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SUBJ: LETTER IN THE CASE OF MAJOR SCARSELLI NON-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

1. From October 2006 until September 2007 and again from September 2008 until June 2009 I worked at the Provost Marshal's office. The majority of this time I was working directly under Major Scarselli as his Deputy Provost Marshal. During this time I directly observed him nearly every day and how he interacted with and led the Marines of the Provost Marshal's Office.

In April 2009 we were informed that the Inspector General, Mr. Gill, would be conducting an investigation into all of PMO. During the investigation we complied fully and completely, as directed by Major Scarselli. Despite my position and time spent at PMO, I was never called in for questioning or asked to provide a statement for the IG. This is partially why, I do not believe that the investigation into the Provost Marshal's Office was conducted in a fair and impartial manner. This was later validated when Mr. Gardner wrote an unsolicited letter to the Courts Martial outlining Mr. Gill's extreme unprofessionalism and bias. Mr. Gill made it his personal crusade to take down Major Scarselli regardless of the facts or truth.

While I did not always agree with Major Scarselli's decisions, I never witnessed him do anything that was immoral, unethical or that degraded the good order and discipline of the unit. We investigated thoroughly allegations of inappropriate behavior and wrong doing, adamantly combated any form of hazing and safely and professionally promoted the morale of the unit. In my humble opinion the charges brought against him were the result of an disgraceful investigation compounded by an overzealous and equally unprofessional prosecutor. It is my fervent belief that no unit in the Marine Corps that could be held under the same scrutiny and to the same standard and come out unscathed.

Major Scarselli is not the perfect officer; however he is one of the best that I have observed in my short career. He has an amazing ability to juggle multiple difficult and complex tasks at once, mostly through his ability to supervise and direct his subordinates. I haven't seen him miss a deadline or fall short on a mission. He constantly instructs his junior officers and staff NCO's ensuring they are always learning and becoming complete Marines. Major Scarselli enforces and promotes the costumes and courtesies of the Marine Corps more than any other officer I have ever met. He shows a genuine concern for his Marines and improves their morale through his charismatic compassion, all the while holding them accountable for their actions and to the standards directed. Despite the current charges against him I would gladly serve with him in the future. The Marine Corps is a far better place with him in our ranks than we would be without him.

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