

Two BR police pilots killed in crash

Helicopter went down in field in West Baton Rouge

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Two police pilots were killed early Sunday in a Baton Rouge police helicopter crash in Erwinville. Police Chief Murphy Paul spoke at a news conference Sunday afternoon near the scene but released few details and would take no questions from reporters. "Today is a very emotional day for the men and women of the Baton Rouge Police Department and all of the law enforcement commu-

nity," Paul said, adding that he will not release the names of the pilots until their next of kin are notified with sufficient information about the crash. "I ask the community to lift our officers up in prayer and lift the family members of these two heroes up in prayer," Paul said. He did not discuss the timing of the incident and the response, or why the helicopter was flying at that time.

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Police officials salute as the coroner van rolls past on North Winterville Road following a helicopter crash that claimed the lives of two Baton Rouge Police Department officers on Sunday in Erwinville. STAFF PHOTO BY MICHAEL JOHNSON

TIGERS 54 HURRICANES 42

TOP FOUR



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LSU coach Kim Mulkey, center, is surrounded by her players after defeating Miami in an Elite Eight college basketball game Sunday in Greenville, S.C. Angel Reese had 18 rebounds and LSU returned to the women's Final Four for the first time since 2008, carrying a rapid rise under second-year Mulkey straight to the sport's biggest stage. Alexis Morris scored 21 points and Reese added 13 for the third-seeded Tigers, who asserted control of a grinding, defense-first game. LSU's length caused Miami problems even with Reese — a first-team All-American — having a tough shooting day, and the Tigers offset their offensive hiccups by dominating the glass.

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6 options eyed for renaming La. Guard facility

Official follows Army's lead in removing Confederate links

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Camp Beauregard, the sprawling Louisiana installation in Pineville that functions as one of two main sites for the Louisiana National Guard, will get a new name later this year as it follows the Army's lead in moving away from bases named for Confederate officers.

Louisiana Adjutant Gen. D. Keith Waddell, a gubernatorial appointee, will choose from six names presented to him by a committee made up of National Guard and civilian leaders, he said Tuesday. Waddell hopes to have made his decision within the next month with a rededication ceremony to come later this year.

"I understand that the Louisiana National Guard is a very diverse and inclusive organization," Waddell said Tuesday. "I wanted to do what's best for our organization, and this is part of that."

The names under consideration include: Louisiana National Guard Training Center Pineville, Central Louisiana Training Center Pineville, Camp Stroud, Louisiana Maneuvers Training Center, Camp Pineville and Post de Rapides.

An online survey conducted by the Guard showed 71% of respondents in favor of the name change, according to Lt. Col. Noel Collins, a Louisiana National Guard spokesperson. At a town hall in September, the feedback was more mixed, according to a report in The Alexandria Town Talk.

Alexandria resident Carol Ann Thompson said she favored keeping it as it is.

"I don't know why they want to change it to start off with," Thompson, 76, said. "He is the one it was named after to begin with."

Thompson brushed off worries that naming things after Confederates was problematic. "We are all Americans now," she said.

Camp Beauregard is named for P.G.T. Beauregard, who served as a general in the Confederate Army. Beauregard Parish, in southwestern Louisiana is also named for him. In 2017, New Orleans officials

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