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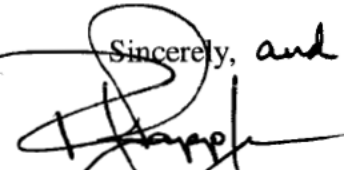
Dear Mr. Cameron,

Thank you for your recent letter requesting to name the Coast Guard Academy soccer field in memory of your son, Lieutenant Junior Grade Thomas Cameron. The Coast Guard family and I share in your loss, and acknowledge the many contributions Thomas made to the Academy and our service. Tom was an outstanding example of the "leaders of character" we develop at the Coast Guard Academy. His memory will live on with those who were fortunate enough to share the academy experience with him and to serve with him on the flight line.

Regarding your request to name the Coast Guard Academy soccer field the "Thomas J. Cameron Memorial Soccer Field" in memory of Tom, I regret to inform you that there are stringent regulations governing the naming of Coast Guard facilities, and that the lower field sports complex, which includes the soccer field, has already been designated as "Nitchman Field," in memory of legendary coach Nels Nitchman.

To honor Tom's memory and remember his significant contribution to the Coast Guard Academy men's soccer team, the Academy's soccer program has created a new leadership position for the team. This position will be bestowed annually beginning with the 2013 season. Each fall, the first class cadet men's soccer player demonstrating the highest levels of athletic leadership and observance of the Coast Guard's core values for which Tom will forever be remembered, will be named to the Lieutenant Junior Grade Thomas J. Cameron Leadership position. The cadet earning this designation will honor Tom's memory by wearing jersey #12 over the course of the season.

Please know that you and your family have our heartfelt condolences during this very difficult time.

Sincerely, and respectfully —

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