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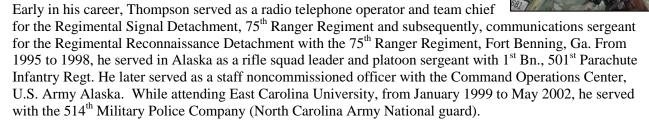
## CAPT. DAVID J. THOMPSON

Died on Jan. 29, 2010 Operation Enduring Freedom

Capt. David J. Thompson, 39, died Jan. 29, 2010, in Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Thompson was commander of Operational Detachment Alpha 3334, Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) and held that position since January 2009. This was Thompson's third deployment in support of OEF. He also served in Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti as well as multiple state humanitarian assistance deployments with the North Carolina National Guard

He enlisted in 1989 and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He then went on to attend Advanced Individual Training as a radio operator at Fort Gordon, S.C.



In May 2002, Thompson completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from ECU and was commissioned as a chemical officer. Following his Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., as the division chemical logistics officer. In March 2003 he was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and served as a battle captain and rifle platoon leader during Operation Enduring Freedom. From June 2004 to November 2005 he served as the battalion adjutant and rear detachment commander. From August 2008 to December 2008 he served as executive officer for Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bm., 3<sup>rd</sup> SFG (A) and held that position until taking command of ODA 3334 in January 2009.

Thompson's military education consists of the U.S. Army Airborne School, Ranger school, Free Fall Parachutist course, Basic Military Mountaineering course and the Chemical Officer Basic course.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star medal with "V" device, Army Commendation medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge, Ranger Tab.

Thompson is survived by his wife, Emily, their two daughters, Isabelle and Abigail of Pinehurst, N.C, parents Charles and Freida Thompson of Hinton, Okla., and sister Alisa Mueller.

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