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Young Son of Fallen Soldier to Receive Father's Silver Star Medal

DRAPER, Utah – During a ceremony to be held Wednesday, April 29, at 9:30 a.m. at Kanesville Elementary in West Haven, six-year-old Jase Spargur, of West Haven, will receive the Silver Star medal earned by his father, Army 1st Lt. Jonathan P. Brostrom, who was killed in Afghanistan last year.

Brostrom, an active-duty Soldier assigned to the 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based in Vicenza, Italy, [died in a firefight](#) July 13, 2008, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces. For his heroic actions in attempting to save his fellow Soldiers, Brostrom was awarded the Silver Star posthumously.

Members of the Utah National Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, who were also deployed to Afghanistan at the time, were among those of the quick-reaction force responding to the incident. Also, a Utah National Guard officer was assigned here in Utah to assist Spargur and his mother, Lindsey, after they were notified of Brostrom's death last year.

Spargur will receive the medal at a school assembly from Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard.

The Silver Star is awarded for "gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force," according to Army Regulation 600-8-22, *Military Awards*. The decoration is the third-highest medal for valor, after the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross.

More information on Brostrom is available at the following links:

- <http://www.kutv.com/mediacenter/local.aspx?videoid=49938@kutv.dayport.com&nav>
- <http://www.kitv.com/video/16906406/index.html>

Media Notes: Kanesville Elementary is located at 3112 S. 3500 W. in West Haven. Please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778 for more information. Kanesville school officials may be contacted at (801) 452-4680.