responsible for protecting the base and the invasion point from Kuwait into Iraq from Iraqi missiles that were feared to contain chemical and biological warheads.

Camp Doha housed both Army Forces Central Command-Kuwait and Coalition/Joint Task Force-Kuwait, effectively making it a major nerve center for U.S. operations in Iraq and throughout the entire Middle East. Prior to his deployment to Camp Doha, the base previously come under attack from ballistic missiles, and after Brookins left, it would again be attacked. When most people think of the Bronze Star, they think of an award given to someone because of their deeds under fire. But in the case of Brookins, that isn't entirely true. Brookins was given this award for protecting his fellow soldiers by operating a defensive umbrella and preventing the situation from going chaotic.

Thanks to Maj. Dexter M. Brookins selfless and heroic actions, dozens of American lives were saved. His actions demonstrated how he placed the lives of his men over that of his own, earning him the Bronze Star.

