

Dear Mr. President, Donald J. Trump... My Commander-In-Chief,

(1 March 2020)

Thank you for your Certificate of Appreciation for my 39 years of service as an active-duty Marine. Much gratitude for your kind words, Sir.

I also appreciate the nice letter from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen Berger.

I'm kind of pissed off that General Mark Milley, your Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff didn't send me a retirement letter. Ten years ago, he and I served together in the National Military Command Center (the basement of the Pentagon).

I can't tell you how many times he came across the hallway to bum a "dip" off me, and we had many heart-to-heart chats. I served with some great Army generals, including Gen John Nicholson, and Gen Scotty Miller, your current guy in Afghanistan, taking the fight to the Taliban. Gen Flynn was another great leader I served with.

You have to shut down the attempts by the swamp politicians & prosecutors to take him down. He is a man of integrity, and it is bullshit, that the FBI spied on him, and YOU...traitorous & treasonous conduct by the FBI!

I am returning my active-duty Identification Card directly to YOU, my Commander-In-Chief. I can't turn it in at Camp Pendleton, because the Base General has debarred me from going aboard any of the Marine Corps bases on the West Coast.

You and I share a similar history in the recent past. Like you, I was subjected to an illicit "witch hunt."

I was investigated by NCIS for 14 months, following false allegations from two women. NCIS came up with nothing from their investigation, but "swamp billet holders" decided to file charges, and conduct a court martial (aka, Kangaroo Court).

Even with a hand-picked officer panel (aka, "jury"), I was found innocent of 15 of 16 serious charges.

I was convicted of 1 serious charge, and sentenced to "dismissal," and 5 1/2 years in prison.

Boss, if you and I were on a "jury," and really believed a defendant was "guilty," we would have given him the maximum sentence. They gave me 20% of the maximum, because it assuaged their guilt for convicting me of the false charge in the first place.

My "jury of cowards" knew that they would never see another star on their collars, if they let me go free that night. Senators, like Kirsten Gillibrand would have pulled their names off the promotion list. She actually came out and slammed me in an article in USA Today a few years ago. Like you, Sir, I was vilified in the "lame stream," "fake news media" for the past 3 years.

I told my wife and daughters on 10 September 2017, the night of my one serious conviction, that it was only a matter of "when," not "if," the conviction would be overturned, "with prejudice," for factual & legal insufficiency.

It took nearly two years behind bars, at 3 different military prisons, but the Navy & Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals set aside the serious conviction "WITH PREJUDICE" for factual & legal insufficiency on 1 July 2019... furthermore, the Judges set aside my sentence in its ENTIRETY. "

Read the transcript"...total acquittal" and EXONERATION...just like what recently happened to you. By the way, I am still waiting, after 6 months, for my back pay & allowances to be restored to me for my nearly 3 years in wrongful confinement.

The "bean counters" just can't seem to figure out what they owe me...in the neighborhood of \$400,000.00. It would be nice, if you could encourage them from your position, to make me whole again. By the way, if you owe the military money, they will immediately take it out of your next paycheck, but if "they" owe you money, you can just forget about it..."they" will drag out repayment for as long as possible.

I want my money, Sir, and I want it now... it was bad enough that they refused to pay me my active-duty paycheck since 16 December 2019!

Swamp military lawyers were able to keep me in prison, while they filed appeals to the appellate decision. I appealed directly to the Secretary of the Navy (aka, Spencer-for-Hire) to release me, given my exoneration. He responded a month later in the negative.

Swamp lawyers and fake billet-holders were able to keep me in confinement until 18 October 2019 when I signed a "dirty deal" with the Devil to be released from confinement.

I agreed, under duress, to immediately file for voluntary retirement. I agreed to "waive" my right to a sentencing rehearing, in exchange for "no punishment" for the remaining frivolous/minor convictions. I agreed to immediately go on leave, and when my accrued leave expired, I was to be placed in a "Leave-In-Excess" status, wherein my paycheck would be cut off, which occurred on 16 December.

I also agreed, under duress, to "waive" my right to a Board of Inquiry, which would recommend to the Secretary of the Navy, my retirement rank and characterization of service. Instead my convening authority would make the recommendation to the Secretary of the Navy in his endorsement to my voluntary retirement request.

My convening authority recommended that I be retired as a "Major" with an "Other-than-Honorable" characterization of my service. The Deputy Commandant for Manpower modified the recommendation to retirement as a "Lieutenant Colonel" with an "Other-than-Honorable" characterization of my service. The Manpower Deputy for the "acting" Secretary of the Navy circled "approved."

I retire tonight, as the Senior Colonel in the Marine Corps. I'm happy to fill you in on my 39-year career, as both an enlisted and officer, but I don't want to come across as bragging.

I may be one of the most decorated Marines of the current generation with over 50 medals and ribbons; one for valor in Desert Storm, and another for physically restraining a man from committing suicide by attempting to jump from an overpass.

I won't mention my Bronze Star from the Battle of Fallujah, or my Joint Superior Service Medal for my two years in the Pentagon, as the Chief of the Afghanistan Division in the PACC. Throw in a few Meritorious Service Medals. Don't want to come across as bragging, boss... just facts!

I have been a Marine infantry officer with 11 deployments around the globe...5 into combat zones, and 2 involving actual combat...Desert Storm (1991), and Operation Phantom Fury (the Second Battle of Fallujah, Iraq - November, 2004).

I have been shot at, had rockets, mortars & artillery fired at me and even survived an IED attack on my vehicle in Fallujah, Iraq, on 12 November 2004. Certainly God has had a few Angels watching over me, Boss!

The bottom line is that I'm asking you to restore my retirement rank to Colonel, with an Honorable characterization of my service. Also, please dismiss "with prejudice" the remaining 7 frivolous convictions. They are akin to having felony convictions for "jay walking!" No one in the civilian world would have felony convictions for the bull shit they threw at me in court. Thank you, Mr. President!

The "swamp lawyers" and pogue billet holders lost on the legal battlefield...sound familiar, Sir? However, unlike YOU, they were able to stick it to me administratively, because the military can do that. Hell, you fired "Spencer-for-Hire" for trying to do the same thing to Chief Eddie Gallagher! What they tried to do to Eddie, pales in comparison to what they've done to me, Sir!

For the sake of my wife, daughters, and son, I ask that you reverse this madness, so they don't have to live with a cloud of "dishonor" hanging over their Father's head. They were the ones who suffered through my 1009 days of wrongful confinement.

After you fired the worthless SECNAV (aka, Spencer-for-Hire), you said that you have the backs of your Warriors. Respectfully requesting that you have my back now!

Thank you for hearing me out, Mr. President, my Commander-In-Chief. Not trying to "suck up" to you, but I did vote for you in 2016, and I drove my wife 325 miles on election day to also vote for you. I am predicting a HUGE landslide re-election victory in November 2020...I'm retired now, so I can say this without being accused by the commies of supporting a particular candidate, as a member of the military.

You probably won't ever read/see this letter, but if you do, I consider you the finest Commander-In-Chief that I ever served for. I served for a few, starting with President Ronald Regan. I enlisted in the Marine Corps, two months after he was shot in 1981.

Thank you for hearing me out, Mr. President, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors! My best to the lovely First Lady, and may God richly bless your entire family, Sir!

Semper Fidelis,

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