

4 National Guardsmen pass away

Four Alaska Army National Guardsmen lost their lives at the end of last month. Three of them were Native Alaskans.

Staff Sgt. Ivan Sipary of Nulato was found at his cabin after he did not arrive for his military drill Friday Oct. 25. He died of an apparent heart attack. He is survived by his parents.

Sgt. Xavier Joseph of Alakanuk

drowned the same day after falling through river ice. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Cpl. William Shayen of Sitka died of a self-inflicted wound Oct 26. He is survived by his wife and parents.

Staff Sgt. Paul Ely Jr. of Birchwood also died of a self-inflicted wound Oct. 26. He also is survived by his wife and parents.
