

Crane, Judson, Mr, DoD OGC

From: Campbell, Jane LCDR, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 8:24 AM
To: Carle, Kristen E MAJ OCPA; Campbell, Jane LCDR, OASD-PA; Hart, Pamela L LTC OCPA
Cc: Rudd, Martha J Ms OCPA; Schwartz, Dov Mr OCPA; Curtin, Joseph COL OCPA; Colin, Cynthia, LtCol, OASD-PA; Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Shari, HRC-Alexandria; Yoswa, Joe, LTC, OASD-PA; Cassella, James P, LTC, OASD-PA; Keck, Gary, LTC, OASD-PA; Johnson, Rivers, LTC, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Celebrity Death - OIF Casualty -- RUMOR control

Kris,

My understanding is that it might be an OEF in Afghanistan. It was a topic of the discussion at the front office this morning & CJCS PA is also involved.

Jane

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From: Carle, Kristen E MAJ OCPA [mailto:Kristen.Carle@...]
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 8:21 AM
To: Campbell, Jane LCDR OASD-PA; Hart, Pamela L LTC OCPA
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Subject: Celebrity Death - OIF Casualty -- RUMOR control
Importance: High

Thanks Jane.

Yes - my new boss (LTC Pamala Hart - took over for LTC Curry) got word this morning of the rumor of Pat Tillman's death in OIF (for all of you checking in now - he was an NFL player for the Arizona Cardinals - he and his brother supposedly enlisted in the Army).

We are trying to get word on this.

For all - please delete LTC Curry and put LTC Pam Hart on all email. She is the new PER TEAM Chief.

Thanks for the heads up Jane!

Kris

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From: Campbell, Jane LCDR OASD-PA
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Subject: RE: OIF Casualty Reporting -- RUMOR control

Kris,

... just FYI -- I was the duty officer last night. All was quiet until 0100, when I got a number of calls from Arizona media -- both print and TV.

There is a rumor running around that Pat Tillman was killed in Iraq. He was an NFL player for the Arizona Cardinals -- and there was much attention when he left the NFL to join the Army. A quick Google search didn't turn up anything on the rumor, but did show all of the attention on his decision to serve.

I gave all of the media the same answer. DoD releases all casualty info via our DefenseLink.mil website, and that

is only after a required 24-hour period after the next of kin have been notified.

Needless to say I don't know whether he is one of your pending casualties, but I thought you needed to know one way or the other.

Jane



Boyce, Paul Mr OCPA

From: Lawrence, Shari, HRC-Alexandria
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 3:59 PM
To: 'walter.sokalski'; 'joseph.hitt'; 'Sokalski, Walter GS13'; 'bush'; Zielsdorf, Bruce E Army Public Affairs; Smith, Douglas Mr USAREC; Childress, Franklin F LTC Army G-1; Collins, Mark E COL Army G-1; Logan, Kevin P, HRC-Alexandria; Torgersen, Mary COL, HRC-Alexandria; Turner, James CIV OASD-PA; Blanchard, Gregg A LTC OCLL; Carle, Kristen E MAJ OCPA; Heath, Stanley N, HRC-Alexandria; Novak, Katherine H Mrs OCLL; Rheinlander, Thomas E LTC OCPA; Rudd, Martha J Ms OCPA; Schwartz, Dov Mr OCPA; Shepherd, Alexandra M, ARMY G-1, HR IPT TTF; 'jeff.young1'; 'carol.darby.jones'; 'lisa.beth.snyder'; Hart, Pamela L LTC OCPA; Boyce, Paul Mr OCPA; 'Gowan, Robert E. MAJ'; Pawlik, Eugene A LTC IMA
Subject: SPC Patrick Tillman
Importance: High
Attachments: CAS Templates.doc; CASUALTY (ENDURING FREEDOM) (TILLMAN).doc; TillmanEXSUM.doc



CAS Templates.doc
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CASUALTY
(ENDURING FREEDOM)



TillmanEXSUM.doc
(33 KB)

All,

Think I have everyone covered... This information can be released at 2300, 23 April. If you need anything from me, please call me at [redacted] or [redacted]. Carol Darby, USASOC PA, is the lead PAO for this case. Please refer the unit PAO questions to her at [redacted] or to me if they are asking about the casualty/notification process. I am including the EXSUM I wrote for the G-1 today. It is for information only; not for release.

We have a lot of PAOs involved so we need to make sure the "one voice" concept lives...thanks for everyone's help today...it has been a nut roll, but all of you were tremendous. Stay safe.

Shari
Unit PAOs...this is a reminder...as of 24 November 2003, public law requires we (all of DoD) withhold the names of deceased Soldiers a minimum of 24 hours AFTER all of the next of kin notifications are completed. I am sending this to you so you know where your Soldier's casualty release information is in the process. The attached casualty sheet reflects the time/date of each notification. All times are Eastern Time unless indicated. There should be no release or response to query until OSD(PA) posts the name on their web page. If you have any questions, please give MAJ Kris Carle (OCPA) a call at [redacted] or me. Also, am including templates developed by COL Bob King, retired, of the Iowa National Guard. There is no requirement to use them...they are to help you not have to recreate the wheel.

Shari Lawrence, Deputy Public Affairs Officer U.S. Army Human Resources Command [redacted] or [redacted] For the most up-to-date personnel information, please visit HRC OnLine at <https://www.hrc.army.mil> <<https://www.hrc.army.mil/>>

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Subject: SPC Patrick Tillman

Understand everyone is working on "something" for media reps...am pulling something together here and will send it out when it's ready...DoD is NOT going to waive the 24-hour rule so this will be posted after 2000 tonight.

Shari Lawrence, Deputy Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Army Human Resources Command

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Statement from the Family of U.S. Army *INSERT NAME*

The family of *INSERT NAME*, the United States Army soldier assigned to the *INSERT UNIT NAME, INSERT CITY/STATE/COUNTRY*, who was recently killed during action in Iraq, very much appreciate the outpouring of support that they have received from their friends and community. They thank the media for understanding the difficulty that they are having dealing with the loss of their *SON/DAUGHTER/WIFE/ETC*. They will not be granting interviews at this time. A press conference may be scheduled in the future to provide an opportunity for them to talk about their son and express their appreciation to all that have provided comfort and support to them.

INSERT SOLDIER'S NAME is a 2000 graduate of Dubuque Senior High School. The family is long time residents of Dubuque and attend Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dubuque.

It is anticipated that *INSERT SOLDIER'S NAME* body will be returned to his family in *INSERT CITY/STATE* later this week. Funeral details will be announced when they are available.

INSERT BIO INFO...Twenty-one year old Private Michael Deutsch "is a hero," said his father, Wayne Deutsch, of Dubuque, Iowa. "Michael joined the Army and did what he did so others wouldn't have to." Private Deutsch joined the Army soon after the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. "Michael expressed in words how he felt after leaving for the Army and this is what he wrote", his father continued.

For additional information, please contact *INSERT YOUR CONTACT INFO*.
-End-

DEATH OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CASUALTY PERSONNEL INFORMATION SHEET
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL [REDACTED]

TYPE OF CASUALTY (Death, VSI, Special Interest, etc.): DEATH

X HOSTILE / NON-HOSTILE INCIDENT

Name: TILLMAN, Patrick Daniel

Rank: SPC (Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, Civilian Employee, Family Member)
(Posthumous Promotion: X NO YES)

Age: 27 Place of Birth: Fremont, California U.S. Citizen? X YES NO

Unit Name and Location: 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment // Fort Lewis, Washington

Date/Time/Location of Incident: 22 April 2004 // 1407(L) // Afghanistan

Circumstances of Incident: Spc. Patrick Daniel Tillman, 27, of Chandler, Ariz., died April 22, in Afghanistan, when his patrol vehicle came under attack. Spc. Tillman was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, from Fort Lewis, Wash.

Appropriate Next-of-Kin Notification (Primary/Secondary)
(Name, City and State of Residence) (* indicates notification completed)

* (w) Marie Tillman

[REDACTED]

* (p) Patrick Tillman

[REDACTED]

* (m) Mary Tillman

[REDACTED]

Duty MOS/Branch: 11B (Infantryman)

Date Entered Army: July 2002

Home of Record: Chandler, Arizona

Date/Time of Release to OCPA:

23 April 2004 // 1600

(NOTE: We don't have confirmation the parents live in the same house. They have two different addresses so I have listed them separately.)

EXSUM

23 April 2004

(U) SPC PATRICK DANIEL TILLMAN DIES IN AFGHANISTAN (U).

At 1640 on 22 April 2004 CMAOC was notified that SPC Patrick Daniel Tillman had been killed when his unit came under attack in Afghanistan. This is a high-profile death because SPC Patrick Tillman was a member of the Arizona Cardinals and SPC Kevin Tillman was a former minor league baseball prospect in the Cleveland Indians organization when they enlisted together for three years. They were members of the 75th Ranger Regiment. (SPC Patrick Tillman turned down a \$3.6 million contract to serve his country.) At this time, information details are very sketchy. However, Mrs. Marie Tillman, his wife, has been assigned a casualty assistance officer from the Fort Lewis area where she lives. Because this happened yesterday, there are no confirmed disposition instructions. SPC Kevin Tillman will be accompanying the remains home, but is not the official escort and will be traveling in DCUs. USASOC is making arrangements for the escort. I have been coordinating with OSD PA, OCPA (Personnel Team), G-1 PAO, USASOC PAO, Recruiting Command PAO, OCPA-NY, and Fort Lewis PAO to ensure everyone is aware no information will be released/posted to Defenselink before 2300 tonight. OSD will not waive the 24-hour policy which requires us to hold information about a fatality until 24 hours after the last next of kin is notified. (The parents were not notified until 2000 (Pacific Time) on 22 April.) Although there currently are three PAOs assigned to the family: 1 for the wife, 1 for the father and 1 for the brother, USASOC has the PA lead. (There is a third brother, Richard, but there is no PAO assigned to him.) I have spoken with Mr. Greg Aiello, Vice President for Public Relations for the NFL, and am awaiting a call from the Major League Baseball office, to explain the 24-hour release policy. The NFL, and I believe the MLB, will be making a statement expressing their condolences to the family. (According to Mr. Aiello, GEN Myers spoke with NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue this morning.) This story has been reported in the media and the St. Louis Cardinals conducted a news conference this afternoon. I will keep everyone posted as this develops. PROVIDE MEMO _____.

SHARI LAWRENCE/HRC PAO [REDACTED]

APPROVED BY: MG Dorian Anderson

Unknown

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 6:27 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD(PA)
Subject: Re: how does this look?

As usual you have made it even better. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

-----Original Message-----

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita [REDACTED]>
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman [REDACTED]>; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff [REDACTED]>; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD(PA) <Roxie.Merritt [REDACTED]>
Sent: Fri Apr 23 18:24:53 2004
Subject: how does this look?

We mourn the death of every servicemember who makes the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Army Sgt Pat Tillman, who made a unique decision to serve but whose valor and commitment are reflected in the service of the many tens of thousands of troops fighting the global war on terror.

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Subject: RE: how does this look?

looks fine to me. we're probably obo once this goes out, which as i understand congressional policy, can't be until 11:30 tonight. thanks, eric

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Subject: RE: how does this look?

Duty officer has this response in hand. The actual press release will be posted at 2300 tonight per our 24 hour policy guidelines post NOK. V/r,

Roxie Merritt
Captain, U.S. Navy
Director, Press Operations
OASD(PA)



Life, Liberty and the pursuit of all who threaten it.

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