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

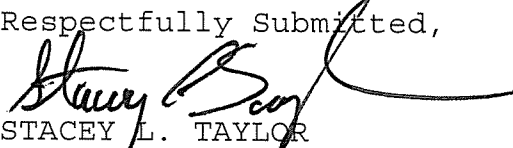
1. I am currently assigned as the Executive Officer, Headquarters and Services Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command and slated to command Headquarters Battalion, School of Infantry, East beginning summer 2011. I have been in the Marine Corps over 16 years. My current duties include directing the battalion staff in accomplishing the battalion's mission and acting on behalf of the commanding officer in his absence.

2. Major Rowe and I were fellow midshipmen in the Morehouse College NROTC program. I have known him since August 1989, my freshman year of college. We have maintained contact since then. While we were stationed in Camp Lejeune approximately 1994-1997, I saw him at least three times a month or more outside of deployments. Since then, I have seen him occasionally, i.e. weddings, reunions, or short visits.

3. Carlos is one of the individuals that convinced me to be a Marine. Not because he talked me into it, but because I admired him as a leader when I was a midshipman. Though I have never worked in the same unit with Carlos, I have heard the great reputation he enjoys as a leader of Marines. Particularly, he was very successful on recruiting duty. During my time serving as an Officer Selection Officer, I often talked to him about recruiting and realized his expertise in that arena. During our time as lieutenants in Camp Lejeune, Carlos always seemed to be doing well as a motor transport officer in 2d Marine Division whereas many other of my acquaintances in non-combat arms MOSs assigned to the Division struggled.

4. If I were going to combat, I would want Carlos serving beside me. I totally trust he sets the mission and well being of others above his own. From my observation, he has displayed the traits and characteristics important in garrison as well. From our college days in the early 1990s until now, I have always felt comfortable in Major Rowe's presence while in a social gathering, and we have been in many together. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (757) 445 - 4370.

Respectfully Submitted,


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