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United American Patriots Inc.
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Re: Monthly case report in the matter of *U.S. v. SSgt Frank D. Wuterich, USMC*

Dear United American Patriots:

1. **Case number and client's full name:** FDW-3221 Frank D. Wuterich
2. **Date of this report:** 03/31/2011
3. **Date of last report:** 02/24/2011
4. **Current status for the case being reported on:** Oral argument was presented yesterday to the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (CAAF) for its consideration in ruling our appeal of denial of the petition for an extraordinary writ by the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. The writ asked the NMCCA to find an unauthorized severance of the attorney-client relationship between SSgt Wuterich and his detailed military defense counsel, LtCol Vokey and to abate the proceedings until that relationship is reestablished. We now await the ruling on this issue. There is no deadline and no available prognosis on how long our wait will be.
5. **All activities since last monthly report:** We were pleased to be granted our request for the services of Marine Major Babu Kaza to present the oral argument. As you may know, he argued the same cases and similar facts in the case of *U.S. v. Hutchins*, on which our motion and extraordinary writ were based. He did an exceptional job and I was privileged to sit at counsel table as his assistant appellate defense counsel. Unfortunately, SSgt Frank Wuterich himself was denied his request for TAD orders to attend the hearing in his own case! We were shocked that he would not be allowed to attend. So using the funds provided through the generosity of the United American Patriots, we were able to fly him out and put him up in a hotel room so that he would not be denied what we considered to be a fundamental Constitutional right. He took annual leave so that he could travel. We also calculated what he rated in per diem (which he would have been paid on TAD orders) and cut him a check for that amount. I summarize these expenses in paragraph 9. The military judge did, in fact, grant a delay to the start of the Wuterich trial until 27 June 2011 at Camp Pendleton. If we do not have a ruling on the appeal by 1 June 2011, we will move the trial back into September 2011. Much additional time has been devoted to assisting in the preparation of the appellate briefs, and to oral argument rehearsal.

6. **Statement of activities/events planned for the forthcoming month:** The Wuterich trial team will be involved in continuing to prepare for trial in June.

7. **Statement of all monies received from UAP with the latest receipt highlighted:** The Wuterich defense team has received a total of 11 disbursements of funds totaling \$64,500.00. The latest amount received was \$2,500.00.

8. **All monies received from sources other than UAP:** Previously provided. No new information.

9. **Current financial status of the case being reported on:** We expended the following funds in order to allow SSgt Wuterich to attend the oral arguments at CAAF:

Air Fare:	\$580.80
Hotel:	234.03
3 days Per Diem:	<u>177.50</u> (\$53.25x2 + \$71.00)
	\$992.33

Respectfully submitted,



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