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Statement from the Family of Spc. Joshua J. O'Bannon

COLUMBUS – The family of Spc. Joshua J. O'Bannon, the Ohio National Guard recruit from Columbus, who died after participating in training at Camp Lazarus in Delaware, Ohio, very much appreciates the outpouring of support that they have received from their friends and the community.

They thank the media for understanding the difficulty that they are having dealing with the loss of their son. They will not be granting interviews at this time.

The funeral for O'Bannon will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2188 Woodward Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43219.

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[Editors Note: Joshua was posthumously promoted to the rank of Specialist \(E-4\) as of April 29, 2008.](#)

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