

LTC (USA-RET) JOSEPH LORENZO (REN) AND LINDA KATHLEEN (KATHY) ALLRED

LINDON, OUR HOME AND OUR FAMILY



LTC (USA-Ret) Joseph Lorenzo (Ren) and Linda Kathleen (Kathy) Allred moved to Lindon in 1992. Ren was completing his Army career as the Professor of Military Science at the University of Utah. They choose Lindon because they wanted to live in a small community, “a little bit of country!” With 8 children, and their oldest twin daughters about to attend BYU, it was the best choice for them! In 1993, Ren was appointed as the Professor of Military Science at BYU and completed his military career.

After his retirement, Ren continued to work as a consultant to the US State and Defense Departments, as well as a special advisor to international military and political leaders in areas such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, the Philippines, Africa, Ukraine and Turkey. For the last five years he led a team of consultants who taught at the US Air Force Expeditionary Center in New Jersey.

As a military family, they moved around the world and across the nation many times, but always seemed destined to find their home in Lindon. Kathy was raised in Glendale, California and came to Utah to attend BYU. Ren was raised in Salt Lake City, and through Utah’s Army ROTC program, chose a career of service. They met in Australia where they each served LDS missions.

After graduating from BYU, Kathy taught elementary school for a year and then began her adventures as a mother and military spouse. She actively supported Ren’s many assignments, at home and abroad, because of her love of family and country. She feels that when a spouse serves, the wife and family also serves! She created the first ROTC “future Army wives” program at BYU’s Army ROTC. This program eventually became an important part of Army ROTC preparation throughout the nation.

Active in Lindon's educational and service activities, Kathy was a founding member and now serves as president of the Lindon Character Connection program which has sponsored and promoted character development in Lindon's schools for more than 25 years. She has also volunteered for over 40 years in local, regional, state and national PTA programs.

Ren and Kathy's greatest treasure is their children, in-laws and grandchildren who fill their lives with love and joy. The Allred's have four daughters; Julie, Jenni, Jana and Jenice and four sons; Joseph, Jared, Jonathan and Jeffrey. Each of their children and spouses, with 26 grandchildren, has lived in Lindon and still live close by.

For the Allred Family, Lindon was the best place in the world to raise their family, develop eternal friendships and enjoy the special experience of living in a "small" community that embraces and supports each other! They feel that Lindon is a city with people of character and values.

Ren and Kathy are honored to be recognized during Lindon Days as the Grand Marshalls and are grateful and blessed that Lindon is their home and their many wonderful Lindon friends are "family".