



Republic Mourns Loss of Popular Admiral

Day of Mourning Declared After Assassination

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The Republic of Lorell all but came to a halt today to remember and celebrate the life of Rear Admiral Kurt Steiner, who was assassinated during a routine military training exercise in the Hadrian System.

Admiral Steiner was engaged in a personal weapons inspection aboard a hired training Caterpillar when a bomb was set off in an engineering hatch behind the Admiral's position. The device was an apparently home-made design, composed of easily-gathered materials and using a remote trigger to set it off. Security teams quickly conducted a sweep of the Caterpillar, knowing that the perpetrator had to be nearby. The assassin was caught attempting to enter an escape pod and is rumoured to have shouted, "The Empire still watches!" before taking his own life with a cyanide pill, concealed in his tooth.

Two of the assembled cadets and Admiral Steiner's attache were injured in the attack. Admiral Steiner was rushed to a medical wing with critical injuries, however all attempts to stabilise him failed. Admiral Steiner died in surgery two hours later.

Today, the Admiral was laid to rest in true military style, his coffin carried by a mix of friends and comrades, adorned with the flag of Lorell. The service was led by Admiral Galadriel Pope, who called Admiral Steiner "a true inspiration."

"The Republic has lost a solid and steadfast leader and I have personally lost a very good friend." she continued, her voice steady despite the tears silently streaming down her cheek. "RADM Steiner passed into the void doing what he loved for a Nation he was devoted to. His memory will live on"

Also taking the podium was Speaker of the Council, Captain Kaetha Amathi who said, "He was a true friend,



a paragon of what it means to be Lorelli, and he will be sorely missed."

Admiral Steiner comes from a long line of Lorelli heroes, brought into the Republic on that fateful day known as Black Monday. Admiral Steiner's ancestor, Robert Steiner, along with his comrade Sheila Takada, saved the Star of Lorell, a civilian cruiser filled with non-combatant refugees, from an illegal attack from their flight detachment. While Sheila Takada was killed in the attempt, Robert Steiner was rescued and defected to Lorell. The Steiner family has since had a long and decorated relationship with the Republic military. Admiral Steiner's father, Joshua Steiner, was a pilot and Squadron Leader in the Republic of Lorell Navy until his death protecting the fleet during a pirate attack.

Admiral Steiner leaves behind his mother, Barbara Steiner, a brother and a sister, Devin and Stephanie, and his girlfriend, Sophia Lang.

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