

My son Sean Patrick Smith was one of four brave men along with Ambassador Chris Stevens, Glen Dougherty and Tyrone Woods abandoned and left to die when the Benghazi consulate was overrun.

At the incoming casket ceremony, I cried on the shoulders (literally) of Obama, Hillary, Panetta, Biden and others to please tell me what happened, I had to know. They ALL looked me in the eyes and said it was because of the video and as they find out things they would keep me advised. I was told I would be invited to the medal ceremony; they would let me know when. I did not hear from them again.

When I asked about the upcoming medal ceremony I was told they couldn't help me because I wasn't a member of the immediate family. Everything else I had to find out by myself.

My main concern is I still do not know why there was insufficient security when clearly the people on the ground were begging for it.

Concern number 2, It was already too late for my son as I understand he died of asphyxiation in a "safe" room – but Glen & TY were still on the roof HOURS later before they were murdered. They didn't have to die. I'm not sure when Stevens died; I hear he was still showing signs of life in the hospital.

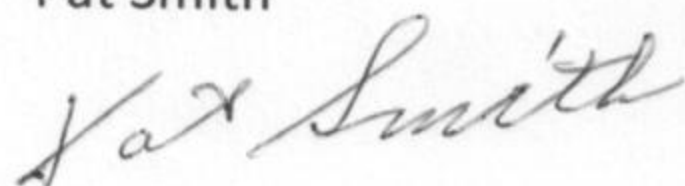
Concern number 3 – Why wasn't our military called in to help. That is what the military is for. THEY DIDN'T EVEN TRY.

I want whoever made the above decisions to admit they blew it and this will never happen to our sons and daughters again. My son was willing to do what he was asked to do and probably knew what he was getting into but I'm sure he was expecting our country to cover his back. They didn't.

ANY REASONABLE EXPLANATION ACCEPTED

After a full year has gone by, my government has left me with no explanations as they all promised. Am I really supposed to believe they care? I'm sorry, I don't think they do. Just a few words of explanation would help. Again – if it is so classified, just whisper in my ear. I won't tell anyone.

Pat Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

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Witness Disclosure Requirement – “Truth in Testimony”
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Name: Patricia A. Smith

1. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) you have received since October 1, 2010. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

None

2. Please list any entity you are testifying on behalf of and briefly describe your relationship with these entities.

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None

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature:

Patricia A. Smith

Date:

September 16, 2013