



*Congressional Justice
for Warriors Caucus*

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Dear Mr. President,

The Congressional Justice for Warriors Caucus, or CJWC, would like to commend you for your decision as reported by Fox News' Pete Hegseth to take action in the cases of 1Lt. Clint Lorange, Chief Petty Officer Eddie Gallagher and Maj. Matt Golsteyn. All three of these men are American heroes who deserve our undying gratitude for their service to our nation, and none of them should have been put through arduous legal proceedings and courts-martial for doing their jobs.

Considering this exciting news, the members of CJWC humbly ask that you consider acting in the cases of two other American heroes: Sgt. Derrick Miller and 1Sgt. John Hatley.

Sgt. Derrick Miller was a U.S. Army National Guardsman who served his country honorably in both Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2010, while in combat against the Taliban, Sgt. Miller questioned a terrorist scout who had been caught spying on the encampment of Derrick's unit. During the questioning, the terrorist grabbed Sgt. Miller's gun. A struggle ensued, forcing Sgt. Miller to shoot and kill the Taliban scout in an act of self-defense.

Both of Sgt. Miller's witnesses to the incident were threatened by Army prosecutors to change their multiple statements to implicate Sgt. Miller and he was ultimately convicted of premeditated murder and spent nine years in confinement before he was granted parole in May of 2019.

Since his parole, Sgt. Miller has continued his call to serve his country, this time, as a valued congressional staffer. Sgt. Miller is a military adviser to Congressman Louie Gohmert and a shared employee to advise the CJWC.

We respectfully request that you "disapprove the findings and sentence" of Sgt. Miller's case so that he may put this grave injustice behind him and continue to serve his country without the stigma of a murder conviction hanging over his head.

1Sgt. John Hatley is a respected and highly decorated soldier who was convicted of the premeditated murder of four Iraqi detainees in 2009. Despite a thorough investigation by the Army's Criminal Investigation Division (CID), no physical or forensic evidence was uncovered to support the allegations against Hatley. The CID found no bodies, no one was even reported missing—all it took was one accusation in the wake of the Abu-Ghraib scandal from a soldier he had recently disciplined.

First Sergeant Hatley was ultimately convicted based on the testimony of soldiers who changed their stories after prosecutors threatened them with potential life sentences as co-conspirators.

Last month, six members of the Congressional Justice for Warriors Caucus attended the parole hearing for 1Sgt. Hatley and spoke out on his behalf. The U.S. Army Clemency and Parole Board ultimately granted his release, however, not for an entire year, in October of 2020.

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We humbly request that you “disapprove the findings and sentence” of 1Sgt. Hatley’s case so that he may return home to Texas and take care of his family. His two Bronze Stars are testament to his incredible valor for his country. He too was served up on the altar of political correctness. He is truly an extraordinary and committed servant of our nation who is the victim of a massive miscarriage of justice.

The Congressional Justice for Warriors Caucus members would like to make it clear that we believe all five of the aforementioned men are deserving of having their findings and sentences disapproved. And—in the case of Maj. Matt Golsteyn, whose court martial date is set for February 19, 2020—we ask that you assume jurisdiction of his case and dismiss his charges with prejudice. The service you have been providing this great nation will only be heightened and the morale of your troops will soar over actions taken to help these superb American military members.

We are thrilled with your recognition of these cases and that you have made clear the importance of standing with our nation’s warriors when we send them into harm’s way to protect our liberties.

Enclosed is further documentation with details on these cases for your review. If you should need anything else to aid in your decision, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Respectfully,



Louie Gohmert
Member of Congress



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Enclosures:

SGT Derrick Miller packet – Pardon/Vacate sentence request packet, employment verification

1SG John Hatley –Justice for Warriors Caucus Member parole letter, Rep. Gohmert parole letter, Justice for Warriors Caucus early release letter

1LT Clint Lorange – Justice for Warriors Caucus Member parole letter, Rep. Gohmert parole letter

Chief Eddie Gallagher – Justice for Warriors Caucus Member pardon letter