

MARTIN O'MALLEY GOVERNOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

## STATE OF MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT FIFTH REGIMENT ARMORY BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201-2288

MAJOR GENERAL THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

BRUCE F TUXILL

April 1, 2008

Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller State House, H-107 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

Speaker of the House Michael E. Busch State House, H-101 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

Dear Sir:

The information below is provided as a follow up to my report of January 4, 2008 and in compliance with House Bill 1439, Chapter 485, Sec 2, of 2007 which initiated the following requirements:

"That the Adjutant General for the Maryland Army National Guard, in consultation with the Assistants Adjutant General, shall report to the General Assembly on a quarterly basis beginning on January 1, 2008 in accordance with Section 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the number of Maryland National Guard members killed or injured while on active duty and the circumstances therein."

From the period of January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008:

There was one service related death of a Maryland Army National Guard soldier serving globally on active duty.

Name:

Collin J. Bowen

Rank:

Staff Sergeant at time of injury

posthumously promoted to Sergeant First Class

Survived by:

Wife and three daughters (two of these from previous marriage)

Date of injury: January 2, 2008

Date of death: March 14, 2008

Type of event: Vehicle he was driving struck by Improvised Explosive Device

Location: Operation: Khost province, Afghanistan

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Narrative:

Sergeant First Class Collin J. Bowen was serving as an infantryman with Task Force Phoenix, Afghanistan National Army Embedded Training Team (ANA-ETT) was from C Company, 1st Battalion, 175<sup>th</sup> Infantry of the MD Army National Guard in Towson. He later died after multiple surgeries over a two month period at the Army's burn center in San Antonio, Texas. He was

buried with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Very respectfully,

BRUCE F. TUXILL

Major General, MDANG The Adjutant General

cc:

Governor of Maryland

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