

From: Swiley, Darfen SFC ([REDACTED])
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2004 4:28 PM
To: 'lapcpec'; 'peddopn'; 'linda.gilbo'; 'cejl-pro'; Perry Nathaniel J. SFC; 'casualtyop'; 'casually'
Cc: Longhany, Gary A. COL; Copenhaver, Michael D. MAJ; Hankins, John W. CPT; Heaney, Kenneth GS14; Shimizu, Gary GS13; Wilkie, Randol GG13; Hammonds, William SGM
Subject: CASUALTY REPORT (SPC Tillman)



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SUBJ: CASUALTY REPORT

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09. TILLMAN/PATRICK/D/
10. WHITE
- [REDACTED]
12. SPC
13. UNITED STATES ARMY/REGULAR
14. A CO 2/75TH RANGER REGIMENT (WH3MA0)
15. 11B1V
24. DIED IN A MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY
25. /AZ/
30. 20030709/20030709
31. GROUND VEHICLE
32. UNKNOWN
33. US GOVERNMENT
34. UNKNOWN

35. PRESENT FOR DUTY//
36. 20040422/1407//
37. //AF
38. Mounted Vehicle Movement.
39. While on patrol vehicle came under direct and indirect fire. Soldier received gunshot wound to head.
40. ENEMY FORCES
46. 20020700/20020708
47. 01-NO RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE
48. UNK
50. YES
53. SPC/20020708/20040422
54. 20030213
55. 2
56. NO
57. 20040422/1545
58. //AF
59. Gunshot wound to head.
60. READY
61. Pending next of kin notification by Ranger Regiment.
70. DCIPS Forward - Version 2.5 (6) ; DB - Version 2.0A
- Supp. Item(s): 25, 37, 45, 49, 51, 52, 58,

SWORN STATEMENT

For use of this form, see AR 190-45; the proponent agency is ODCSOPS

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 (SSN).
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately
ROUTINE USES: Your social security number is used as an additional/alternate means of identification to facilitate filing and retrieval.
DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of your social security number is voluntary.

1. LOCATION Fort Bragg, North Carolina	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2005/02/22	3. TIME 1430	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME Swilley, Darien	6. SSN [REDACTED]	7. GRADE/STATUS SFC/AD	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS HQ, USASOC(A), Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28310			

9. I, SFC Darien Swilley, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I work in the USASOC(A) [REDACTED] personnel support to 75th Ranger Regiment. We are responsible for wartime casualty reporting when that unit is assigned to another operational unit with in USSOCOM, as CPL Tillman's unit was at the time of his death.
 In response to the 221800ZAPR04 message from the operational unit (at Enclosure CM to this investigation), we generated the INIT casualty report (attached to CPT Hankins' 22 Feb 05 statement) to the HRC CMAOC. The SUPP report (also attached to CPT Hankins' 22 Feb 05 statement) was filed the following day to clarify certain information. We filed a second SUPP report (attached) fifteen days after the INIT report to fill in some of the family information requested by the HRC CMAOC. On all three reports, line 40 was listed as ENEMY FORCES. These are the only casualty reports we submitted on CPL Tillman's death.
 I wrote both the INIT and both SUPP reports. CPT Hankins, my immediate supervisor, reviewed them prior to them being sent to the HRC CMAOC.
 I was not aware that this death was a potential fratricide when I wrote the INIT and both SUPP casualty report attached. I do recall later being told that his death was a possible fratricide, but I cannot recall when that was. I know it was quite some time after we submitted the INIT report and was a weekend when we were all called in to do ITOs for Mrs. Tillman to fly somewhere to be briefed on the issue of fratricide.
 I do not believe that hearing that his death was a potential fratricide would have triggered the need for a third SUPP casualty report. We would not have submitted a third SUPP casualty report addressing the issue of potential fratricide unless we had been directed to do so by the ACE Director (COL Adams) or the ACE XO (Gary Shimizu) as the result of guidance from the USASOC(A) Command Group. Had they asked if one was required upon a showing that the death was potentially a fratricide, I would have told them no that it we only needed to do a further SUPP once we were sure that this was a fratricide, at the end of any investigation into that issue. END OF STATEMENT. *DJS*

10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT <i>DJS</i>	PAGE 1 OF <u>2</u> PAGES
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STATEMENT OF SFC Darien Swilley TAKEN AT Fort Bragg, NC DATED 2005/02/22

STATEMENT (Continued)
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D.S.

AFFIDAVIT

I, SFC Darien Swilley, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 1. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

D Swilley
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 22nd day of February, 2005 at Fort Bragg, NC

Michael J. Hargis
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

Michael J. Hargis, LTC, JA
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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(Authority To Administer Oaths) 2144

WITNESSES:

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14. A CO, 2ND BATTALION, 75TH RANGER REGIMENT, FORT LEWIS, WA 98433 (WH3MA0)
29. Tillman/Marie/K./wife/ [REDACTED] /Mrs.//// [REDACTED] /In Person/Danova, William
SFC/20040422/1716/LEW/20040422/P/
29. Tillman/Patrick/K./father [REDACTED] /Mr.//// [REDACTED] /In Person/Atkins, Veronica
SFC/20040422/2000/LEW/20040422/S/
29. Tillman/Mary/L./mother/ [REDACTED] /Mrs.//// [REDACTED] /In Person/Atkins,
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40. ENEMY FORCES
49. Army Achievement Medal (MILDECMA), MSM: Military Noncombat (MILDECMM), Purple Heart (MILDECPH),
61. NONE SUBMITTED AT THIS TIME
70. DCIPS Forward - Version 2.5 (6) ; DB - Version 2.0A

From: Buchan, Claire
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 12:18 PM
To: McClellan, Scott; McCormack, Sean I.
Subject: FW: Reuters - Ex-US football star killed in Afghanistan-official

being asked if the president is going to say anything about this. strikes me that unless the president knows him he's just like every other soldier?? thoughts?

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

From: Sherzer, David
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 11:28 AM
Subject: Reuters - Ex-US football star killed in Afghanistan-official

Ex-US football star killed in Afghanistan-official

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Reuters) - Former U.S. professional football star Pat Tillman, who gave up a \$3.6 million sports contract to join the military's elite special forces, has been killed in a firefight in Afghanistan, a U.S. official said on Friday.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said Tillman was killed on Thursday. The 27-year-old soldier abruptly quit his National Football League career following the 2002 season and joined the Army a year after the attacks on America.

Enlisting with his brother Kevin in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, Tillman turned down a \$3.6 million contract from the Arizona Cardinals to become an Army Ranger for an annual salary of \$18,000.

The 5-foot-11 (1.8 metre), 200-pound (91-kg) Tillman played for five seasons with the Cardinals from 1998 to 2002.

He was selected by Arizona with the 226th pick of the 1998 draft -- the league only selects 241 players -- but the Arizona State University star emerged from training camp as the Cardinals' starting strong safety on defense.

From: McClellan, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 1:37 PM
To: Buchan, Claire; Duffy, Trent D.; McCormack, Sean I.
Subject: RE: pat tillman

claire knows this -- we are not putting out a statement, we are responding if asked.

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

From: Buchan, Claire
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 12:40 PM
To: McClellan, Scott ; Duffy, Trent D.; McCormack, Sean I.
Subject: pat tillman

fyi -- dan approved a comment from taylor gross for the arizona papers. this is it:

pat tillman was an inspiration on and off the football field. his family and those of all families who have lost loved ones are in the thoughts and prayers of the president and mrs. bush.

our wires are asking what the white house statement was -- they are hearing from their arizona desks. i'll tell them.



From: Neusner, Noam M.

Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 4:50 PM

To: Healy, Erin E.

Did we issue a "statement of sympathy" on Tillman's death? So says
MSNBC /<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4815441/>:

Although the military had not officially confirmed Tillman's death, the White House put out a statement of sympathy that praised Tillman as "an inspiration both on an off the football field."



From: McClellan, Scott
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 7:21 PM
To: Mamo, Jeanie S.; Gross, Taylor S.
Subject: Fw: Tillman

Fyi - let's make sure we correct if people r saying we put out a statement.

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

From: DeFrancis, Suzy <Suzy_DeFrancis
To: McClellan, Scott <Scott_McClellan
Sent: Fri Apr 23 16:30:51 2004
Subject: Tillman

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

From: Neusner, Noam M.
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 4:26 PM
To: DeFrancis, Suzy
Subject:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4815441/>

From: Buchan, Claire
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2004 11:36 AM
To: McCormack, Sean I.
Subject: tilman

i see the army is finally confirming it.



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April 4, 2008

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to your letter, dated March 26, 2008, requesting details of the brief I provided to Dr. Condoleezza Rice concerning the death of Corporal Patrick Tillman.

In response to your first request, "Please describe your position, your duties, and your reporting chain at the National Security Council in April and May 2004."

- I served as the Executive Assistant to Dr. Condoleezza Rice from July 2003 to May 2004, reporting directly to her. My duties included providing briefs on ongoing situations of interest, preparing Dr. Rice for key meetings and engagements, and coordinating with NSC members as well as members of the interagency on issues of concern.

In response to your second request, "Please describe how often you briefed Dr. Rice or then-Deputy National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley when you held this position at NSC, the typical length, locations, and sources of these briefings, and under what circumstances you would brief them."

- I interacted with Dr. Rice and Mr. Hadley regularly, briefing them several times a day on key issues of concern. These briefs included providing intelligence updates and summaries of policy issues in preparation for meetings and key engagements. These briefs would range from only a few seconds to several minutes depending on the subject material, and would usually be held within or near Dr. Rice's office.

In response to your third request, "Please provide your best recollection of the April 23, 2004 briefing you provided to Dr. Rice about Corporal Tillman's death, including whether you were requested to provide the briefing (and if so, by whom), who attended this briefing, the length, location, and source of this briefing, the individuals or information sources you consulted to prepare for this briefing, and the discussions that transpired during this briefing."

- The briefing I provided to Dr. Rice concerning Corporal Tillman's death was very short. To the best of my recollection, I had just seen the breaking news story on Fox News and provided Dr. Rice an informal 5 second synopsis as she was enroute to a separate meeting. This was not a formal briefing, and as such there were no other attendees. I did not have any information sources outside of the news report, and the brief basically consisted of the fact that Corporal Tillman was killed in action in Afghanistan.

In response to your fourth request, "Please describe any other briefings or conversations in April or May 2004 about Corporal Tillman's death that you participated in with other employees of the White House, the NSC, or the Department of Defense."

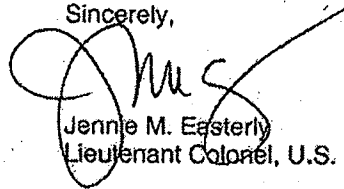
- I do not recall participating in any other briefings concerning Corporal Tillman during this time frame.

In response to your fifth request, "Please describe how and when you learned that Corporal Tillman's death was a suspected fratricide and with whom you discussed this information, including employees of the White House, NSC, or the Defense Department."

- I do not recall exactly when I learned of the suspected fratricide. I did not discuss this information with Dr. Rice or any other employees of the White House, NSC or Defense Department. Of note, I departed the NSC in early May of 2004.

I hope that this information is helpful to the Committee. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist in this endeavor, and thank you for your continued support of our Soldiers and Army.

Sincerely,



Jennie M. Easterly
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

cc: The Honorable Thomas M. Davis, III
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
United States House of Representatives
83504 Rayburn House Office
Washington, D.C. 20515-6143

From: Bockhorn, Lee
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2004 1:49 PM
To: Gerson, Michael J.
Cc: McConnell, John P.
Subject: Pat Tillman - for WH Correspondents' Dinner

Mike -

You asked for the "most moving" stuff on Tillman, particularly anything he said. Of course, after he enlisted, he didn't want to say anything. But he did say something pretty remarkable during a television interview on Sept. 12, 2001. A lot of the write-ups of his death are using this quote (I've included excerpts of these stories below, as well as the most comprehensive article I could find, from this week's issue of Time).

You also wanted one other example to balance this out... I just remembered one I found while looking for stump speech stuff -- a guy named Kevin Mincio. He worked next to the WTC; a year after 9/11, he left his six-figure Wall Street job at Goldman Sachs to enlist in the Army. As far as I can tell, he's still serving in Iraq right now. (Again, see below for the news clip.)

I'm assuming this tribute will come at the end of the speech, after the President finishes the usual Correspondents' dinner ritual of making a few jokes. I've been presumptuous enough to draft something for this -- maybe you guys can improve it enough for use, if it fits your plan.

-Lee

Each year, we come together at this dinner for a little light-hearted humor. Even in the midst of our serious responsibilities, we enjoy and appreciate the gift of life. Because of this, our enemies say that we are decadent and lack a sense of honor. They obviously can't comprehend Americans like Pat Tillman, who died recently while fighting al-Qaida remnants in Afghanistan. As you all know, Pat Tillman left professional football in the prime of his career, and gave up a \$3.6 million contract to become an Army Ranger, along with his brother Kevin. Not wishing to draw attention to himself at the expense of his fellow soldiers, he never spoke to the media after he enlisted. But the day after September 11, he said this in a television interview:

"At times like this you stop and think about, not only how good we have it, but what kind of system we live under... My great-grandfather was at Pearl Harbor. And a lot of my family has gone and fought in wars. And I really haven't done a damn thing as far as laying myself on the line like that. And so I have a great deal of respect for those that have." Last week, Pat Tillman laid himself on the line, and this nation will be forever grateful for his sacrifice.

Some will say that Pat Tillman was an exception from the norm -- a throwback to an era when it was more common to serve a cause greater than oneself. But this generation of Americans, like each one that came before it, is answering the call. Take Kevin Mincio, who worked next door to the World Trade Center and watched the towers collapse. In September 2002, he left a six-figure job on Wall Street, sold his car, boat, and beach house on Long Island, and joined the Army. He's now a corporal serving in Iraq with the Stryker brigade from Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Because of Pat Tillman, Kevin Mincio, and every other man and woman today who wears our nation's uniform, American honor lives, and freedom will prevail.

Here's the article on Tillman from this week's issue of Time. It's comprehensive.

Time Magazine
May 3, 2004

SECTION: NATION/AFGHANISTAN/DEATH OF A VOLUNTEER; Pg. 38

HEADLINE: One For The Team;

PAT TILLMAN--FOOTBALL STAR, RANGER--DID NOT ASPIRE TO HEROISM. BUT HIS LIFE DEFINED IT

BYLINE: Richard Lacayo, Reported by Sean Gregory/Tempe, Nancy Harbert/Albuquerque, Laura A. Locke/San Jose, Tim McGirk/Islamabad, Alice Park/New York, Eli Sanders/Fort Lewis, Mark Thompson/Washington, Jill Underwood/Las Vegas and Michael Ware/Khost

Last December, a few days before the Arizona Cardinals were set to play the Seattle Seahawks, Dave McGinnis, then the Cardinals' head coach, got a call from U.S. Army Specialist Pat Tillman. Eighteen months after trading his Cardinals jersey for government-issue camouflage and six months after returning from a tour of duty in Iraq, Tillman was back with his 75th Army Ranger Regiment at its base in Fort Lewis, Wash. Soon he would ship out again, this time to Afghanistan. But now he wanted to come see his old team play.

The night before the game, Tillman showed up at McGinnis' Seattle hotel room along with his wife Marie and his brother Kevin, who had signed up and fought with him in the same unit in Iraq. Two other friends were also in tow. Both brothers were taking part in a three-month Ranger training program. "Pat told me right off," says McGinnis, "Coach, there are some things I can talk about and some things I just can't."

After the game (which the Cardinals lost, 28-10), McGinnis asked Tillman to appear in the locker room. Ever reluctant to grandstand or play the hero, he agreed to meet the players but not to address them formally as a group. "When he walked in, there was just a tremendous amount of respect," says McGinnis. "I can still see vividly in my mind each player shaking his hand, everyone saying thank you and touching his shoulder."

They may have wanted to make sure he was real. After all, this was the man who had walked away from a \$3.6 million three-year contract with the Cardinals because there was another uniform he wanted to wear. In a culture obsessed with money, there's something hard to believe about a person who turns down that kind of offer for an \$18,000-a-year job with the Army. And in a culture obsessed with fame, we hardly know what to do with a guy who doesn't even capitalize on the story. From the minute he decided to sign up, Tillman refused interview requests. What he did wasn't a publicity stunt. It wasn't a career move. It was that ancient, compelling thing—a sacrifice.

What we realize now is that there was a larger sacrifice to come. In Afghanistan last week Tillman was part of Operation Mountain Storm, a campaign launched in March by U.S.-led forces against Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters who have been regrouping in sanctuaries along the border with Pakistan. On Thursday his special-forces unit was on patrol with Afghan militia near the isolated mud-brick village of Spera, about 25 miles southwest of the nearest U.S. firebase, at Khost.

The mountain trails around Spera, where thick pine forests provide cover from U.S. aircraft, have become a major infiltration point for Taliban and al-Qaeda operatives. The watchful locals, members of the Zadran tribe, sympathize with the jihadists. It's ambush country, and some time around 7:30 p.m. Tillman's patrol was attacked. In the 12 to 15 minutes of shooting that followed, two Americans were wounded. An Afghan militia man was killed. So was Tillman. He was 27.

All this week—and for weeks to come—we will talk about Tillman, who went out of his way to discourage such conversation. All soldiers give up something when they enlist. Tillman didn't want to hear that the career he left behind was any more important. But now that he's gone, he will be singled out, for a while anyway. Not just because he was one of the few famous faces in an all-volunteer Army that doesn't attract many. But because his sacrifice can stand for those made by all the others. And because we wonder if we could do what he—and they—have done.

Tillman grew up in San Jose, Calif., where his father Pat Sr. is a lawyer and former college wrestler. Like a lot of young Californians, the long-haired Pat Jr. could embody the surfer dude. In fact, dude was one of his favorite words. His other favorite word isn't printable. Cargo shorts, flip-flops and T-shirts were his standard outfit. But at Arizona State University, he had the brains to get his marketing degree in 3 1/2 years—and with a 3.84-grade-point average. At school he got into the habit of climbing at night up the narrow ladder of a 200-ft. light tower at Sun Devil Stadium. He would perch at the top, look at the stars and wonder where he was headed.

Everybody's favorite story from his high school football career involves the game in which his team was so far ahead that his coach decided to bench the starters for the second half. But Tillman—a starter—still needed to play. As the half began, he snuck back onto the field and returned the kickoff for a touchdown. His coach was so upset at the stunt that he locked Tillman's helmet in the team bus to keep him sidelined.

In the fall of 1993, as a high school senior, Tillman got into a more serious kind of trouble. Coming to the defense of a friend involved in a fight outside a pizza parlor, he beat his adversary so severely that he was eventually arrested and charged as a juvenile with felony assault. Tillman entered a guilty plea, and the following summer spent 30 days in a juvenile-detention facility, all the while worrying that he might lose the scholarship offered him by Arizona State. He didn't, and on his release his conviction was reduced to a misdemeanor. Years later he discussed the episode with a writer from Sports Illustrated. "I learned more from that one bad decision than all the good decisions I've ever made," he said. "It made me realize that stuff you do has repercussions. You can lose everything."

All the same, at ASU, where few people knew of the arrest, they called him the Hitman—but this time, for what he did on the field. He lacked both the size of a typical college linebacker and the speed of a running back, but he was dogged and smart. In his senior year Tillman was named Pac-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year—no small trick for a guy who weighed 202 lbs. in a world where your average lineman looks like a major appliance with a helmet. When a reporter congratulated him, Tillman admitted that he was proud to win but allowed that the whole thing had him a little worried that he might "start being happy" with himself. "And then I'll stand still, and then I'm old news."

Standing still just wasn't something he did. People talk about Tillman's charisma and his instantly authoritative manner. In 1995 Mike McBride was still new to his job as an academic counselor in ASU's athletic department when Tillman, a shaggy-haired freshman, first walked into his office to ask him how many classroom hours he would need to graduate. When McBride told him, Tillman shot back that it was McBride's job to make sure he didn't do any more or any less. "I had a weird reaction," says McBride. "I almost said, 'Yes, sir'—except he had that surfer hairdo."

Tillman made a career out of turning no into yes. His college football coach Bruce Snyder told Tillman that he might have to redshirt him—hold him back—for his first year. Perhaps Snyder was expecting him to grow. "He looked me dead in the eye and said, 'Coach, I'm not going to redshirt.' I thought he didn't understand what I meant," says Snyder, "so I started to explain it. But he said, 'Coach, you don't have to play me. I'm going to graduate in four years, so as long as I'm around, use me as it comes along.'"

In 1997 Tillman helped the Sun Devils come achingly close to a national championship in that year's Rose Bowl. All the same, prior to the NFL draft the following year, the labels "too small" and "too slow" still clung to him. He came to the Cardinals as a seventh-round pick, 226th out of 241 overall. His signing bonus was meal money by NFL standards, just \$ 21,000. Since he didn't have a car, he commuted to the Cards' training camp riding his green Schwinn bicycle. "But you couldn't tell him he couldn't make it in the NFL," recalls Kwamie Lassiter, one of Tillman's former teammates. "Tell him he can play for three years, and he'll play four just to show you he can. Whatever challenge came up, he hit it head on."

In 2000 Tillman established a team record of 224 tackles in a single season. The next year he turned down a five-year, \$ 9 million—contract offer from the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams out of loyalty to the eternally underachieving Cardinals. But after Sept. 11, Tillman started thinking about larger loyalties. On the day after the attack he spoke about family members who had gone to war, like his great-grandfather who was at Pearl Harbor. "I haven't done a damn thing as far as laying myself on the line like that," he said. "So I have a great deal of respect for those that have."

Tillman's agent Frank Bauer got the first inkling that something was brewing with his client in a phone conversation in March 2002, while he was in the midst of negotiating the \$ 3.6 million deal with the Cardinals. "Pat said, 'Hey, Frank, do me a favor. Worry about your other clients. Don't worry about me. I'm thinking about doing something else.'" In May, after returning from a honeymoon trip to the South Pacific island of Bora Bora with his wife Marie, Tillman enlisted, along with his brother Kevin, a minor league baseball player. Determined to avoid publicity, they began the process in Denver, where Pat might not be recognized. But the inevitable news still stunned many people. Tillman was one of the very few active NFL players to volunteer for military service since World War II, in which 638 NFL players served and 19 died.

Despite his All-American story, he turned down a multitude of TV, movie and book deals. Last July, when both Tillmans won the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the ESPY Awards ceremony on ESPN, they made no public statement and sent their younger brother Richard to pick up the award.

Mark Brand, an assistant athletic director at ASU, says that when people asked Tillman why he was enlisting, he always had the same answer: he needed a new challenge. He got one at Fort Benning, Ga., where both Tillmans

spent the second half of 2002 training to become Army Rangers, an elite outfit that only graduates about a third of those who start the course. They reached Iraq some time last year. In Baghdad Pat made frequent calls to Bauer. "He never talked about any of the combat part of it," says Bauer. "That just was Pat. He never really got into anything that detailed."

It was only last month that Tillman left for Afghanistan. You wonder what he would have made of last weekend's NFL draft, with the scramble for money and Eli Manning's pout over whether he might be forced to work in San Diego and not a thought about how a death on the battlefield had put it all into perspective. But Tillman just might have objected again that he was nothing special, that he had his share of ordinary career ambition too. In the locker room before the Rose Bowl in 1997, he asked one of his coaches, Lyle Setencich, what draft round he might expect to be chosen in the next year. "I told him to get a law degree, that he was going to be President," says Setencich. "He said, 'I want to play in the NFL.'"

"You're fortunate when you come across a Pat Tillman," says Setencich. "But there are many Pat Tillmans across the country. The spirit of Pat Tillman is the heart of this country." Tillman would not have wanted us talking about him this week, but if we were talking about him anyway, that's probably what he would have wanted us to say. —Reported by Sean Gregory/Tempe, Nancy Harbert/Albuquerque, Laura A. Locke/San Jose, Tim McGirk/Islamabad; Alice Park/New York, Eli Sanders/Fort Lewis, Mark Thompson/Washington, Jill Underwood/Las Vegas and Michael Ware/Khost

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USA TODAY

April 27, 2004, Tuesday, FIRST EDITION

SECTION: EDIT; Pg. 13A

HEADLINE: Tillman embraced higher calling

BYLINE: Dave Kindred

On Sept. 12, 2001, as smoke cast a shadow over New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, the football player said his family had been to war. His great-grandfather, he said, had been at Pearl Harbor.

Then, in a voice that suggested excitement, challenge, even envy, Pat Tillman said he hadn't "done a damn thing as far as laying myself on the line like that. And so I have a great deal of respect for those that have and what the flag stands for."

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The Arizona Republic

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HEADLINE: 9/11 SHAPED TILLMAN AND HIS GENERATION

BYLINE: By Joseph A. Reaves, The Arizona Republic

On Sept. 12, 2001, the Arizona Cardinals safety gave an interview in which he talked about how "stupid" football seemed and how he never truly appreciated the greatness of this country.

"At times like this you stop and think about, not only how good we have it, but what kind of system we live under," Tillman said.

"My great-grandfather was at Pearl Harbor. And a lot of my family has gone and fought in wars. And I really haven't done a damn thing as far as laying myself on the line like that."

And 953 days after he uttered those words, Tillman laid himself on the line.

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 Here's the clip on Kevin Mincio:

The News Tribune (Tacoma, Washington)

January 8, 2004, Thursday

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HEADLINE: Fort Lewis draws from Wall Street, sends 'em back to Main Street; In Iraq: Executive ditched job with banking firm for life in the infantry

BYLINE: MICHAEL GILBERT, The News Tribune

CAMP PACESETTER, Iraq - It wasn't a snap reaction that led Kevin Mincio to leave his upwardly mobile job on Wall Street, to sell his car and his boat and the beachfront house he built on Long Island, to up and join the Army.

His decision came about gradually after Sept. 11, 2001. He worked next door to the World Trade Center and watched the buildings collapse.

"I didn't have any good friends who were killed, but I knew a lot of people who died," Mincio said. After nine years at the investment banking firm of Goldman Sachs, he'd been promoted to vice president, managing the firm's information technology vendors and advising its bankers on deals in that sector.

But in the months after the attack, as he helped his and other firms get back on their feet, he said he began to reconsider his priorities.

"It made me reflect," Mincio said. "'What am I doing? Am I happy?' It made me take stock."

In the end, his decision had as much to do with his need for a new challenge and a break from the corporate world as it did with his desire to serve his country after Sept. 11.

And how could his bosses stand in the way of a military hitch?

"To be honest, the Army was a graceful exit for me," he said. "I was a lifer. If I'd said I was going to go down to open a scuba shop in Mexico, they'd have probably frowned on that."

So in February 2002, at age 31, he gave up a six-figure salary, an expense account and a staff in Hong Kong and London and an apartment in the city and the beachfront home on the weekends. He traded it all for basic training and soon thereafter an assignment at Fort Lewis in the Stryker brigade's 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment.

He did not sign up to work in a specialty skill that drew on his previous work experience. He's an 11 Bravo, an infantryman.

Soon after his arrival at the 5-20, he was recommended to the then-headquarters company's top enlisted man, 1st Sgt. Eugene O'Day, as a candidate for the reconnaissance scout platoon. He tried out and won a spot, an unusual achievement for someone so new to the Army, O'Day said.

Several months later, Mincio was an easy choice for soldier of the quarter.

O'Day said Mincio threw himself into learning to be a soldier.

"Same thing he did in his civilian career. He just climbed that ladder in the Army," O'Day said. "He did all the right things to set himself up for success."

He stayed with the scouts until this summer, when the 5-20 commander, Lt. Col. Rob Choppa, moved on to become deputy commander of the whole brigade. Choppa brought Mincio with him to Stryker headquarters.

He's been promoted three times in just under two years, currently holding the rank of corporal.

Technically, he's the commander of Choppa's Stryker vehicle. But he's really more like the deputy commander's assistant, and he takes on other jobs as well. For instance, he's pulling together a database of information about Iraqi schools, hospitals and other institutions.

Coming into the service from a successful career in the corporate world was not easy. He said the toughest part about basic training was the lack of privacy and fitting in with guys so much younger than he.

He's also had to learn to fit into Army life. He said he's always admired soldiers and had an interest in military history. His grandpa was a medic in the Pacific in World War II, and Mincio always loved to listen to his stories. At one point he considered joining the Air Force or attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

But actually being a soldier and succeeding at it was another matter entirely, he said.

"People helped me come into the culture," Mincio said. "I was far behind the learning curve."

He goes out of his way to extend all formal military courtesies to higher-ranking enlisted soldiers and all officers, even if privately he knows he has many more years of real-world experience.

He had all kinds of corporate training and made presentations all the time in his old job. He said it's hard sometimes to watch a young officer struggle through a briefing.

But he said he enjoys doing a corporal's job. He claims to command the cleanest Stryker in the brigade - although to be fair, he doesn't have an infantry squad running in and out of the thing all the time.

Mincio stays in touch with his old Wall Street buddies. He's a partner in a real-estate company with some of them - maybe the only corporal in the Army who can make that claim.

His wife, Heather, followed him west from New York, where she worked for the chief financial officer of The Limited. They were married in the Bahamas last June and own a home in Seattle, where she works in finance at Starbucks' corporate headquarters.

Her co-workers donated the hundreds of pounds of coffee the soldiers are drinking here in Iraq.

Mincio's parents, Ron and Karen, are retired teachers in the New York public schools and still live on Long Island. These days, his dad teaches English at Stony Brook University.

His bosses at Goldman Sachs have told him they'll hold a job open for him for five years. He said he doesn't know yet what he'll do when his enlistment runs out next year, but that he's likely to return to the civilian world.

"I'm going to serve three years and go home," Mincio said. "It's not that I don't like it, but it becomes a business and family decision. I can do more for my wife and my family doing something else."

Mincio's story is similar to that of Pat Tillman, the Arizona Cardinals safety who put his pro football career on hold in 2002 to serve three years with the Army Rangers.

Mincio doesn't regret his decision - not even after all the time away from home during the brigade's intense training schedule, or now that he's 6,500 miles away from Heather on a yearlong deployment.

"The bottom line is, I know deep down that if I was really happy, I wouldn't have done it," he said.

"Now I'm happier than I was before."

Ashley, Barbara MS.

From: carol.darby@~~army.mil~~
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 2:32 PM
To: bushh@~~army.mil~~
Cc: sokalski@~~army.mil~~; Kevin.Walston@~~army.mil~~; ashleyb@~~army.mil~~
Subject: Information for POTUS Speech

LTC Bush: I talked with the White House speechwriter and asked if I should initiate a query of the Tillman family for the info. He said he advised the WH to work around the subject. But, he will talk with the WH staff and get back with me. I advised him of the Family schedule and that it would be tomorrow before contact is made with the Family Liaison (and that there is one person dealing with the family, all info and requests are passed through that person).

I also talked with SFC Lewis -- Maj Whitney is traveling with the CG. Lewis will pass on my call phone and the info to Maj Whitney. Told Lewis that as soon as the info is released, I'll bec him so he has the info too.

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From: Kropp, Emily L.
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2004 11:55 AM
To: Gerson, Michael J.
Subject: RE: Updated: Indian EO Signing #7 - for the President's review

Yes

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

From: Gerson, Michael J.
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2004 11:55 AM
To: Kropp, Emily L.
Subject: Re: Updated: Indian EO Signing #7 - for the President's review

We have Tillman as a Corporal in the remarks, don't we?

From: Kropp, Emily L.
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 2:06 PM
To: Currin, John
Subject: RE:

I will as soon as I get it to the President. sorry - many things going on here.

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

From: Currin, John
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 2:05 PM
To: Kropp, Emily L.
Subject:

Mike told me to see the new draft of the correspondence dinner and see how they they dealt with the Tillman matter. Can you please send me the latest draft? Thanks

From: Kropp, Emily L.
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 2:41 PM
To: Kavanaugh, Brett M.
Subject: RE: Corporal Tillman

Right. Currin checked it, told Mike yesterday - and he forgot to make the change. I wasn't cc'd so I didn't know to make it.

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

From: Kavanaugh, Brett M.
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 2:37 PM
To: Kropp, Emily L.
Subject: RE: Corporal Tillman

I said to check this in my staffing comments. Anyway, make it a 4.

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

From: Kropp, Emily L.
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 2:35 PM
To: Kavanaugh, Brett M.
Subject: FW: Corporal Tillman

Brett - We need to make this change. Should I do it now and call #4? Or wait to see if he has more changes?

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

From: Currin, John
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2004 2:30 PM
To: Gerson, Michael J.; Scully, Matthew; McConnell, John P.
Cc: Kropp, Emily L.
Subject: Corporal Tillman

Emily sent me the new draft. Tillman's rank still needs to be changed. His rank is Corporal (he was a Specialist, promoted posthumously to Corporal). This I had confirmed yesterday.

From: Robinson, LTC. John R. (USA) [robinsjr]
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2004 5:01 PM
To: 'Bush Hans E LTC'; Taylor Samuel T COL; Whitman, Bryan, CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Pittman, CDR Harold E (USN); Balice, LCDR Nicholas A (USN)
Subject: CENTCOM Version

Attachments: Tillman2.rtf



Tillman2.rtf (38 KB)

This is the initial Press Plan built by CENTCOM. Still officially draft... Understand the NOK notification is still not complete, and that SOCCOM will potentially take over release authority. SVTC scheduled for this afternoon to discuss.
v/r
John

<<Tillman2.rtf>>

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Corporal Tillman Investigation Media Plan

Date: 5/28/04
Contact: LTC John Robinson [REDACTED]
LCDR Nick Balice [REDACTED]

Background:

The investigation into the 22 April 2004 death of Corporal Tillman has been completed. Official briefing to family members is expected to occur as early as today. While we do not anticipate that family members will contact the media, there is potential that information may be released through other sources. Extensive media exposure of the Tillman story, followed by acknowledgement that his death resulted from friendly fire is expected to receive a high level of media interest. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Response to query has been coordinated between CCPA, SOCOM PA, USASOC PA and OASD PA. CCPA will be lead spokesperson for any queries pertaining to the investigation.

Objectives:

- Comply with Principles of Information as they apply to all investigations.
- Express condolences for the unfortunate death of this servicemember, as well as surviving family members.
- Emphasize the thorough, cooperative, and coordinated process of the investigation that is conducted whenever there is indication of potential friendly fire.
- Express the danger and potential confusion associated with any firefight.
- Emphasize that ultimate responsibility for Cpl Tillman's death rests with anti coalition forces that ambushed this patrol.

Strategy:

- Prior to notification of NOK – PA approach will be passive. (we will acknowledge that investigation was conducted).
- Until notification of NOK and Congressional notification - PA approach will be passive – RTQ. RTQ coordinated with SOCOM, USASOC and OASD.
- Also recommend a phone call to key Congressional leaders by the CJCS, and congressional liaison done by JCS-LL
- Emphasize the inherent confusion associated with combat/ambush incidents of this nature.

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Tactics:

- Ensure NOK notification and Congressional notification prior to confirming any status of the investigation findings.
- Once notifications are complete – queries should be referred to CCPA.
- Unclassified summary was produced by USASOC. Due to the classified nature of this operation, information will most likely be very limited.
- RTQ will be responded to with strict adherence to the attached guidance.
- CCPA will post release stating investigation results upon completion of notifications.

Timeline-- ASSUMING CONFIRMATION OF NOTIFICATIONS OF NOK:

Friday, 28 May

- 1700 -- OSD / CENTCOM approval of release packet
- 1700 -- Final confirmation of notification of NOK
- 1730 -- Congressional liaison by JCS LL
- 1800 -- Official public release by USCENTCOM

Followed by CENTCOM Response to Query

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Press Release

MacDill AFB - A military investigation into the circumstances of the 22 April death of Corporal Patrick Tillman is complete.

While there was no one specific finding of fault, the investigation results indicate that Corporal Tillman died as a result of friendly fire while his unit was engaged in combat with enemy forces.

Corporal Tillman's unit was ambushed with small arms and mortar fire at about 7:30 PM local time while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan. The enemy ambush was immediately responded to by a coalition patrol including Cpl Tillman with direct fire, and an intense firefight lasting approximately 20 minutes ensued.

The ambush was conducted by 10-12 enemy personnel from multiple locations over approximately 1 kilometer in very severe and constricted terrain with impaired light conditions. Following initial contact, Cpl Tillman disembarked from his vehicle and, in support of his unit, moved into position to suppress enemy fire.

The results of this investigation in no way diminish the bravery and sacrifice displayed by Cpl Tillman. Cpl Tillman was shot and killed while responding to enemy fire without regard for his own safety. He focused his efforts on the elimination of enemy forces and the protection of his team members. There is an inherent degree of confusion in any firefight, particularly when a unit is ambushed, and especially under difficult light and terrain conditions which produces an environment that increases the likelihood of fratricide.

U.S. Central Command regrets the loss of life resulting from this tragic incident.

Media interested in additional information can contact US Central Command Public Affairs.

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RTQ

Core Communication Points:

- We greatly regret the loss of life that resulted from this tragic incident.
- A thorough and comprehensive investigation was conducted into the cause of this tragic accident in an effort to prevent any future incidents.
- There is an inherent degree of confusion in any firefight, particularly when a unit is ambushed, which produces an environment that affects the risk of fratricide.
- This in no way diminishes the bravery and sacrifice displayed by Cpl Tillman.
- Ultimate responsibility for the death of Cpl Tillman rests with anti-coalition forces that ambushed the patrol.

Q&A

Q1. When will the investigation be completed?

A1. The investigation has been completed, approved, and is undergoing declassification review at CENTCOM.

Q2. Will the final investigative report be made available to the public?

A2. The report is currently classified. Once it has been subject to declassification review the redacted report will be available for release.

Q3. Why were the circumstances surrounding his death not made public?

A3. Initial information concerning the unfortunate death of Cpl Tillman was released in accordance with DOD policies for release of casualty information. The specific details of this incident were not known until the completion of the investigation.

Q4. Was Corporal Tillman's death a case of fratricide?

A4. Unfortunately, the results of the 15-6 investigation show that Cpl Tillman was killed by friendly fire. The potential for fratricide is always there, because of the enemy locations and actions, restrictive terrain and limited visibility, the possibility of fratricide in this engagement existed. The investigation determined the facts to the best of our knowledge surrounding the circumstances of Corporal Tillman's death.

Q5. What about the other two Rangers who were injured with Cpl Tillman? Were their injuries a result of fratricide as well?

A5. Yes. The other two Rangers were wounded by friendly fire.

Q6. Did the 15-6 identify the individual responsible for Cpl Tillman's death?

A6. The exact origin is undetermined. The people ultimately responsible for Cpl Tillman's death were members of the anti-coalition militia who set a deadly ambush designed to kill and injure US soldiers.

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Q7. What happens now? Is there any further investigation? Is there any administrative or judicial punishment planned.

A7. ???

As with all tragedies of this nature, every effort will be made to identify lessons learned that can be applied to prevent future incidents like this from occurring in the future.

Q8. How does this affect the status of the award that was recently presented to Cpl Tillman posthumously?

A8. The investigation results do not diminish the bravery and sacrifice displayed by Cpl Tillman. Cpl Tillman was shot and killed while responding to enemy fire without regard for his own safety. He focused his efforts on the elimination of enemy forces and the protection of his team members.

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Unclassified Executive Summary

On 22 April 2004, one 75th Ranger Regiment soldier and one Afghan Militia Force (AMF) soldier were fatally wounded by friendly fire following an ambush of the Ranger platoon by enemy forces near Khowst, Afghanistan. Two other Ranger Regiment soldiers were also wounded by friendly fire during the engagement that followed the ambush. 01.8.000

On 20 April 2004, the platoon had finished clearing operations in their assigned sector and began planning for follow-on operations in another sector which were to begin on or about 23 April 2004. The progress of the platoon to their follow-on area of operations was significantly impaired by a non-mission capable vehicle that could not be repaired by the platoon mechanic. Air assets were unavailable for a timely sling load extraction and terrain prohibited conventional extraction by a wrecker.

On 22 April 2004, a decision was made to split the platoon. One section was assigned to tow the non-mission capable vehicle to a location where a wrecker could extract it, while the other section moved toward the platoon follow-on area of operations. At 1404Z, approximately thirty minutes after the platoon split off in their separate directions, the section with the non-mission capable vehicle was ambushed by anti-coalition forces. Hearing the engagement, the other section of the platoon maneuvered to the location of the ambush and engaged in the fight. During the fire fight that ensued, an AMF soldier who was engaging enemy forces, was misidentified by a Ranger squad leader as being part of the enemy force and was attacked. Other members of the platoon, observing the direction of fire by the squad leader, oriented their fire in the same direction. This fire fatally wounded one Ranger and the AMF soldier.

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From: Curtin, Joseph COL OCPA [Joseph.Curtin@OCPA.com]

Sent: Friday, May 28, 2004 10:18 PM

To: 'bushh' [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: final v2

Hans: OCPA additionally provides clearance to proceed with 0900 press event with knowledge Tillman family notifications may not be completed until 1200 hours EST. Prudent to proceed given family has been informed by Kevin Tillman and knowledge major newspaper will run the story in the morning papers. vr, COL Curtin.

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

From: Curtin, Joseph COL OCPA

Sent: Friday, May 28, 2004 10:12 PM

To: 'bushh' [REDACTED]

Cc: 'robinsjc' [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: final v2

Hans: this email provides you with OASD-PA and OCPA green light to proceed at 0900, 29 May, with reading this press statement. Please conclude the press event with informing media to contact CENTCOM for any additional queries. Talk to you after the event around 0930 hours. VR, COL Curtin.

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

From: Whitman, Bryan SES OASD-PA

Sent: Friday, May 28, 2004 10:04 PM

To: Curtin, Joseph COL OCPA

Subject: Re: final v2

Looks fine

Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

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

From: Curtin, Joseph COL OCPA <Joseph.Curtin@OCPA.com>

To: Whitman, Bryan SES OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman@OCPA.com>

Sent: Fri May 28 21:59:33 2004

Subject: FW: final v2

Bryan:

Subject: final v2

Press Release

Good Morning. I would like to make a brief statement on the events surrounding the death of CPL Pat Tillman 22 APR in Afghanistan. I will not be taking questions.

A military investigation by US Central Command into the circumstances of the 22 April death of Corporal Patrick Tillman is complete.

While there was no one specific finding of fault, the investigation results indicate that Corporal Tillman probably died as a result of friendly fire while his unit was engaged in combat with enemy forces.

The results of this investigation in no way diminish the bravery and sacrifice displayed by Cpl Tillman. Cpl Tillman was shot and killed while responding to enemy fire without regard for his own safety. He focused his efforts on the elimination of enemy forces and the protection of his team members. There is an inherent degree of confusion in any firefight, particularly when a unit is ambushed, and especially under difficult light and terrain conditions which produce an environment that increases the likelihood of fratricide.

Corporal Tillman's platoon was ambushed with small arms and mortar fire at about 7:30 PM local time while conducting combat operations in the vicinity of Khowat, Afghanistan. The enemy ambush was immediately responded to by a coalition patrol including Cpl Tillman with direct fire, and an intense firefight lasting approximately 20 minutes ensued.

The ambush was conducted by 10-12 enemy personnel from multiple locations over approximately 1 kilometer in very severe and constricted terrain with impaired light conditions. Following initial contact, Cpl Tillman disembarked from his vehicle and, in support of his unit, moved into position to suppress enemy fire.

We regret the loss of life resulting from this tragic incident. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the Tillman family.

Thank you all for being here this morning.

(PAO): US Central Command is the point of contact for future inquiries.

[Bush, Hans E. LYG] DOL
Hans

From: Bush, Hans E. LTC
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2004 10:17 AM
To: Bush, Hans E. LTC; Taylor Samuel T. COL; McGraw Kenneth S. GS-14
Cc: Cleveland, Charles T. COL; OCPA MRD Curtin, Joseph. COL; OCPA MRB LTC Tom Reinlander; CENTCOM PAO John Robinson; Johnson, Rivers; Abel, Benjamin E. GS09; Albro, Gillian M. GS07; Aman, Ron. GS12; Ashley, Barbara GS11; Coates, Kyle J. SGT; Derby, Carol GS12; Devine, Kathleen P. MAJ; Edson, Jennifer J. SPC; Fischer, Nancy GS12; Gowan, Robert E. MAJ; Myrick, Judith GS08; Riddley, Bonita L. GS08; Scott, Randy GS12; Sokalski, Walter GS13; Walston, Kevin E. GS11
Subject: RE: Hot wash - Time line for CPL Tillman Press Conference-Correction

Original email time line had a typo.
All "APR" entries should be "MAY" dates.
See below

DOL
Hans

Timeline of events for CPL Tillman 15-6 Results media plan

Thursday, 27 MAY 04

AM: -WFO that CPL Tillman 15-6 would be completed 28 MAY 04 by CENTCOM
PM: -75th Ranger Regiment briefs Maria Tillman on preliminary findings of 15-6, mentions "friendly fire".

Friday, 28 MAY 04

AM: -Talking Points for 15-6 results discussed for use in congressional and potential media release during PAO teleconference (OSD, OCPA, SOCOM, USASOC, CENTCOM)
-CPL Tillman's parents called by media and asked about friendly fire findings

PM: -Talking Points for 15-6 result for use in potential media release discussed in VTC (OSD, OCPA, SOCOM, USASOC, CENTCOM)
-CPL Tillman's brother Kevin explains finding information to parents over the phone

Late PM:
-COA development concludes with decision to conduct USASOC CG Press Conference next morning from Fort Bragg. (2300)

-Verbage of PC statement approved by OCPA, OSD and CENTCOM (2330)
-Installation PAO assists in set up of Stryker Golf Course Press Conference Area
-USASOC News Service broadcasts press advisory and successfully arranges coverage by ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN and AP Wire Service (2345)
-Arizona Republic Newspaper posts "friendly fire" story to website (2359)

Saturday, 29 MAY 04

0730: -Installation PAO Ops Officer and USASOC MRD Director set up media center @ Stryker Golf Course
-USASOC PAO conducts rehearsals and exec prep with CG

0800: Notification to SOCOM, OSD and OCPA of intent to proceed with PC

0818: CG departs for Stryker

0830: PAO provides admin instructions and ground rules to media

0915: -CG enters and reads statement at podium

-Media obey ground rules and no Q+A conducted

1000: -Post release to LNS

-Notify OCPA mission complete

-Contact Dep PAO CENTCOM

-Notify SOCOM PAO

Sunday - Monday, 30-31 MAY 04

-Receive total of 4x media queries (3x process, 1x content)

-Process:

Q1: "Why did you do PC on CENTCOM results?"

A1: "This was the result of extraordinary media interest surrounding CPL Tillman.

His parents were to be officially briefed later next week, however media began to contact them Friday night so we were

compelled to hold a press conference in order to relieve media pressure from the family. As soon as we determined when and where the press conference would be held, we sent out the press advisory.
-Content: CNN question on further 15-8 details (referred to CENTCOM)

Tuesday, 1 JUN 04

- No media quires on CPL Tillman
- Hot wash timeline completed at request of SOCOM PAO

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