

Dear Mr. Brant,

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your nephew, Augur Rian Taldrya, who had volunteered to serve his clan as commanding naval officer, and who was a good man to all who knew him. Rian was a fine young man and words cannot and will not describe to you how sorry I am about this tremendous loss and how much Rian's death has and will continue to impact the life of his friends and those that have served under his command.

During the first assault wave on the planet Nancora, Rian Taldrya commanded the EF76 Nebulon-B Frigate Altur's Storm as part of Task Force Xesh. Rian put his ship into a leading role while engaging one of the enemy forces Heavy Cruisers when in the raging combat, the Altur's Storm fell under heavy direct fire from the engaged enemy Heavy Cruiser and eventually lost its shield capacity. Even then under the continued direct fire, Rian remained his leveled head and eventually ordered the evacuation of the ships after the sustained direct fire caused critical system losses. Making sure that every single soldier aboard the Altur's Storm had left the ship through an escape pod, Rian was the last to leave the crippled EF76 Nebulon-B Frigate in the last possible instant. However after Rian has left the Altur's Storm, his escape pod was hit by a lucky shot from an enemy starfighter, rocking his escape pod from its designated course to the planet where it crashed violently into a region of the planet Nancora known as the Badlands. A rescue team of Iron Legion Elite Soldiers that were already planetside was immediately send to the coordinates of the escape pod with a Seeker, specially trained in Psychometry, being part of the rescue team. Although he extensively scanned the wreckage through both the Force and standardized methods, the team's Seeker eventually had to declare the death of Rian.

He was one of the best men I ever had the pleasure of knowing, and the galaxy is certainly less rich now that he is not in it. I cannot even imagine your sorrow in this horrible hour. I will always be grateful for Rian's service to his Clan. He will always live on in our memories. While it is little condolence for those left behind, he really is a hero.

Following the formal service, the Elders of Taldryan and the Taldryan Strategic Operations Council in turn rendered a solemn salute to a replica of his personal lightsaber, laden with a set of Rian's identification tags (dog tags) that had been placed on a pedestal in front of us. Please know that the Clan is treating Rian's personal effects with the utmost care and will forward them to you, as the person eligible to receive his effects, very soon. We will include in those personal effects his personal warbanner.

With deepest sympathy,