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To: Military Judge

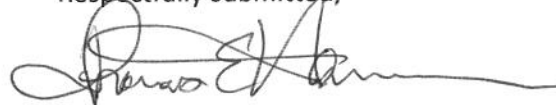
SUBJ: CHARACTER STATEMENT FOR CARLOS ROWE, MAJOR, U. S. MARINE CORPS

1. I am currently assigned as the Antiterrorism/Force Protection Officer with Battelle Memorial Institute assigned to the 9th Marine Corps District. I spent over 28 years on active duty in the Marine Corps with the last 21 years working directly at the District Headquarters or assigned to various subordinate commands of the 9th Marine Corps District. My current duties include conducting vulnerability assessments to assets within the 9th Marine Corps District and providing risk assessments to the Commanding Officer with recommended mitigation measures.
2. I observed Major Rowe in a social setting on approximately three occasions. One of these occasions was a section Christmas Party. The other two occasions were Football Parties for the section to get together and watch big football games. At least one of these occasions was hosted by Major Rowe at his home. In all cases, the event was open for all members of the Logistics Section to attend. At no time, did any of these events become or present the appearance of being unprofessional in nature. In fact, they were nothing more than an opportunity for the Logistic Section personnel to build camaraderie.
3. During the one year that I worked with and known Major Rowe, I had ample opportunity to observe his initiative, knowledge of the recruiting support process, handling of enlisted personnel, personal appearance, loyalty, and respect for authority. Major Rowe assumed responsibility for a position that had been gapped for approximately 3 months. Immediately, he assessed the state of affairs in the Logistics Section and began making necessary changes in advance of the end-of-year close-out processes. Some of his decisions were not popular, but all, in my opinion, were for the good of the unit. In an effort to ease some of the tension in the section, he suggested some team-building events, such as the Christmas Party.

Based on my observation and knowledge of Major Rowe, I have formed an opinion of his military character. In my opinion, he has an excellent military character. I would further add that based upon the same observation and knowledge of Major Rowe, he is law abiding and honest to a fault. He is the type of Marine that will report the way it is, not the way we wish it was. I have observed him counseling his Marines and civilians in a way that gets his point across, but leaves them with positive reinforcement.

4. Major Rowe has displayed the traits and characteristics that I would want in a Marine if I were going to combat. He has displayed the traits and characteristics important in garrison as well, to include interaction with civilian employees. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (816) 518-7731.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Hanner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas E. Hanner