

Pat Tillman Jersey Presentation Held At State Farm Stadium

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Tempe, AZ – The Arizona Cardinals Football Club along with the Pat Tillman Foundation and United Service Organizations (USO) hosted a ceremony to present Cardinals Legend and U.S. Army Ranger **Pat Tillman**'s jersey prior to today's Cardinals-Panthers game at State Farm Stadium.

The jersey was donated to the USO by the NFL and was proudly displayed at the Pat Tillman Memorial USO center at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan from 2005-21. With the closing of the airfield, the USO is transferring the jersey to the Pat Tillman Foundation in Arizona.

Cardinals owner and Pat Tillman Foundation board member **Michael Bidwill** was on the field for the presentation with several members of the Pat Tillman Foundation. Two of the most recent Tillman Scholars, U.S. Army veteran **HyeJung Park** (2020) and U.S. Marine Corps veteran **Michael Hall** (2021), were also recognized during the ceremony.

Pat Tillman was selected by the Cardinals in the seventh round (226th overall) of the 1998 NFL Draft out of Arizona State. He defied odds to become a three-year starting safety and set a franchise single-season record with 224 tackles in 2000. Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Tillman turned down a three-year contract and left the Cardinals prior to the 2002 season to enlist in the U.S. Army with his brother, Kevin. He was killed in action on April 22, 2004 in Afghanistan. His jersey #40 became the fifth retired number in team history, and he was inducted into the Cardinals Ring of Honor in 2006.

The Pat Tillman Foundation identifies remarkable veterans and military spouses as the next generation of leaders and helps them scale their impact as they enter their next chapter of service beyond self through academic scholarships, lifelong leadership development, and a global community of peers and supporters. For more information on the Pat Tillman Foundation and the impact of the Tillman Scholars, visit www.pattillmanfoundation.org.

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