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THE NEWSLETTER OF VETERANS UNITED FOR TRUTH, INC.

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"VETERANS STANDING UP FOR EACH OTHER"

4 JUNE 2007

~~THE PRO~~ PERSECUTION OF ADAM KOKESH

Adam Kokesh's second activation as a Marine reservist went beyond his basic six-year obligation, therefore, upon his return and honorable discharge in November 2006, he was placed in the Individual Ready Reserve until 16 June 2007. On 19 March 2007 Adam participated in "Operation First Casualty" in Washington, DC, a mock combat patrol. The intent of the demonstration was to bring the truth (the first casualty) of combat operations home to the American people. Adam wore his field uniform stripped of all identification and of all reference to the US forces.

Today, 4 June 2007, Adam has been called before a separation hearing at Marine Corps Mobilization Command, Kansas City. The intent of the hearing is to revoke Adam's original honorable discharge and, after the hearing, to either let the original discharge stand, or replace it with a less-than-honorable discharge of some form.

Adam is charged with violating a USMC regulation (wearing his uniform while protesting), and disrespect to a superior officer.

It is Veterans United For Truth, Inc.'s position that on the first charge Adam was exercising his First Amendment rights as a **civilian**, having been honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, and that since he did not represent himself as being an active duty Marine, the Marine Corps regulation that he is charged with violating had no more application to him than it would to any citizen on the street.

It is likewise our position that when Adam was offered a less than honorable discharge without a hearing, and he told the offeror, a Captain in the Marine Corps, to go f**k himself, he was perhaps injudicious, but he was also exercising his right to free speech as a citizen and his right to reject an unfair offer. In any event, he was not acting as a member of the Armed Forces.

Finally it is our position that this is selective prosecution, amounting to persecution, in order to use Adam as an example to other Marine reservists, in a broader program to hide the truth of the current war.

Although Adam lives on the east coast, the Marine Corps scheduled his hearing in Kansas City. While they offered to pay Adam's way to the hearing, they would not pay for the transportation of any supporting witnesses.

We are asking you to do three things, and to do them **today!**

1. Donate to the IVAW Legal Defense Fund for Adam at <https://secure.groundspring.org/dn/index.php?aid=11951>

On that page be sure and write in under "Special Project Support" the words "Adam Kokesh Defense Fund" and check the "IVAW Legal Defense Fund" block.

2. Send a message to General Darrell Moore, convening authority for the Kokesh hearing. <http://www.ivaw.org/sendsupport>
3. Send a message to any or all of the members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees both supporting Adam Kokesh and decrying the waste of money, effort, and time that this hearing represents. The names and links of the members are on the second page of this bulletin.

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