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The Truth Will Keep Us Free

From THE Editor

Thanks for searching for the truth before going to the polls. I'm sure you're as sick and tired of hearing all this rhetoric coming out of the mouths of presidential hopefuls. We all know what they say (and what their record is) is far different from what they actually do. They are experts at saying the things we want to hear. I'm convinced the only way we'll ever learn the truth about a candidate is to NEVER go and listen to him or her.

Read about him or her. Search the records for their voting records. Listen to those you trust who are talking about them but for heavens sake—NEVER listen to the candidate and surely don't watch their ads.

I hope this newsletter gives you some insight into John Kerry the candidate and I hope it gives you some idea of what kind of president he'd make.

All elections are important but this is the most important one I can remember.

May God Bless you and yours.

Kale Danberg

QUOTING DEMOCRATIC SENATOR ZELL MILLER (GA)

"They don't know John Kerry's record. They haven't examined it. This is a very vulnerable candidate on several issues. ... He is the Olympic gold medalist, when it comes to special interest money. I also think that he is very vulnerable on the issues of national security. ... If you look at his voting record, it is terrible as far as it comes to national defense and helping fund a good intelligence unit."



John Kerry, who headed a veterans' group opposed to the Vietnam War, receives support from a gallery of peace demonstrators and tourists as he testifies before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1971.



Brilliant. Just Brilliant

A question for Senator Kerry suggested from someone who participated in the liberation of Iraq:

"Senator Kerry, in 1971 you testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that if the U.S. pulled out of South Vietnam that there might be 2000 or 3000 South Vietnamese who would have to flee the country. You were wrong by many hundreds of thousands as 130,000 fled in boats, hundreds of thousands more overland, and three quarters of a million were imprisoned in re-education camps.

My question is, if the U.S. pulled out of Iraq under your watch, how many Iraqis would have to flee Iraq?"

Matthews: Kerry Has 'Hanoi Jane' Problem

MSNBC "Hardball" host and long-time Democrat Chris Matthews said Tuesday that a photo showing Democratic presidential front-runner John Kerry protesting the Vietnam war with "Hanoi" Jane Fonda is a real problem for his party's top candidate.

While offering sharp criticism of President Bush for not serving in Vietnam, Matthews told radio host Don Imus Tuesday morning, "You've got the Jane Fonda problem on the other side. The thing with her is, she was on the other side - she was on Hanoi's side during that war.

"And I'll tell you," Matthews continued, "everybody I knew, including me, who was against the war - I wouldn't have anything to do with a person who supported Hanoi." Kerry, then head of the radical anti-war group Vietnam Veterans Against the War, worked closely with Fonda on two war protests; a Sept. 1970 rally in Valley Forge, Penn., where Fonda and Kerry spoke from the back of the same pick-up truck. And a Jan. 1971 protest they called "The Winter Solider Investigation," where fabricated testimony of U.S. war atrocities was presented.

Asked about the NewsMax.com photo showing Sen. Kerry protesting the war with "Hanoi" Jane at Valley Forge, Matthews observed, "That will be in the Republican [campaign] ads."

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CONDUCT UNBECOMING

Kerry doesn't deserve Vietnam vets' support.

BY STEPHEN SHERMAN, *January 26, 2004*

A turning point may have been reached in the Iowa caucuses when Special Forces Lt. James Rassmann came forward to thank John Kerry for saving his life in Vietnam. Although Mr. Rassmann, like most of my veteran friends, is a Republican, he said that he'd vote for Mr. Kerry. I don't know if the incident influenced the caucus results. But I took special interest in the story because Jim served in my unit.

Service in Vietnam is an important credential to me. Many felt that such service was beneath them, and removed themselves from the manpower pool. That Mr. Kerry served at all is a reason for a bond with fellow veterans; that his service earned him a Bronze Star for Valor ("for personal bravery") and a Silver Star ("for gallantry") is even more compelling. Unfortunately, Mr. Kerry came home to Massachusetts, the one state George McGovern carried in 1972. He joined the Vietnam Veterans Against the War and emceed the Winter Soldier Investigation (both financed by Jane Fonda). Many veterans believe these protests led to more American deaths, and to the enslavement of the people on whose behalf the protests were ostensibly being undertaken. But being a take-charge kind of guy, Mr. Kerry became a leader in the VVAW and even testified before Congress on the findings of the Investigation, which he accepted at face value.

In his book "Stolen Valor," B.G. Burkett points out that Mr. Kerry liberally used phony veterans to testify to atrocities they could not possibly have committed. Mr. Kerry later threw what he represented as his awards at the Capitol in protest. But as the war diminished as a political issue, he left the VVAW, which was a bit too radical for his political future, and was ultimately elected to the Senate. After his awards were seen framed on his office wall, he claimed to have thrown away someone else's medals--so now he can reclaim his gallantry in Vietnam.

Mr. Kerry hasn't given me any reason to trust his judgment. As co-chairman of the Senate investigating committee, he quashed a revealing inquiry into the POW/MIA issue, and he supports trade initiatives with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam while blocking any legislation requiring Hanoi to adhere to basic human rights. I'm not surprised that there are veterans who support a VVAW

activist, if only because there are so few fellow veterans in politics. Ideally, there'd be many more. If you are going to vote on military appropriations, it would be nice if you didn't disrespect the soldiers. Congress hasn't had the courage to declare war in more than 60 years, despite numerous instances in which we have sent our military in harm's way. Of all the "lessons of Vietnam," surely one is that America needs a leader capable of demonstrating in himself, and encouraging in others, the resolve to finish what they have collectively started.

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But the bond between veterans has to be tempered in light of the individual's record. Just as Mr. Kerry threw away medals only to claim them back again, Sen. Kerry voted to take action against Iraq, but claims to take that vote back by voting against funding the result. So I can understand my former comrade-in-arms hugging the man who saved his life, but not the act of choosing him for president out of gratitude. And **I would hate to see anyone giving Mr. Kerry a sympathy vote for president just because being a Vietnam veteran is "back in style."**

Mr. Sherman was a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army Fifth Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Vietnam, 1967-68.

From NewsMax.com

Gen. Giap: Kerry's Group Helped Hanoi Defeat U.S.

The North Vietnamese general in charge of the military campaign that finally drove the U.S. out of South Vietnam in 1975 credited a group led by Democratic presidential front-runner John Kerry with helping him achieve victory. In his 1985 memoir about the war, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap wrote that if it weren't for organizations like Kerry's Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Hanoi would have surrendered to the U.S. - according to Fox News Channel war historian Oliver North.

That's why, he predicted on Tuesday, the Vietnam War issue "is going to blow up in Kerry's face." "People are going to remember General Giap saying if it weren't for these guys [Kerry's group], we would have lost," North told radio host Sean Hannity.

"The Vietnam Veterans Against the War encouraged people to desert, encouraged people to mutiny - some used what they wrote to justify fragging officers," noted the former Marine lieutenant colonel, who earned two purple hearts in Vietnam.

"John Kerry has blood of American soldiers on his hands," North said.

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John Kerry: The Chameleon Senator

By Ted Sampley U.S. Veteran Dispatch
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Despite the prayers and wishful thinking of POW/MIA families and Vietnam veteran activists, Sen. John Forbes Kerry, the "chameleon" senator from Massachusetts, was re-elected to the Senate in the 1996 election.

Apparently Kerry's well publicized history as a longtime radical supporter of the Vietnamese communists and a recent flap about whether or not he is guilty of a war crime meant very little to the voters in Massachusetts.

Sen. Kerry, the "noble statesman" and "highly decorated Vietnam vet" of today, is a far cry from Kerry, the radical, hippie-like leader of Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) in the early 1970s. After Kerry, as a Navy Lieutenant (junior grade) commanding a Swift boat in Vietnam, was awarded the Silver Star he found it advantageous to quit the Navy, change the color of his politics and become a leader of VVAW.

He went to work organizing opposition in America against the efforts of his former buddies still ducking communist bullets back in Vietnam. Kerry gained national attention in April 1971, when he testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, then chaired by Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-AR), who led opposition in the Congress against U.S. participation in the war. During the course of his testimony, Kerry stated that the United States had a definite obligation to make extensive economic reparations to the people of Vietnam.

Kerry's testimony, it should be noted, occurred while some of his fellow Vietnam veterans were known by the world to be enduring terrible suffering as prisoners of war in North Vietnamese prisons.

Kerry was a supporter of the "People's Peace Treaty," a supposed "people's" declaration to end the war, reportedly drawn up in communist East Germany. It included nine points, all of which were taken from Viet Cong peace proposals at the Paris peace talks as conditions for ending the war.

One of the provisions stated: "The Vietnamese pledge that as soon as the U.S. government publicly sets a date for total withdrawal [from Vietnam], they will enter discussion to secure the release of all American prisoners, including pilots captured while bombing North Vietnam."

In other words, Kerry and his VVAW advocated the communist line to withdraw all U.S. troops from Vietnam first and then negotiate with Hanoi over the release of prisoners. Had the nine points of the "People's Peace Treaty" favored by Kerry been accepted by American negotiators, the United States would have totally lost all leverage to get the communists to release any POWs captured during the war years.

Kerry was fundamental in organizing antiwar activists to demonstrate in Washington, including the splattering of red paint, representing blood, on the Capitol steps.

Several hundred of Kerry's VVAW demonstrators and supporters were allowed by Fulbright to jam into a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing in 1972 and to chant "Right on, brother!" as Sen. George McGovern (D-SD), then the only declared Democratic presidential candidate, accused U.S. troops of committing barbarisms in Vietnam.

Kerry became even more of a press celebrity during a highly publicized "anti-war" protest when he threw medals, the press reported were his, over a barricade and onto the steps of the Capitol. Kerry never mentioned that the medals he so gloriously tossed were not his own.

The 1988 issue of Current Biography Yearbook explained: ". . . the ones he had discarded were not his own but had belonged to another veteran who asked him to make the gesture for him. When a 'Washington Post' reporter asked Kerry about the incident, he said: 'They're my medals. I'll do what I want with them. And there shouldn't be any expectations about them.'

Kerry's medals have reappeared,

today hanging in his Senate office, now that it is "politically correct" for a U.S. Senator to be portrayed as a Vietnam War hero. Alas, so much for integrity.

Recently, Kerry became extremely defensive when David Warsh, an economics columnist for The Boston Globe, questioned the circumstances for which Kerry was awarded the Silver Star. Kerry, who was in a close re-election battle with Gov. William F. Weld, a Republican, quickly gathered his former crew from his Swift boat days to rebuff the "assault on his integrity."

According to the official citation accompanying the Silver Star for Kerry's actions on the waters of the Mekong Delta on February 28, 1969: "Kerry's craft received a B-40 rocket close aboard.

Once again Lieutenant (j.g.) Kerry ordered his units to charge the enemy positions. . . Patrol Craft Fast 94 then beached in the center of the enemy positions and an enemy soldier sprang up from his position not ten feet from Patrol Craft 94 and fled.

Without hesitation Lieutenant (j.g.) Kerry leaped ashore, pursued the man behind a hootch and killed him, capturing a B-40 rocket launcher with a round in the chamber." In an article printed in the October 21st and 28th 1996 edition of The New Yorker, Kerry was asked about the man he had killed.

"It was either going to be him or it was going to be us. It was that simple. I don't know why it wasn't us--I mean, to this day. He had a rocket pointed right at our boat.

He stood up out of the hole, and none of us saw him until he was standing in front of us, aiming a rocket right at us, and, for whatever reason, he didn't pull the trigger--he turned and ran. He was shocked to see our boat right in front of him. If he'd pulled the trigger, we'd all be dead . . . I just won't talk about all of it. I don't and I can't.

The things that probably really turn me I've never told anybody. Nobody would understand," Kerry said. In the

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column, Warsh quoted the Swift boat's former gunner, Tom Belodeau, as saying the Viet Cong soldier who Kerry chased "behind a hootch" and "finished off" actually had already been wounded by the gunner.

Warsh wrote that such a "coup de grace" would have been considered a war crime. Belodeau stood beside Kerry and said he'd been misquoted. He conceded that he had fired at and wounded the Viet Cong, but denied Kerry had simply executed the wounded Viet Cong.

Dan Carr, a former Marine from Massachusetts, who served 14 months as a rifleman sloshing around in the humid jungles of I Corps, South Vietnam, questioned whether or not Kerry deserved a Silver Star for chasing and killing a lone, wounded, retreating Viet Cong.

"Kerry is certainly showing some sensitivity there.

Most people I knew in Vietnam were just trying to pull their time there and get the hell out. There were some, though, who actually used Vietnam to get their tickets punched. You know, to build their resumes for future endeavors," Carr said.

In 1991, the United States Senate created the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs to examine the possibility that U.S. POW/MIAs might still be held by the Vietnamese. As chairman of the Select Committee, Kerry proved himself to be a masterful chameleon portraying to the public at large what appeared to be an unbiased approach to resolving the POW/MIA issue.

But, in reality, no one in the United States Senate pushed harder to bury the POW/MIA issue, the last obstacle preventing normalization of relations with Hanoi, than John Forbes Kerry. (Remember the middle name "Forbes").

In fact, his first act as chairman was to travel to Southeast Asia, where during a stopover in Bangkok, Thailand, he lectured the U.S. Chamber of Commerce there on the importance of lifting the trade embargo

and normalizing relations with Vietnam. During the entire life of the Senate Select Committee, Kerry never missed a chance to propagandize and distort the facts in favor of Hanoi.

Sydney H. Schanberg, associate editor and columnist for New York Newsday and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist veteran of the Indochina War whose book, *The Death and Life of Dith Pran*, became the subject of the Academy Award-winning film *The Killing Fields*, chronicled some of Kerry's more blatant pro-Hanoi biases in several of his columns.

In a Nov. 21, 1993 column, Schanberg wrote, "Highly credible information has been surfacing in recent days which indicates that the headlines you have been reading about a 'breakthrough' in Hanoi's cooperation on the POW/MIA issue are part of a carefully scripted performance. The apparent purpose is to move toward normalization of relations with Hanoi.

"Sen. John F. Kerry, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, is one of the key figures pushing for normalization. Kerry is currently on a visit to Vietnam where he has been doing two things:

(1) praising the Vietnamese effusively for granting access to their war archives and

(2) telling the press that there's no believable evidence to back up the stories of live POWs still being held.

"Ironically, that very kind of live-POW evidence has been brought to Kerry's own committee on a regular basis over the past year, and he has repeatedly sought to impeach its value. Moreover, Kerry and his allies on the committee - such as Sens. John McCain, Nancy Kassebaum and Tom Daschle - have worked to block much of this evidence from being made public."

In December of 1992, not long after Kerry was quoted in the world press stating "President Bush should reward Vietnam within a month for its increased cooperation in accounting for American MIAs," Vietnam announced it had granted Colliers

International, based in Boston, Massachusetts, a contract worth billions designating Colliers International as the exclusive real estate agent representing Vietnam.

That deal alone put Colliers in a position to make tens of millions of dollars on the rush to upgrade Vietnam's ports, railroads, highways, government buildings, etc. C. Stewart Forbes, Chief Executive Officer of Colliers International, is Kerry's cousin.

Kerry was portrayed in *The New Yorker* as a proud Vietnam veteran and "war hero" who, as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, dared to take on and defeat the "mendacious POW lobby."

In its 1993 final report, the Select Committee determined that live U.S. prisoners of war were left behind in the hands of the Vietnamese after the end of the war. The committee also claimed it found no "compelling" evidence proving the POWs remain alive today.

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What happened to those U.S. prisoners of war who the Select Committee said were alive and in the hands of the Vietnamese but not released at the end of the war? If they are dead, where are their remains? Who is responsible for their deaths?

No doubt most of the Establishment press will continue to obscure from the public and themselves the raw truth about Kerry, the communist Vietnamese and the POW/MIA issue because it is politically convenient.

There is also no doubt the POW/MIA families and Vietnam veteran activists know the truth and recognize Kerry for what he truly is—a traitor, hypocrite, liar and chameleon.

JOHN F. KERRY WAR HERO OR FAKE WARRIOR?

BY: Henry Mark Holzer

Henry Mark Holzer, a practicing lawyer and Professor Emeritus at Brooklyn Law School, is co-author most recently of Fake Warriors: Identifying, Exposing and Punishing Those Who Falsify Their Military Service and author of Why Not Call It Treason?

Senator John Forbes Kerry, Navy veteran and candidate for the democrat party nomination for President of the United States, has for years played the “war hero” card. As the story goes, for his service in wartime Vietnam Kerry was awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts.

However, for all those years, and especially now, questions have been raised and doubts have surfaced about the legitimacy of some of those awards. Few people know the truth, preeminently Senator Kerry—but he’s not talking. This is not to say—and I am certainly not saying—that Kerry did not deserve his medals. I am saying that because of Kerry’s character, associations, conduct and silence, there is a legitimate question as to whether he is the Vietnam War hero he claims to be—a question only Kerry can answer. Thus far, it has gone unanswered.

A Silver Star is awarded for “gallantry” for conduct not warranting the next highest award, a Navy Cross—nor the highest, the Medal of Honor. A Bronze Star, next on the list just under the Silver Star, can be awarded for either “heroic or meritorious achievement or service.” (A Bronze Star with an accompanying “V” [for valor] is awarded for heroism, while one without a “V” can be for running a great mess hall). The Purple Heart requires “a wound . . . which . . . must have required treatment by a medical officer.”

None of these awards are easy to come by—particularly the Silver Star—so let’s focus on that one.

Why have questions been raised about Senator Kerry’s Silver Star?

First, because he, himself, not only is a liar, but because one of his worst lies involved the Vietnam war. At pages 135-136 of *Stolen Valor* (Burkett and Whitley, Verity Press, 1998), the

authors reveal that in April 1971, Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) held a demonstration in Washington, D.C. called Dewey Canyon III. Kerry was an organizer and leader. According to Burkett and Whitley, “Kerry flung a handful of medals—he had received the Silver Star, a Bronze Star Medal, and three purple hearts—over the fence [of the Capitol]. * * * But years later, after his election to the Senate, Kerry’s medals turned up on the wall of his Capitol Hill office. When a reporter noticed them, Kerry admitted that the medals he had thrown that day were not his.” (Burkett and Whitley source this statement with: “Phil Duncan, editor, “Congressional Quarterly’s Politics in America,” 102nd Congress, 1992, p. 678”). If Kerry lied, for political purposes, about eschewing his medals, it raises the distinct possibility that he (or someone on his behalf) lied either about his receiving them or about exactly what he received them for.

Second, Kerry was a founder of VVAW. His organization had its hand in at least two contrived events of consummately false anti-American, pro-Communist propaganda. The first, in early 1971, was known as the “Winter Soldier Investigation.” Featuring the likes of Hanoi Jane Fonda, her lover Donald Sutherland, activist Dick Gregory, and other assorted luminaries of the Left, the “investigation” paraded alleged Vietnam veterans who told atrocity stories that had been literally lifted from Hollywood movies and the screeds of Communist propagandists. Most of those who “testified” were Fake Warriors, their “testimony” consisting largely of lies about the war and about their role, if any, in it. The second event was Dewey Canyon III, referred to above. There, reflecting the contrary-to-fact movie stereotype of the physically and mentally damaged Vietnam vet, the demonstrators put on what Burkett and Whitley correctly characterized as “political theater.” Again, many identified participants were Fake Warriors, whose sole purpose was to discredit the United States and elevate the Vietnamese Communist cause to indigenous “nobility.”

Kerry’s central role in founding the organization that engineered these two palpably phony events, and his participation in and association with those who had provably lied about the Vietnam war and their alleged service in it, casts doubt about any other claims he has made about his own military service.

Third, there is some dispute about the event which was the basis for Kerry’s Silver Star. One published account reports that his river patrol boat came under fire from the bank and returned fire. As the craft approached the shore, a wounded Viet Cong was observed running away. Kerry is supposed to have chased him, and both disappeared from sight. Shots were heard. Kerry jumped aboard and claimed that there had been a firefight. Result: one Silver Star. If this published report is true, there were no witnesses to the action—yet two witnesses are required for a Silver Star recommendation. As Burkett and Whitley have written, “Silver Stars are awarded only for actions in combat; most of those who receive a Silver Star suffer wounds in the process. Receiving a Silver Star requires witnesses and significant substantiation of valor.” The authors of *Stolen Valor* continue: “How a soldier, sailor, or Marine receives a valorous medal essentially hasn’t changed since the Civil War. One way is from the bottom up. For example, a soldier is with a platoon in the field [or on a river boat]. The North Vietnamese [or Viet Cong] start pouring over his platoon’s perimeter [or firing from the shore]. He’s screaming orders, dragging wounded, saving people [chasing a wounded VC into the jungle]—being your basic hero. The next day an “after-action” report by his commander will describe the soldier’s bravery. The other men who saw the events will be motivated to nominate the hero for recognition. The recommendation goes up the chain of command and is either approved or denied. The “top-down” process occurs when higher-ups—the company or battalion commander—nominate him. Aware that something heroic has happened,

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WHY IS OUR INTELLIGENCE NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE?

Kerry Haunted by Votes to Cut Intel Funding

By Jeff Gannon, Talon News 2/10/04

Democrats are hoping to make the controversy over intelligence failures a political liability for President Bush. But the appointment of a presidential commission to investigate intelligence failures may prove troublesome to Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), the likely Democratic nominee, when the panel begins its work.

Responding to a question from Talon News, White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan suggested that the commission's investigation would be looking backward as well as forward.

"If you're doing a broad assessment of your intelligence capabilities, you want to make sure you look at where we've been and where we're headed," McClellan said the president's executive order that formed the commission stated that its purpose would be to "Assess whether the intelligence community is sufficiently authorized, organized, equipped, trained, and resourced." This poses a particularly difficult situation for the Democratic front-runner. His votes in the Senate have already begun to emerge.

As recently as 1997, Kerry questioned the size of the intelligence community.

"Now that [the Cold War] struggle is over, why is it that our vast intelligence apparatus continues to grow," Kerry said.

In 1995, the Massachusetts Senator proposed a bill that would gut \$1.5 billion from the overall intelligence budget by reducing funding \$300 million for five years, beginning in 1996. No

co-sponsors signed onto the bill and it never made it to the Senate floor for a vote.

The previous year, Kerry proposed a bill to slash \$1 billion from the budgets of the National Foreign Intelligence Program and from Tactical Intelligence, and freezing their budgets. That bill was rejected.

The National Foreign Intelligence Program encompasses all programs, projects, and activities of the intelligence community. A major component of the program is the FBI's Nationwide Counter Terrorism Programs. The responsibilities of the FBI's field offices include foreign counterintelligence and counter terrorism within the United States.

The mission for special agents working in these programs is to detect and thwart the intelligence collection activities of foreign powers and their agents, and take aggressive measures to reduce the vulnerabilities of the United States to terrorism.

Tactical Intelligence provides critical time-sensitive information on foreign entities in support of operating forces on the ground as well as training personnel for intelligence duties.

In 1993, Kerry proposed \$45 billion in science, intelligence, and defense spending cuts.

Says a Vietnam Vet

I am a Vietnam Vet who feels that Senator Kerry is probably even more despicable than Hanoi Jane for what he has done. Now he is trying to use his combat service to become the president.

Howard Tateisi on January 27, 2004

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his superiors interview witnesses and nominate the soldier, sailor, or airman for a medal. The system is open to a certain amount of back scratching. Say a platoon [or a river boat] fights a battle People fight; some die. The platoon leader [or boat commander] wants a Silver Star, and he lets the platoon sergeant [or seaman] know that the way the sergeant [or seaman] can earn his own Bronze Star Medal is to authenticate his superior's heroism. Except for outright fabrication, this is usually not an official cause of concern. Whatever the medal, there has to be a recommendation by the command authority and supporting evidence. The higher the decoration [the Silver Star is the third highest], the more stringent the requirements for supporting documentation. (Emphasis added).

When awards like the Silver Star are ordered (there is an actual "order" issued), a "citation" is also issued describing the conduct that is the basis for the medal. This completes the paper trail.

To sum up: As to Senator Kerry's conduct, there should be reports of the engagement; there should be chain-of-command recommendations; there should be an order directing the award of the medal; and there should be a citation describing his "gallantry"

Where are these crucial, corroborating documents? Why has Kerry not released them? And while we're asking questions in this, an election year, it would be interesting to know whether anyone else on that river boat was awarded a medal—and, if so, who recommended it.

Let me restate the obvious: He who would be president of the United States is morally required—in fealty to those who hold Medals of Honor, service Crosses, Silver Stars, Bronze Stars for valor, and Purple Hearts—to put on the table the documentation that supports his claim to be a war hero.

If he is one, no one will applaud louder than I. If he is not, all Americans—regardless of party—deserve to know the truth. One way to learn the truth is for every one of us with a conscience to demand that truth from Senator John Forbes Kerry—and right now!

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Political

Subject: JOHN KERRY "DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?"

ONE of the surest ways to get the phones ringing on any Massachusetts talk-radio show is to ask people to call in and tell their John Kerry stories. The phone lines are soon filled, and most of the stories have a common theme: our junior senator pulling rank on one of his constituents, breaking in line, demanding to pay less (or nothing) or ducking out before the bill arrives.

The tales often have one other common thread. Most end with Sen. Kerry inquiring of the lesser mortal: "Do you know who I am?"

And now he's running for president as a populist. His first wife came from a Philadelphia Main Line family worth \$300 million. His second wife is a pickle-and-ketchup heiress.

Kerry lives in a mansion on Beacon Hill on which he has borrowed \$6 million to finance his campaign. A fire hydrant that prevented him and his wife from parking their SUV in front of their tony digs was removed by the city of Boston at his behest.

The Kerrys ski at a spa the widow Heinz owns in Aspen, and they summer on Nantucket in a sprawling seaside "cottage" on Hurlbert Avenue, which is so well-appointed that at a recent fund-raiser, they imported porta-toilets onto the front lawn so the donors wouldn't use the inside bathrooms. (They later claimed the decision was made on septic, not social, considerations).

It's a wonderful life these days for John Kerry. He sails Nantucket Sound in "the Scaramouche," a 42-foot Hinckley powerboat. Martha Stewart has a similar boat; the no-frills model reportedly starts at \$695,000. Sen. Kerry bought it new, for cash.

Every Tuesday night, the local politicians here that Kerry elbowed out of his way on his march to the top watch, fascinated, as he claims victory in more primaries and denounces the special interests, the "millionaires" and "the over privileged."

"His initials are JFK," longtime state Senate President William M. Bulger used to muse on St. Patrick's Day, "Just for Kerry. He's only Irish every sixth year." And now it turns out that he's not Irish at all.

But in the parochial world of Bay State politics, he was never really seen as Irish, even when he was claiming to be (although now, of course, he says that any references to his alleged Hibernian heritage were mistakenly put into the Congressional Record by an aide who apparently didn't know that on his paternal side he is, in fact, part-Jewish).

Kerry is, in fact, a Brahmin - his mother was a Forbes, from one of Massachusetts' oldest WASP families. The ancestor who wed Ralph Waldo Emerson's daughter was marrying down.

At the risk of engaging in ethnic stereotyping, Yankees have a reputation for, shall we say, frugality. And Kerry tosses around quarters like they were manhole covers. In 1993, for instance, living on a senator's salary of about \$100,000, he managed to give a total of \$135 to charity.

Yet that same year, he was somehow able to scrape together \$8,600 for a brand-new, imported Italian motorcycle, a Ducati Paso 907 IE. He kept it for years, until he decided to run for president, at which time he traded it in for a Harley-Davidson like the one he rode onto "The Tonight Show" set a couple of months ago as Jay Leno applauded his fellow Bay Stater.

Of course, in 1993 he was between his first and second heiresses - a time he now calls "the wandering years," although an equally apt description might be "the freeloading years."

For some of the time, he was, for all practical purposes, homeless. His friends allowed him into a real-estate deal in which he flipped a condo for quick resale, netting a \$21,000 profit on a cash investment of exactly nothing. For months he rode around in a new car supplied by a shady local Buick dealer. When the dealer's ties to a congressman who was later indicted for racketeering were exposed, Kerry quickly explained that the non-payment was a mere oversight, and wrote out a check.

In the Senate, his record of his constituent services has been lackluster, and most of his colleagues, despite their public support, are hard-pressed

to list an accomplishment. Just last fall, a Boston TV reporter ambushed three congressmen with the question, name something John Kerry has accomplished in Congress. After a few nervous giggles, two could think of nothing, and a third mentioned a baseball field, and then misidentified Kerry as "Sen. Kennedy."

Many of his constituents see him in person only when he is cutting them in line - at an airport, a clam shack or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. One talk-show caller a few weeks back recalled standing behind a police barricade in 2002 as the Rolling Stones played the Orpheum Theater, a short limousine ride from Kerry's Louisburg Square mansion.

The caller, Jay, said he began heckling Kerry and his wife as they attempted to enter the theater. Finally, he said, the senator turned to him and asked him the eternal question.

"Do you know who I am?"

"Yeah," said Jay. "You're a gold-digger."

John Kerry. First he looks at the purse.

Howie Carr, a Boston Herald columnist and syndicated talk-radio host, has been covering John Kerry for 25 years.

KERRY STATEMENTS

"Without question, we need to disarm Saddam Hussein. He is a brutal, murderous dictator, leading an oppressive regime ... He presents a particularly grievous threat because he is so consistently prone to miscalculation .. And now he is miscalculating America's response to his continued deceit and his consistent grasp for weapons of mass destruction ... So the threat of Saddam Hussein with weapons of mass destruction is real .."

- Sen. John Kerry (D, MA), Jan. 23, 03

"I will be voting to give the President of the United States the authority to use force-- if necessary-- to disarm Saddam Hussein because I believe that a deadly arsenal of weapons of mass destruction in his hands is a real and grave threat to our security."

- Sen. John F. Kerry, Oct. 9, 2002

My Heart is Breaking Again

My wife had rotator cuff surgery earlier this year, and the recovery is terribly painful. Then, she developed a staph-epi infection, and they had to cut the same scar open and operate on her again. Just thinking about the pain and anxiety of facing that painful surgery a second time in the same wound, makes me cringe. That experience, however pales in comparison to what I am going through right now, in my heart.

The old hurts are surfacing and the feelings of betrayal by fellow citizens, and their leader stirring them up, are breaking my heart again. I am being cut in the same scar. How did we who served in Vietnam suddenly become cold-blooded killers, torturers, and rapists, of the ilk of the Nazi SS or the Taliban? Most of us were American soldiers who grew up idolizing John Wayne, Roy Rogers, and all the other heroes. That was why I volunteered. But for political expediency, John Kerry has rewritten history, again. After spending only four months in the country of Vietnam, John Kerry testified before Congress in 1971 with these exact words about incidents he supposedly witnessed or heard about from other vets: "They personally raped, cut off ears, cut off heads, taped wires from portable telephones to human genitals and turned up the power, cut off limbs, blown up bodies, randomly shot at civilians, razed villages, shot cattle and dogs for fun, poisoned food stocks, and generally ravaged the countryside of South Vietnam."

I was a green beret officer who volunteered for duty in Vietnam and fought in the thick of it in 1968 and 1969 on a Special Forces A-team on the Ho Chi Minh Trail, just for starters. We were the elite. We saw the most action. Everybody in the world knows that. But we did not just kill people, we built a church, a school, treated illnesses, passed out soap, food, and clothing, and had fun and loving interaction with the indigenous people of Vietnam, just like our boys did in Normandy, Baghdad, Saigon, and everywhere American soldiers ever

served. We all gave away our candy bars and rations to kids. Our hearts to oppressed people all over the globe.

My children and grandchildren could read your words, and think those horrendous things about me, Mr. Kerry. You are a bold-faced, unprincipled liar, and a disgrace, and you have dishonored me and all my fellow Vietnam veterans. Sure, there were a couple bad-apples, but I saw none, and I saw it all, and if I did, as an army officer, it was my obligation to stop it, or at the very least report it. Why is there not a single record anywhere of you ever reporting any incidents like this or having the perpetrators arrested? The answer is simple. You are a liar. Your medals and mine are not a free pass for lifetime, Senator Kerry, to bypass character, integrity, and morality. I earn my green beret over and over daily in all aspects of my life.

Eight National Guard green berets, and other National Guard soldiers, have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and you totally dishonored their widows and families by lumping National Guard service in with being a draft-dodger, conscientious objector, and deserter, just so you can try to sabotage the patriotism of our President who proudly served as an Air National Guard jet pilot.

I have a son earning his green beret at Fort Bragg right now, and his wife serves honorably in the Air National Guard, just like President Bush did, and I am as proud of her as I am my son. I volunteered for Vietnam and have no problem whatsoever with President Bush being our Commander-In-Chief. In fact, I am proud of him as our leader.

John Kerry, you personally derailed the Vietnam Human Rights Bill, HR2883, in 2001, after it had passed the House by a 411 to 1 vote, and thousands of pro-American Montagnard tribespeople in Vietnam died since then who could have been saved by you. Earlier, as Chair of the Senate Select Committee on MIA/POW Affairs, you personally quashed

the efforts of any and all veterans to report sightings of living POW's, when you held those reins in Congress. You have fought tooth and nail to push for the US to normalize relations with Vietnam for years. Why, Mr. Kerry? Simple, your first cousin C. Stewart Forbes, CEO, of Colliers International, recently signed a contract with Hanoi, worth BILLIONS of dollars for Collier's International to become the exclusive real estate representative for the country of Vietnam.

"Hanoi John," now that it works for you, you beat your chest about your Vietnam service, but to me, you are a phony, opportunistic, hypocrite. You are one of those politicians that is like a fertilizer machine: all that comes out of you is horse manure, and you are spreading it everywhere.

Medals do not make a man. Morals do.

Don Bendell Canon City, Colorado

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Kerry Took Cash From Chinese Military Intelligence

In 1996 Kerry met with Liu Chaoying, the daughter of a powerful Chinese military official who also doubled as vice president of a subsidiary of the state-owned China Aerospace Corp. Before the meeting, held in Kerry's Senate office, Liu's sponsor, Johnny Chung, made clear she was interested in getting her company listed on the U.S. Stock Exchange.

The Senator was only too happy to oblige and ordered his aides to contact the Securities and Exchange Commission. "The next day," reports Newsweek, "Liu and Chung were ushered into a private briefing with a senior SEC official."

Bank records would later show that Kerry's Chinese campaign cash came from \$300,000 in overseas wire transfers sent to Chung on orders from the chief of Chinese military intelligence, Newsweek reports.

Kerry Funds Raise Questions

Donations From Tech Firm Spark Controversy for Candidate
From ABCNews.com By Jake Tapper, February 9, 2004

On the night of his victory in the New Hampshire primary... Sen. John Kerry ... warned so-called special interests that a new day was coming.

"We're coming, you're going, and don't let the door hit you on the way out!" he said to cheers.

The sincerity of that claim, however, depends upon one's definition of a "special interest." ... [A]ccording to survey of federal records by The Washington Post, he is the Senate's No. 1 recipient of individual campaign contributions from lobbyists ...

ABCNEWS has learned of a story involving Kerry taking legislative action that benefited a campaign contributor: Predictive Networks, a Cambridge, Mass., tech firm ...

"Typically, a politician says that those who support me just want good government and those who support my opponents are special interests," quipped Larry Noble, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics.

Predictive Networks — now under new management and called Predictive Media — monitors what Internet and cable consumers are viewing and targets advertising accordingly.

As one might expect, such surveillance has raised privacy issues. In 2000, the U.S. Senate debated whether Internet and cable customers should get the opportunity up front to reject such surveillance ...

Predictive Networks' CEO, Devin Hosea, met with Kerry and his staff on July 25, 2000. One day later, Kerry introduced a bill that would have enabled companies like Predictive Networks to automatically be allowed to monitor what consumers are viewing — placing the onus on customers to "opt-out" of surveillance if they wanted. ...

According to Kerry campaign spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter, the bill, co-sponsored by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., had been drafted long before Kerry's meeting with Hosea. ...

In February 2002, Hosea threw a fund-raiser for Kerry ... According to [company co-founder Paul] Davis, the implied quid pro quo ... made some executives uncomfortable. ...

Hosea would not agree to an on-the-record interview with ABCNEWS ... but he did deny that any company supplies or personnel were used for the Kerry event. Hosea confirmed that after the fund-raiser, a chartered plane took several company executives and others to New York City — but not before swinging by Washington, D.C., to drop off Kerry. ...

That summer, Hosea hosted another fund-raiser for Kerry ...

"Some of the investors, including our lead investors in the company, have very conservative political values and usually are Republican and quite conservative in their outlook," Davis said. "It was very surprising to see them writing large checks and bringing some other members of organizations in to write large checks for John Kerry, who is considered a progressive Democrat."

Why would conservatives give Kerry money?

"If you don't believe in Democratic Party values and you're receiving some kind of legislative benefit from a politician, the logical conclusion might be that the legislation somehow was tied to the money," Davis said. The legislation in this case, however, never became law.

No one contacted for this story has even remotely alleged that anyone affiliated with Kerry went so far as to imply a quid pro quo. ...

Kerry makes a point of arguing that he has never taken any money from political action committees ...

But all together, Hosea "bundled" more than \$100,000 for Kerry. Bundling is the process through which an individual ... collects many lawful individual campaign contributions and bundles them together ...

"It's one thing to say you don't take PAC money, but again, when you accept bundled money, it is in a sense the same interest that's behind it — and often it's in much larger amounts," Noble said. "PAC money is limited to \$5,000. The bundler can bundle together \$100,000 to \$200,000." So Kerry's claim to be free of special interest ties because PAC funds are verboten from his campaign "is symbolic more than it is practical," according to Noble.

Kerry currently has 32 such bundlers raising more than \$100,000 apiece for his campaign, according to the good-government organization Common Cause. Lobbying registration records indicate these bundlers include a number of lobbyists ...

So some question how much Kerry truly can claim to be a foe of special interests. ...

Editor's note: And remember what fellow Democratic Senator Zell Miller said: "He is the Olympic gold medalist, when it comes to special interest money."

SPREAD PATRIOTISM

Kale, as you know tonight was the night that I planned to play the Patriotism DVD for VFW Post 1055, Ravenna OH. However, the DVD was not returned from the local School principal so I took my portable Radio CD player to the meeting. The meeting was running late and we had to be out of there in minutes to attend the Awards Ceremony for Patriots Pen so the Quartermaster said "why don't you play it there." The meeting ended and I was ushered into the adjoining room and told to "play it"! The president of the Ladies Auxiliary was addressing about 50 junior high school students, parents and teachers. So, as directed, I announced the CD and promptly played it.

Kale, you could have heard a pin drop in that room! Complete silence and when it was over I received a great many compliments for the message. The first words I heard as I picked up the CD player was that was "excellent"! So mission accomplished! Next time I will play the DVD for them. Ray K. **[Note: Ask how to obtain a copy. See page 2 for address, phone, email address and website address or internet recipients see page 11.]**



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Kerry Blasts Special Interests But Loved Their Honoraria

Candidate Kerry: "I have a message for the influence peddlers, for the polluters, the HMOs, the big drug companies, that get in the way, the big oil and the special interests who now call the White House their home. We're coming, you're going, and don't let the door hit you on the way out." (CNN's "CNN Live," 1/28/04)

Between 1985 And 1990, Kerry accepted Over \$120,000 In Special Interest Honoraria. "Back when federal lawmakers legally could be paid for speaking to outside groups, John Kerry collected more than \$120,000 in fees from interests as diverse as big oil, tobacco, the liquor lobby and unions, records show ... In 1985, Kerry's freshman year in the Senate, he supplemented his \$75,000 salary with \$19,480 in speaking fees. The next year the fees grew to \$22,725." (John Solomon, "Kerry Pocketed Speaking Fees," The Associated Press, 2/9/04)
"Kerry, Who Sharply Criticizes Spe-

cial Interest Money And Big Oil Companies While Campaigning, Earned Handsomely From Some Of Washington's Most Famous Lobbies As Well As Corporate America." (John Solomon, "Kerry Pocketed Speaking Fees," The Associated Press, 2/9/04)

Kerry Accepted Thousands From Large Corporations Like Chevron, Paine Webber, J.P. Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Allied Signal And Textron For Speeches. "For instance, oil giant Chevron paid him \$2,000 in 1986 for participating in a round-table discussion. Large financial companies, among them Paine Webber, J.P. Morgan and Goldman Sachs, also paid to hear Kerry speak, as did the Chicago Board of Trade and defense contractors such as Allied Signal and Textron." (John Solomon, "Kerry Pocketed Speaking Fees," The Associated Press, 2/9/04)

"Kerry Also Spoke For Pay To The National Restaurant Association

(\$1,000 In 1985), The National Association Of Independent Insurers (\$1,000 In 1986), The American Bankers Association (\$2,000 In 1986) And The National Association Of Manufacturers." (John Solomon, "Kerry Pocketed Speaking Fees," The Associated Press, 2/9/04)

Ø Paid Speaking Engagements Gave Lobbyists Opportunity To "Bend The Ears" Of Politicians Like Kerry. "The Distilled Spirits Council, which paid Kerry \$2,000 for a speech in 1987, said such engagements gave a chance for the liquor lobby to bend the ears of policy-makers on issues such as taxes, free trade and restrictions on alcohol ads." "When lawmakers speak with us, there's an exchange of views and they come away with more information about what's important to our industry," said Frank Coleman, the council's senior vice president." (John Solomon, "Kerry Pocketed Speaking Fees," The Associated Press, 2/9/04)

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From Brian McKinsey, Albuquerque, NM

Kale I will use the DVD and the CD for my project, "Vietnam Voices and Visions Unfiltered" and for radio, local schools and other exhibits.

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