

Review of Matters Related to the Death of Corporal Patrick Tillman, U.S. Army

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The review examined whether the Army's investigations into the April 22, 2004, friendly-fire death of Cpl. Patrick Tillman—former NFL football player—were adequate, whether Army notification of next of kin complied with regulations and whether documentation to justify the posthumous award of the Silver Star was accurate. The review found that Tillman's chain of command made critical errors in reporting his death and in assigning investigative jurisdiction in the days following his death, and bears ultimate responsibility for the inaccuracies, misunderstandings and perceptions of concealment that led to the review. The report also stated that Army officials failed to properly update family members when an investigation was initiated into Tillman's death and that justification for his Silver Star contained inaccuracies.



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