



**LIFE**

Patrick Daniel "Pat" Tillman was born on 6 November 1976, in San Jose, California. The oldest of three boys, Pat was a caring and protective brother. With no television in the home, the boys spent much of their time reading and playing outdoors.

**As a natural student and athlete,**

**he studied and trained hard to be a winning COLLEGE FOOTBALL COMPETITOR.**

A talented football player in high school, Tillman received a scholarship from Arizona State University to play for the Sun Devils. In 1997, he helped lead the team to the Rose Bowl after an undefeated season. Tillman's skillful play as linebacker (#42) earned him three designations to the All-Pac-10 Team and the Pac-10 Conference's Defensive Player of the Year Award in 1997. He was chosen for the Pac-10 All-Academic Football Team, and the NCAA's Post-Graduate Scholarship for academic and athletic excellence.

**As a seeker of truth and meaning,**

**he read voraciously to be a dedicated SCHOLAR and ADVOCATE.**

Tillman graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing in just three and one-half years. He was very well read, having studied a broad range of topics and beliefs. He was a lively and opinionated debater, gladly drawing strangers into spirited conversations on many issues.

**As an aggressive sportsman,**

**he strove to be a loyal and valued PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPION.**

The Arizona Cardinals selected Tillman in the seventh round of the 1998 National Football League Draft. He quickly became the team's starting safety (#40) and broke the franchise record for tackles (144) in 2000. At one point in his NFL career, Tillman turned down a five-year, \$9 million contract offer from the St. Louis Rams out of loyalty to the Cardinals. Sports Illustrated named him to its 2000 NFL All-Pro team.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001, Pat proudly put his NFL career on hold to serve his country. Tillman declined a contract offer of \$3.6 million over three years from the Cardinals to enlist in the U.S. Army. This decision was just one of many he made over the course of his lifetime to help others and serve a cause greater than self-interest.

**As a patriotic citizen,**

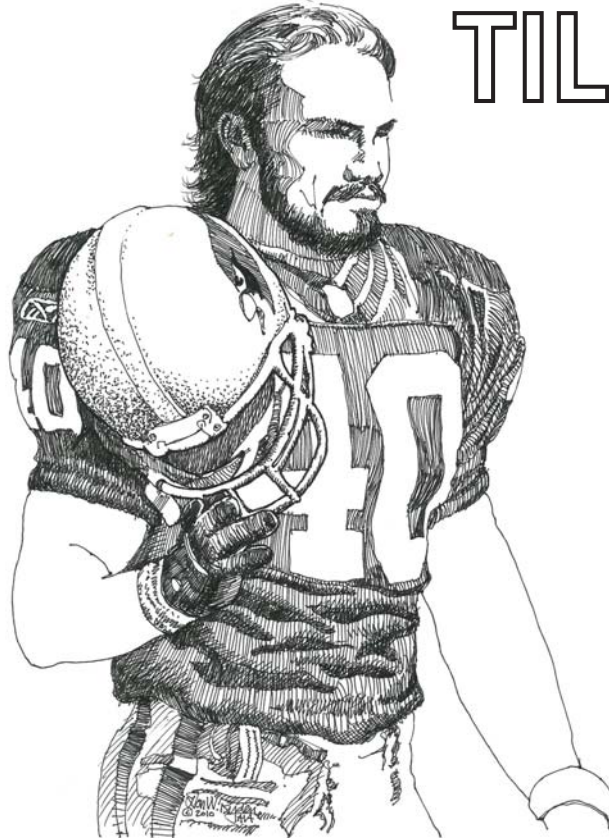
**he was willing to sacrifice his own career and life itself to be a SELFLESS SOLDIER.**

Pat Tillman joined the U.S. Army Rangers in 2002, along with his brother Kevin. Having bravely served tours in Iraq in 2003, they received the Arthur Ashe Courage Award. They were subsequently deployed to Afghanistan, where on 22 April 2004 Pat was killed while on duty in the field near the village of Sperah. The U.S. Army posthumously awarded him the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

**THE LIFE & LEGACY OF**

**PAT  
TILLMAN**

1976-2004



**LEGACY**

Inspired by his distinguished life and spirit, Pat's family and friends created The Pat Tillman Foundation in 2004. The Foundation is building a community of scholars dedicated to improving their own lives, the lives of their families and their country by creating a spirit of service. It provides resources and educational support to veterans, active service members and their dependants.

In 2010, the National Football Foundation inducted Tillman into the College Football Hall of Fame.