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**Panetta 'can lead and inspire'**

**FRIEND NOT SURPRISED BY CIA SUCCESS**

By JIM JOHNSON  
Herald staff writer



On Sept. 11, 2001, future CIA director Leon Panetta and his longtime friend John Franzén sat in Washington, D.C., and watched the second airplane slam into the World Trade Center. Nearly a decade later, on Monday morning, the pair shared a quiet and emotional moment together just hours after Panetta oversaw the historic raid that finally "rid the world of the most infamous terrorist of our time," as Panetta described Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden in a subsequent message to CIA employees.

"I never imagined that he'd be back (in Washington, D.C.) and responsible for getting the perpetrator of all of it," said Franzén, Panetta's first campaign manager.

Tabbed by President Barack Obama to lead the CIA and make the pursuit of bin Laden his top priority, Panetta capped off a two-year campaign to restore the agency's tarnished reputation by finding and eliminating the long-sought al-Qaida leader.

Franzén said Panetta, whom he helped get elected and re-elected to congress starting in the mid-1970s, was the ideal choice to track down bin Laden.

Franzén admitted having doubts when Panetta was nominated as CIA director, but said it was the same qualities that elevated Panetta from popular congressman to the heights of power and influence in the nation's capital that helped him succeed where others had fallen short.

"I was initially surprised like everyone else, but I think

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THE WHITE HOUSE/Associated Press  
President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and members of the national security team receive an update on the mission against Osama bin Laden in the Situation Room of the White House on Sunday.



ANJUM NAVEED/Associated Press  
Pakistan soldiers and a police officer patrol Monday past the house where it is believed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden lived in Abbottabad.

**CONFIDENCE IN MISSION BUILT; SEALS WEREN'T DETECTED EN ROUTE**

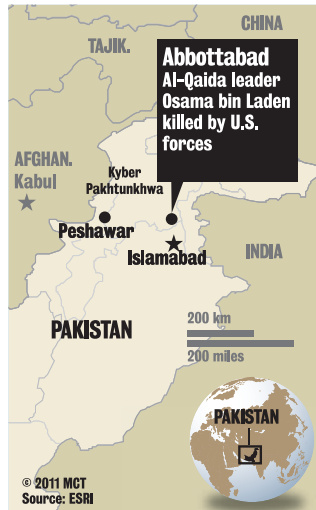
By JONATHAN S. LANDAY  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Even as the Navy SEALs slid down ropes from their hovering helicopters, there still was some uncertainty that the man they were after was inside the massive, night-shrouded compound on the edge of the sleeping city in northeastern Pakistan.

After all, Osama bin Laden was long thought to be hiding in a cave or other refuge in Pakistan's rugged tribal area bordering Afghanistan.

But one of the raiders thought he recognized the leader of al-Qaida, and dropped him with a shot to his left eye as the SEALs stormed into a third-floor room of the main house during a nearly 40-minute firefight.

The raider compared the dead man's face to bin Laden's picture. They seemed to match. So did measurements



of his nose, eyes, height and other features. Then one of the dead man's wives positively identified him. Yet it wasn't until later that DNA tests of "99.99 percent confidence" dispelled any lingering uncertainty.

Bin Laden was dead. "Justice has been done,"

President Barack Obama declared on national television after he and close aides, who had monitored the operation as it unfolded on the other side of the world, were sure the leader of al-Qaida was killed before dawn Monday, Pakistan time.

"It was probably one of the most anxiety-filled periods of time, I think, in the lives of the people who were assembled here," said John Brennan, Obama's chief counterterrorism adviser, at a White House news conference. "The confidence was building, yet at what point do you feel confident that you have the person you were after?"

No Americans were killed or injured. Four people other than bin Laden died: a trusted courier thought by U.S. officials to have harbored bin Laden and his family for several years; the courier's

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**Americans still feel uncertainty and fear**

By TAMARA LUSH  
Associated Press

Americans awoke Monday to a world without Osama bin Laden, and many felt jubilation, a surge of patriotism and a sense that their prayers had been answered and the U.S. had finally avenged the nearly 3,000 people killed on Sept. 11, 2001.

But to many — including some of the same Americans glad to see bin Laden dead — the news didn't make them feel safer. It led to uncertainty and fear.

Walter Hillegass, a plumber who cleaned the

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**Should Americans celebrate the death of Osama bin Laden?**

Yes  No  
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dust-choked World Trade Center site for days after the attacks, said he is scared of what comes next.

"I'm happy they got him," said Hillegass, staring at ground zero in New York, holding a U.S. flag. "But there's always going to be

another one right behind him."

Outside Boston, Laura Bell, a 65-year-old claims examiner for a health care company, said she is glad bin Laden is dead but doesn't believe it will make the U.S. any safer.

"We can't relax," she said. "We can't sit back on our butts and say this is great. I don't want us to get lax about security."

At the Salt Lake City airport, Mike Hensley wondered whether flying will be safer.

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