

The Hollowing Out of America's Military

This letter was received by Dora S. Young from Senator John McCain and submitted for publication in the Sac and Fox News by permission from CAGW

Continued from May's issue

These experts correctly concluded their frightening report by saying that our Armed Forces are headed for a "train wreck" unless we rebuild and modernize our military.

It is clear. Our nation's security is in greater jeopardy now than in decades. During this era of increasingly scare Defense Budget dollars, unless we stop these wasteful pork-barrel projects once and for all, if your children, grandchildren or any of their loved ones volunteer to serve in our Armed Forces, they may be forced to fly in places that are lacking proper parts. They may be forced to go to sea on ships that are undermanned and poorly maintained. Or, they may be forced into battle ill-equipped, under trained and outnumbered. Ultimately, on the path we are on right now, our courageous men and women in uniform, who have done such an extraordinary job in Afghanistan and Iraq, may not be able to meet the future threats to this country

As the headlines remind us, we are increasingly vulnerable in a world filled with terrorists and potential aggressors. Consider a few startling facts:

*the U.S. Navy's fleet of ships is the smallest it has been since 1916

*thousands of military personnel are on Food Stamps

*the Army's strength was reduced by 10 divisions and a total of 630,000 men after 1989; and

*the average age of Air Force aircraft is more than 20 years old and still climbing

In short, as the Defense Review Panel confirmed, our Armed Forces have been robbed of hardware, training, technology and incentives, and as a result, there has been a massive exodus of highly skilled individuals from our military. One of the main reasons for this shocking disarmament is that Congress is both underfunding our military and failing to spend scarce defense dollars where they are most needed. Billions upon billions of tax dollars continue to be spent not to increase defense readiness, but on low-priority, park-barrel projects.

To understand the type of problem we face, just look at the Air Force's fleet of C-130 airlifters. If you're not familiar with the C-130, it is a propeller-driven aircraft that is often used to drop

paratroopers and can deliver troops, weapons and ammunition near the front lines in a conflict.

Over a 21-period through 1999, the Air Force requested just five of these \$50 million airplanes. However, they got 262 of them because they are built in the home districts of some of Congress's most influential members. And it's not just the expenditure of billions of tax dollars on unneeded C-130's. A \$1.5 billion ship was funded that the Navy doesn't need nor want. It was built in the state of one of the most powerful United States Senators.

Recent Defense Budgets have included: \$18.9 million for the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the Senate; \$12 million for the laser phalanx; \$8 million for the Center of Excellence for Research in Ocean Sciences; \$7.8 million for an extremely large, domestic expendable and reusable structures manufacturing center; \$7 million for the Robert C. Byrd Institute of Advanced Flexible Manufacturing Systems; \$4 million for the Proton Therapy Institute at Hampton University; \$3 million for the New Jersey Technology Center; \$2.4 million for the secure open source initiative, and \$800,000 for a West Virginia counter-drug program.

I could go on and on with examples of outrageous non-defense, pork-barrel projects in our Defense Budget that are robbing us of the weapons and manpower to keep our nation and our children safe. Recent Congresses have turned the nation's Defense Budget into the nation's Pork-Barrel Budget with little concern for how it will endanger American service personnel and all Americans in the years ahead and potentially even jeopardize our security and freedom. It must stop now.

Only by focusing a white-hot spotlight on what is happening to America's defenses and producing a public display of outrage can we force an end to the hollowing out of our defenses.

Congress responds to what it believes the public wants the most. Right now, most Representatives and Senators are responding instead to the demands of the special interests who want their pork.

Below is a letter sent to Dora S. Young from Thomas A. Schatz, President of Citizens Against Government Waste

Dear Ms. Young:

Thanks in large measure to your generous past support, we just won two major victories for taxpayers. On top of providing vital deficit reduction, these wins also demonstrate that with your help today CAGW can have a huge impact on the danger that Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.) is writing about in his letter to you.

But before I say more about Senator McCain's letter to you and how critical it is to cut wasteful defense spending, which would be better for our national security than the across-the-board sequestration cuts that have now gone into effect, let me tell you about our victories. We won a multi-year battle against the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS), which was 10 years behind schedule and \$2 billion over budget, and even worse, earmarked by Congress over the Army's objections. Our opposition included a 2012 issue brief, an op-ed in U.S. News and World Report, and a "Misguided Missile" website detailing the problems with MEADS. By elimi-

nating the program, taxpayers

Also, working closely with Senator Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), we won the battle to start consolidating 816 duplicative programs that cost more than \$200 billion annually as identified by Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports. You played a direct role in this victory by signing the Citizen's Demand supporting these CAGW/GAO recommendations that was provided in the letter that Senator Coburn and I wrote to you last year.

These are dangerous days for America. Sequestration has taken effect, and both needed and wasteful defense spending is being cut. That is why it is more important than ever that we stop members of Congress from "hollowing out" our nation's defenses. Please give the Senator's letter your full attention and answer today. Our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines need us to win this battle for them.

Thomas A. Schatz
President, CA

Dora Young's Closing Comments:

Of course, most Americans have known that the fraud, waste, and abuse has gone on for years but it is getting worse, to the point that Sequestration

has now gone into effect. Sequestration is not needed since it won't stop the addictive and incessant spending by the U.S. Congress!

NOTICE

The Veteran's Administration is partnering with the Pawnee Indian Health Center to enroll all Native American and non-Indian Veterans for health care benefits the third Thursday of every month from 10:30 am to 1:00pm. Veterans will be able to get questions answered about their benefits without traveling to Tulsa, Muskogee or Oklahoma City. The Pawnee Service Unit is located on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Reserve, 1201 Heritage Circle, in Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058, for more information call (918) 762-6724.



(Front Row From Left) Berdina George, Cheryl McClellan, Margaret Stevens (Back Row From Left) Dagwood Wakolee and Anita Stevens attended the 38th Annual Oklahoma Conference on Aging in Norman, OK on May 21, 2013.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SAC AND FOX NATION
356159 EAST 926 ROAD, STROUD, OKLAHOMA 74079
PHONE: (918) 968-2031

Andrea Harrison, Plaintiff -vs- Case No. JFD-10-00067 Billy Jack Harrison, Defendant.

Summons

THE SAC AND FOX NATION TO:

Billy Jack Harrison

Address Unknown

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You are hereby notified that a PETITION FOR DIVORCE has been filed in the Sac and Fox District Court. You have twenty (20) days from the date of service to file an Answer.

You are hereby summoned and notified that the Court will hear the evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said Petition for Divorce at the Sac and Fox District Courthouse located 5 miles South and 1/4 mile East of Stroud, Oklahoma on the 27th day of JUNE 2013 at the hour of 9:30 a.m..

YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER REGARDING THIS SUIT OR YOUR ANSWER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on April 29, 2013.

SAC AND FOX NATION, Court Clerk By: Clerk/ Deputy Audrey Mitchell

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Community residents are encouraged to drop off unwanted hazardous household waste and chemicals that should never go into your community's trash or water reclamation systems.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Household chemicals, cleaners and bleach
- E-waste which includes monitors, televisions, CPUs, printers and phones
- Automobile tires, motor oil, antifreeze and brake fluid
- Paint, paint thinner and other solvents
- Mercury, pesticides/herbicides, fluorescent lights, pool chemicals and asbestos
- Commercial and electronic waste from businesses

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- Bring items in sturdy containers and boxes.
- If possible, keep items in original labeled containers
- Do not mix items together, this can be an explosive or gaseous hazard

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Ammunition and explosives
- White goods such as refrigerators and air conditioners containing gases that need removal.
- Stoves, washers and dryers

NEVER:

- Pour harmful hazardous waste down home plumbing systems unless the product was made for that purpose
- Pour harmful chemical products on the ground or into storm drainage systems
- Dump hazardous materials in the environment

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For more information, contact Cindy Gammons at 580.272.5456