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From: Major Vincent H. Williams, 254 13 6210/0402, USMC
To: Military Judge

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

1. I am currently assigned as a Logistics Observer/Trainer with United States Joint Forces Command, Joint Warfighting Center, Joint Training Division. My current duties include providing recommendations and assisting Combatant Command and JTF Staffs in improving their procedures, processes, and staff communication during exercises and prior to real world deployments. I've served honorably in the United States Marine Corps for over 23 years. My personal awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal w/Gold Star; Joint Service Achievement Medal; Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/Gold Star; and the Navy/Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia.

2. I have known Major Rowe both professionally and socially for 19 years, while we both served at Camp Lejeune, NC. Major Rowe served with 8th Marine Regiment and I served with 2D FSSG. Additionally, we both served with the Eastern Recruiting Region from the mid to late nineties. Major Rowe served as XO of RS Atlanta, while I served at MCRD Parris Island as a Series Commander and Company Commander. We have also known each other in various social circles and gatherings, attending cookouts, birthday parties, and various community service events.

Since the late nineties, Major Rowe and I have kept in contact primarily via phone and email, conversing once every few months just to keep in contact. Occasionally Major Rowe and I still see each other at events where we have mutual friends such as weddings and cookouts or, if he has business in the Hampton Roads area and visits my family and I. Despite, not having seen each other on a regular basis over the last few years, Major Rowe remains one of my closest friends and fellow Marines Officers that I serve proudly with.


3. Over the past 19 years that I have known Major Rowe, I have had ample opportunity to observe Major Rowe's military appearance, bearing, respect for authority, loyalty, initiative, MOS knowledge, and handling of enlisted and civilian personnel. His demonstration of these traits and many others has always been at the highest standards of proficiency expected of a Marine Field Grade Officer, as evidenced by his numerous awards, decorations, and laudatory comments and remarks on his performance.

Based on my 19 years of observation and knowledge of Major Rowe, I have formed and opinion of his military character. In my opinion, Major Rowe has an outstanding military character. In addition, I am familiar with the Major Rowe's reputation in our community as to military character. Major Rowe's reputation is that his military character is outstanding and beyond reproach.

I have always known Major Rowe to carry himself with Honor and in keeping with the highest standards expected of a Marine Officer, the Marine Corps, and the United States Naval Service. I have always known him to be truthful in his word and his character, abiding by the rules, regulations, and codes which govern the military and the civilian community.

4. In closing, Major Rowe is a patriot, decorated combat veteran, and one of the finest Marine Officers I have ever had the pleasure of knowing and serving with. He has displayed the traits and characteristics that I would want in a Marine if I were going to combat. He has also displayed the traits and characteristics important in garrison as well. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (757) 203-7255 (w); and (843) 368-2880 (c).

Respectfully Submitted,


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