

1989 Hooker High School grad Capt. David Johnpaul Thompson dies in War on Terror in Afghanistan, he, other soldiers to be honored at memorial Saturday

- Special to the Daily Leader HOOKER, Okla. — The family of Capt. David Johnpaul Thompson is planning a celebration of this soldier's life to be shared with the Hooker community from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Hooker Community Center on the golf course.

Capt. Thompson was killed in Afghanistan on Jan. 29. He was a 1989 graduate of Hooker High School. His parents, David and Freida Jo Thompson, and others of Hooker wish to share his 20 years of service in a display of awards, flags and photos of his Army life and family life, documents and his Christian funeral service at Grace Community Church in Southern Pines, N.C.

This is a special time to celebrate his life, grieve his loss and show sympathy from a grateful community. This is a casual come-and-go gathering with food, tears and laughter. The Thompson family would like to also celebrate the lives of all local soldiers and families who have lost soldiers, so guests are encouraged to bring along photos of their service men and women and share their stories.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude and thankful appreciation to the U. S. Army for its special care over the past weeks and to the community of Hooker.