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Bittersweet revenge

NEWS: AL QAEDA'S OSAMA BIN LADEN IS DEAD



New York City firefighters react in Times Square late Sunday after President Barack Obama announced that the United States had possession of the body of Osama bin Laden. Fifteen members of Ladder 4, based in Midtown Manhattan, died during the collapse of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.



John Hildebrand waves an American flag on Bayshore Boulevard on Monday as Bayshore Patriots mark Osama bin Laden's death.

Brief, fierce raid that killed bin Laden took months to evolve

BY JAMES OLIPHANT
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — After landing by helicopter at the Pakistani compound housing Osama bin Laden early Monday, the U.S. special operations team tasked with capturing or killing the al-Qaida leader found itself in an almost continuous gunbattle.

For the next 40 minutes, the team of 79 commandos cleared the two buildings within the fortified compound in Abbottabad, north of Islamabad, trying to reach bin Laden and his family, who lived on the second and third floors of the largest structure, senior Defense Department and intelligence officials said Monday.

"Throughout most of the 40 minutes, they were engaged in a firefight," said a senior Pentagon official, who characterized

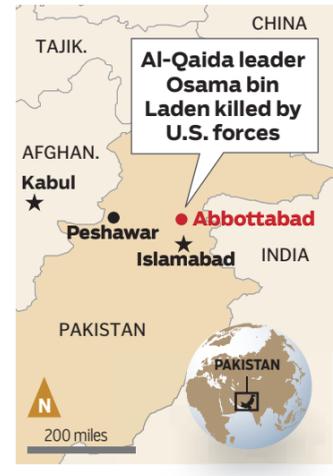
the operation as intense but deliberate.

Bin Laden "resisted" and was killed by U.S. gunfire in the larger building toward the end of the operation. He fired on the assault team, a U.S. official said, and may have tried to use his wife as a shield. The woman also was killed.

After the firefight, the special operations force quickly gathered papers — valuable intelligence on al-Qaida, officials said — and other materials in the two buildings and clambered back on three helicopters, taking bin Laden's corpse with them.

Before departing, the U.S. team blew up one of the four helicopters in the raid, a Blackhawk, that had mechanical problems, officials said.

No detainees were taken, FIREPOWER, Page 4



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'Words can't express how happy we are'

BY DONNA KOEHN
The Tampa Tribune

TAMPA — A soldier staring at her cellphone urgently asked the Hattrick's bartender to turn on the news.

The sports bar in downtown Tampa was filled with about 70 fans celebrating the Lightning victory over the Washington Capitals on Sunday night when a scroll came across the television screen: Osama bin Laden. Dead.

"The whole place just erupted," said general manager Da-

vid Mangioni. "We cranked it up. It was a goose bumps moment."

University of Tampa student Christopher Adamo echoed the joy Monday.

"Just an amazing night," he said. "Everybody was just celebrating. It was madness inside the courtyard here, ... and just words can't express how happy we are today."

In Tampa and across the nation, spontaneous outbursts of glee greeted the news that the mastermind of the Sept. 11

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U.S. issues security alerts on reprisal attacks

BY RICHARD A. SERRANO AND BRIAN BENNETT
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — An hour after President Barack Obama announced Osama bin Laden was dead, a bulletin flashed across the country to state and local law enforcement officials warning them a suddenly leaderless al-Qaida likely will "retaliate"

and "continue to pursue attacks" against the United States.

The caution from the Department of Homeland Security in Washington escalated Monday as national security officials, terrorism experts and the White House agreed that future strikes likely could be triggered from a new power struggle in al-Qaida or by some "lone wolf" or "micro-terrorist" plotting in the

United States to personally even the score for bin Laden's death.

Across the United States, airports increased inspections, transit police heightened patrols and cities such as Los Angeles, New York and Chicago raised security measures.

Abroad, U.S. embassies and other foreign facilities were placed on high alert. U.S. SECURITY, Page 4

Program lifts spirits of WWII veterans

Honor Flight effort takes trips to memorial in Washington

BY HOWARD ALTMAN
The Tampa Tribune

Everyday when George Avery gets up and peers at the mirror, he still sees "the look," even 66 years after he dropped his last 4.2-inch mortar round into a

tube aimed at Nazis. "The combat man has a far-away look," the 89-year-old St. Pete Beach veteran says, one he earned as he fought and killed and watched friends die from Kasserine Pass to Sicily to Salerno to Anzio as part of an elite unit using a weapon known as the "Four Deuce."

This morning, Avery will get a chance to see other men who know that look firsthand.

Thanks to an organization called Honor Flight of West Central Florida, Avery will join a group of 24 other World War II veterans this morning for an all-expenses-paid trip to the National World War II Memorial in Washington. It will be the first such trip from this area.

Avery can't wait to see the memorial and, especially, to spend time with the only people

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World War II veteran George Avery has made four paintings inspired by his memories of the war. Avery is eager to join other veterans for a trip to the National World War II Memorial in Washington.