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## Patriotic Photo Contest Winner!

## George Wujcik!



*Go to Page 5 to see what George is doing here.*

*Congratulations on your winning submission, and Thank You for your commitment to our community!*

**Our next Meeting will be held: 9am October 15th, 2011!**

**It will be conducted at the Trenton Town Hall located at 1071 State Hwy 33 East, West Bend. Hope to see you there!**

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**Calendar of Events(subject to change)**

- Oct 15 0900 Regular Det Meeting held at Trenton Town Hall**  
**Nov 10 Marine Corps Birthday Ooh-Rah! Marines!**  
**NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER-HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR DEER HUNTERS, COME HOME SAFE!**  
**Dec 17 0900 Regular Det Meeting held at Trenton Town Hall**  
**Dec 25 Merry Christmas!**  
**Jan 21 0900 Regular Det Meeting held at Trenton Town Hall**  
**Feb 18 0900 Regular Det Meeting held at Trenton Town Hall**  
**Mar 8 FHPT for Young at Heart Club at Cabrini Church West Bend**  
**Mar 17-18 MCL State Convention Hosted by KetMorDet**

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**Kettle Moraine Detachment 1203, Marine Corps League  
Minutes of Meeting Held September 17th, 2011  
12 Members Present**

The meeting was held at the Trenton Town Hall, West Bend, Wisconsin  
The Commandant called the meeting to order at 0908. Sergeant at arms posted the colors, and the Chaplain opened the meeting with a prayer, the bible is open.

**Roll Call of Officers**

Commandant: Jim Ramage  
Sr. Vice Commandant: Danny O'Toole (ex)  
Jr. Vice Commandant: John Stern (ex)  
Adjutant: Paul Schleif  
Judge Advocate: Charlie Keller (not present)

Paymaster: Roger Cross  
Chaplain: George Wujcik  
Sergeant at Arms: Bill Wallace  
Historian: Jason Waier

**Other Members Attending**

Other members attending the meeting were Dan Coulter, Carl Heiman, Fritz Montag, Barry Oelerich, Hugo Straub, Doug Smith (ex), and Ken Unertl.

**New Members and Guests**

Our new state commandant Lynn Sabel came and attended our meeting today, visiting with the guys. Hey Lynn, it was really good to meet you!

**Reading of the Minutes**

Hugo Straub motioned, with Ken Unertl seconding, to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as published in the newsletter. The motion passed.

**Paymasters Report**

Roger reported that he is in the process of moving/renewing a couple of CDs to another bank at this time, as they are up for renewal. The recap that he gave of our fundraising this year was excellent. A motion was made by Barry and seconded by Jason to accept the paymaster report. The motion passed, and thank-you Roger.

The report of our fundraising generated some serious discussion amongst the members of the detachment regarding our charitable donation history recently. There were some spirited opinions about different charities and how we could best put our dollars to use. I feel our detachment came up with some very appropriate business decisions in this area of concern later in the meeting.

**Chaplains Report**

George relayed to the detachment that there were no reports of any member sick or in distress at this time.

**Report of Standing Committees**

**Honor Guard:** The guard hasn't rendered military honors at any funerals since our last meeting.

**Flag History Presentation Team:** On October 6th there is a flag history presentation in Hartford. It will be held at city hall for the American Legion at 1730. The event includes dinner and wives are invited also! See George for details.

**Old Business**

Since our last meeting Rollie has been busy communicating with the food pantry and Wal Mart here in West Bend. As of this time he has arranged to purchase two-that's right, two, pallets of food from Wal Mart! The food pantry gave Rollie a list of things that they are always in need for, and with a dollar figure of what he had to work with this is what he was able to do. Well-done Rollie! It sounds like our local news wants the story and this could be some really nice charitable work. A motion was made by Ken Unertl and seconded by Hugo to donate the 500.00 dollars needed for this effort. The motion passed.

The representative from Fisher House was not able to make our meeting this month, but next month we are on his agenda, I believe. There was more information supplied by Jason and they have some on-line information as well. I want to point out, also, that other veteran groups are getting involved with Fisher House as a charitable donation right here locally in our area. A motion was made by Dan Coulter and seconded by George to donate \$2000.00 dollars toward Fisher House. The motion passed.

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# Five Rounds of Death

**Launched with 60 Afghans and 45 Americans, Finished with 3 Afghans and 4 Americans**

*In a previous book, I wrote that corporals are the backbone of the infantry. They are the leaders in the actual firefights. This action took place five miles east of the Korengal Valley, along the Pakistan border in Kunar Province, where I embedded with 1-32 Infantry Battalion. Even among corporals, Dakota Meyer is exceptional.* **Bing West**

## Continued from last month

intercepts of careless chatter before the attack, and no warnings from the residents of Ganjigal. The fighters had been digging in for over a day.

Sergeant Westbrook was shot in the neck and Swenson was applying a dressing when three Afghans in Army uniforms approached. When Fabayo waved at them to duck down, they lifted up AKs and started firing. Fabayo shot one in the chest, while Swenson rolled over, pulled a grenade and blew up the other two. Shafi emptied an M16 magazine into them. As Chavez drove toward the yellow smoke, he saw Fabayo and Swenson supporting Montgomery.

"Get out in front of them!" Meyer yelled.

When Fazel offered to take a turn in the turret, Meyer told him to stay on the radio and tell him what the Afghan soldiers were saying. Chavez maneuvered the truck up the draw to act as a shield, while Meyer pounded the rock houses and the terrace walls with the .50 cal. After the wounded were safe in defilade, Chavez and Meyer headed up the slope to find the missing four. The truck was now the sole target in the open, quickly bracketed

by RPG rockets. As the lone vehicle entered the kill zone, insurgents from the front and the right flank brought their AKs to bear. Meyer dropped down from the turret, blood pouring down his right arm.

"I'm OK," he said, grabbing an M4 rifle. ".50 cal's empty."

Chavez backed down into the gully and tried to sneak around the left side, but the slope was too steep and the humvee slipped back into the draw. Seeing a wounded askar in a ditch, Meyer ran to the man and turned him over. Dead.

"We need more ammo," Meyer said as they headed back down the draw.

All that had saved Meyer on his third try was sheer luck and an absence of armor-piercing rounds in the enemy PKM machinegun.

Fabayo left Williams, Garza and Landay at a casualty collection point and stumbled back to the rendezvous spot. The askars and border police were slowly recovering from the shock of the ambush and moving down the ravine in small groups. Good for them, Swenson thought. A platoon leader from 1-32 had spread out his soldiers among the vehicles. "Mount up in a truck," he said. "You're no help back here. Move the f-king up."

"I can't," the lieutenant said. "The TOC said to cover the vehicles and our rear."

Through a radio relay team, Swenson reached the battle captain at the Tactical Operations Center, who said, "OK. Use him if you want."

When the lieutenant still hesitated, Swenson turned away. "You're f-king

useless," he said.

Swenson, Shaft and Fabayo hopped into a Light Tactical Vehicle that weighed 15,000 pounds with its armored sides. The LTV was heavy and clumsy, difficult to turn on the twisting path up to the village. They crossed a culvert and skidded uphill as rounds cracked by over their heads. To Swenson's front inside the village, teenagers were running back and forth among the stone houses, shooting AKs from the hip. They lumbered past where Meyer had left the dead Afghan soldier and found three wounded hiding farther forward in the ditch. Fabayo pulled them all into the LTV and they backed down the rutted path, bumping over the jihadist Meyer had killed in the road.

Swenson turned around as the enemy fire again increased and drove back to the casualty collection point. The two most seriously wounded, Westbrook and an askar, were immediately placed on board a medevac helicopter.

## Round Four

Meyer talked to Williams and Garza, then walked back to Chavez.

"They're getting med evac'ed," he said. "There are four still missing. We're going back in. They headed back down the ravine in the gun truck, this time followed by Afghan soldiers in two trucks. Again they found more wounded. Again Meyer dismounted, ignoring the bullets cracking overhead, and pulled one and then another askar to the safety of the armored truck. Again they drove back to the casualty collection point and dropped off the three askars.

It was approaching 1100, six hours into **Continued on Page 6**

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**Report of Officers and Committee Chairs**

In order to expedite the regular monthly meeting, all Officers and standing committee chairs are afforded the opportunity to provide their input to the Newsletter by the first Monday of each month. Members are also welcome to submit something. This will enable all Members to review items of interest and reduce discussion at the meetings. Additionally, it provides any Member who is unable to make it to a regular meeting, the opportunity to remain abreast of current Detachment activities. Any submission may be edited and use depends on available space.

**Commandant Jim Ramage reports:**  
Nothing Reported

**Sr Vice Danny O'Toole Reports:**  
Nothing Reported but did submit the article on R.Lee Ermey on page 8.

**Judge Advocate Charlie Keller reports:**  
Nothing new to report

**Honor Guard/Jr Vice John Stern reports:**  
Nothing new to report

**Chaplain George Wujcik reports:**  
As chaplain I sent cards to John Bigwool, Ray Witkowski and the Voltaggio family as requested by State Commandant Lynn Sabel and our commandant Jim Ramage  
After our Sept 17th meeting I traveled up to Plover Wi. to the Korean War Memorial Park. The MCL detachment of the Plover area had a picnic and invited any other detachments to attend. Lynn Sabel attended our meeting and stated he would be going to Plover for the picnic being held that afternoon. I was going up that way and also went to the picnic. I said a prayer at the Memorial for all vets and MIA's where I met Lynn and noted that he was surprised to see someone he had just met that morning also attending

the picnic. The Plover MCL were glad to have visitors from other units and made our time there very nice. The Plover unit showed me a copy of their newsletter { one colored page } with pertinent info. One picture caption indicated a Charles Wojcik Whom I later met and acknowledged our name similarities but we were not related. The Polish are well represented in that area of our state in that detachment.  
Semper Fi George Wujcik

**Newsletter Editor Jason Waier reports:**

I would like to congratulate George for his photo submission and winning the great mural that was donated by one of our members! In the photo George is transporting surplus medical supplies from the Albrecht Free Clinic in West Bend to the Mission Outreach/Green Bay Mission Support warehouse in Green Bay. From there, in cooperation with several organizations, more volunteers sort, crate and ship all kinds of dressings, oxygen supplies, gowns, crutches, walkers etc. as requested to regional centers in Chicago and Springfield, IL. From there shipments travel to needy clinics and hospitals around the globe. The U.S. Navy Project Handclasp is one of the partners in the final delivery of some shipments. Great work George!!

I have contacted the Fisher House and hope to have them at the October Meeting.

Rollie Moericke, Roger Cross, Bill Wallace, and Chad Moericke transported the dry goods purchased from Walmart and delivered them to the West Bend Food Pantry. Unfortunately the West Bend News

was not able to make it, and there was even some confusion at the Food Pantry itself. It was also a day of bad rainstorms so things did not go according to plan. When all was said and done though one full truck load of food was donated to the Food Pantry, and they were very thankful to have received it. Thank You Rollie for your hard work in setting things up. By the time this newsletter is printed I will have sent photos taken during the event to the West Bend News along with a short description to see if they will still get it in the paper.

I still have not heard anything from Wounded Warriors with regards to getting someone to come in and brief us to see if a donation is something the Detachment would like to do or not.

I am still hoping to get down to the Marine Corps Reserve Center in Milwaukee before our meeting to present them our donation to this year's Toys for Tots.

At the last meeting there was talk that I should stay on as Newsletter Editor now that the Newsletter has been awarded first place in the newsletter competition. While I appreciate the thought, I only foresee the December issue remaining with my name on the cover. That having been said I am still hoping someone comes forth and takes over. I will be more than willing to help out the new editor if they wish for a couple of months, but if no one comes forward I will not have any problem stepping aside anyway. We have plenty of capable members that can do the newsletter.

Hope to see you at the October Meeting. Semper Fi  
Jason

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the fight. The temperature stood at 100 degrees. Apache attack helicopters and Air Force helicopters with Para-rescue Jumpers, or PJs, from the special operations forces, were swooping in low from different directions, firing at various insurgent groups and looking everywhere for the missing four advisors. Swenson was on the radio, talking to the pilots as they swooped low across the village from different angles, looking in every backyard and alley.

#### **Round Five**

Chavez turned the gun truck around. Swenson sat next to him, switching frequencies on his radio. Fabayo stood up in the gun turret. Fazel sat behind Swenson and Meyer sat behind Chavez. Again they bounced down the draw, accelerated and skidded up the slope and along the main path next to the battered stone houses.

A Blackhawk pilot radioed that he saw bodies near a stone wall beside a terrace on the east side. The zone was too hot with incoming fire to land. He flared the nose of the helicopter and pitched out a purple smoke grenade. Chavez gunned the truck forward and skidded to a stop. Meyer hopped out of the truck and ran forward, ignoring the bullets zipping by. He disappeared into the smoke. Fabayo remained on the gun, providing covering fire.

Meyer found Lt. Johnson lying against a low stone wall, handset in hand. To the right. Doc Layton lay next to him, near Gunny Johnson, whom he had been bandaging when he was shot. SSgt Aaron Kenefick lay nearby to the left, clutching a GPS. They had been trying to radio their location when insurgents had sneaked up behind them. Their weapons and radios had been taken. Looking at the terrain, Meyer guessed that insurgents had crept around the corner of the wall and shot them from behind.

While Swenson collected the gear, Meyer brought out Johnson, and then the other three. Eight Afghan soldiers and five Americans died in the four-hour firefight.

#### **Four Americans and Three Afghans Complete the Mission**

It was fitting that four Americans and three Afghans completed the mission together. Seven hours earlier, 60 Afghans and 45 Americans had entered the valley. Fire, fear and fatigue had

whittled the ranks. Thirteen died and 20 received incapacitating wounds. Some askars ran out of the ravine and to their credit later came back, and some stayed away. Some Americans and Afghans began strong and faltered. Other Americans refused to even enter the wretched ravine.

Swenson, Fabayo, Shafi and Faazel never faltered, while Meyer, a 21-year-old corporal, emerged as the sparkplug in the battle, both the leader and the organizer. Rodriguez-Chavez steadfastly supported him. They provided the shield for Fabayo, Swenson and nine others to escape from a kill zone. They rescued four Afghans on their first trip down the ravine toward the village, five on their second and three on their fourth. Meyer killed two insurgents within touching distance of the truck, and four others in the bushes alongside the road. By persistently driving into peril, he provided the core leadership and example that kept the others in the fight. At least twice, Swenson thought Meyer had been shot down, only to see him rush forward on another trip. He rallied others over the radio, charged forward and repeatedly left the armored truck to save lives, ignoring the bullets that kicked up dust around his feet. Employing first a Mark 14 that fired explosive shells, then a .50 caliber machinegun, then a 7.62 caliber machinegun and finally an M4 rifle, he broke the momentum of the jihadists who were scrambling down the slopes to surround Swenson and the others. The fiercest fighter in the battle, Meyer both saved and took lives.

On the base at Monti, Lt. Kerr and Gunny Devine kept a close eye on Meyer. They were worried about him and proud of his valor. That wasn't Meyer's point of view. He hadn't done anything. He had lost four comrades. Why did everyone on base walk around as if it were just another day? Why hadn't the fire missions been approved? (Letters of reprimand were later issued to those who did not respond properly back at the ops center.) Where was the payback? Why had the muj beaten him back time after time? Screw them. Kill them all.

OK, Kerr said, you can run missions with us - just keep a low profile. That worked until Kerr's platoon rolled into the Dab

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Khwar valley north of Monti. A convoy of eight tinny jingle trucks packing local supplies plus a few fuel trucks, escorted by armored vehicles from a US Army logistical company, were ambushed and pinned down. Kerr's platoon arrived within half an hour. Panicked Afghan drivers were banging their fists on the Army armored trucks, begging to be let inside, as the Taliban fired from a distant hillside. Kerr hopped out and aligned a compass azimuth to direct the attack aircraft circling overhead.

Meyer and Specialist Charles Tomeo hopped out behind Kerr and ran down the road under fire, checking each jingle truck and pulling out wounded Afghans. Meyer carried one moaning driver back to Kerr's truck, then looked around for help. He ran up to the armored command truck of the logistical unit and pounded on the door, demanding that all medics dismount and follow him. The captain, too frightened to get into the fight, shouted through the bulletproof glass that her soldiers weren't infantry and it wasn't their job.

"Meyer being Meyer," Kerr said, "he told the captain to get f-ked and went back to rendering aid with Tomeo."

#### **Put a Leash on Him and Tie Him in the Trunk**

Some of the civilian drivers died, and some were saved by Meyer and Tomeo. But a corporal cannot curse at a captain, even in combat, without causing ripples.

"The only way to keep him out of the shit," Kerr said, "was to put a leash on him and tie him to the truck. That's what we loved about him."

His father, Mike Meyer, had a 300-acre farm in Greensboro, KY. Following his divorce, Mike had full custody of Dakota since he was ten.

"Dakota is a whiz at math," Mike said, "A fine running back, too. The thing about Dakota is his determination. He's just plain goal-oriented. Once he gets something into his mind, he'll stick at it

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# Veterans Affairs News

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) is one of the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) largest operations. It is the central repository of personnel-related records for both the military and civil services of the United States Government. Their mission is to provide world class service to government agencies, military veterans and their family members, former civilian Federal employees, and the general public.

The NPRC, as it exists today, is the product of several previous operations. Today's organization is the embodiment of NARA's policy that places all inactive Federal personnel records, both military and civilian, in the custody of a single administrative unit. The history of the NPRC is a rich and varied story whose roots are interwoven in the fabric of the post-World War II American Experience.

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enough to fall through the floor of a building into the cooler part of the fire in the basement and better survive. Finally, a refrigerator is large enough to be easily located in the ash and rubble of a fire or other serious incident. (As a bonus, everyone has a refrigerator, not everyone has a fire resistant storage box). Be sure to inform your spouse and relatives where to locate your Separation Document - and any other important papers.

As a reminder, the preferred method of submitting a request to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) is via the Internet. Please note that in some cases using a browser other than Internet Explorer may create problems with data entry. As you know, the NPRC provides copies of documents from military personnel records to authorized requesters. Our web-based application will provide better service on these requests by eliminating our mailroom processing time. Also, since the requester will be prompted to supply all information essential for us to process the request, delays that occur when we must go back for more information will be minimized. You may access this application at:

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This improved on-line request process should be used INSTEAD OF Standard Form 180 for requests from the veteran or the veteran's next of kin, if possible. Your assistance with this initiative will allow us, and you, to better serve the needs of our veterans. If you do not wish to use the Internet, you should use Standard Form 180. You should print Standard Form 180 as you need it, not in advance because the form is periodically revised and updated. It should not be available on your web site. You can have a link to the NPRC web page. The link is:

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Since the Standard Form 180 is updated periodically, it is NOT recommended that large quantities be printed/photocopied and stocked.

The form will be updated with the new address within six months. The US Postal Service

will forward mail if requests are mailed to the old location until February 2012.

## **Minutes Continued from Page 3 New Business**

Toys for Tots is going to be starting up soon already! Boy, it's getting to be that time of year. A motion was made by George and seconded by Jason to donate 200.00 dollars toward Toys for Tots this year. The motion passed.

A committee is going to be started up, headed by Dan Coulter, to explore avenues for charitable donations in the coming year. Ken, Roger and Jim will also be involved with this effort. Anyone wishing to contribute and be involved should contact Dan.

## **Good of the League**

As I mentioned earlier, Lynn Sabel was at our meeting this morning. He gave a really nice talk to the detachment about exactly this; the good of the league. Lynn has been traveling and is excited about getting to know the different detachments in the state. The talk and conversation with Lynn was really rewarding and nice, and I would like to thank him for coming to see and visit with us. Lynn did mention a couple of his goals are to meet all of the detachments in the state and maintain open lines of communication. He would like to help the Marine Corps League begin to be a more family oriented organization. Lynn also awarded a certificate from national to Jason that was in recognition of the outstanding newsletter he puts out for us. (Don't forget that Jason is soon finishing his stint as newsletter editor, and nobody has stepped up yet to replace him at that task)

In closing, the detachment remembered the Marines that died per the wishes of Medal of Honor recipient Dakota Meyer.

## **Meeting Closed**

With no further business to conduct, the Commandant gave the order to close the meeting at 1013. The Sergeant at Arms retired the colors and the Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The Commandant thanked all members for attending and asked that they secure new members. The Marine Hymn was sung in closing the meeting. The Bible is closed.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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until he does it." Kerr agreed with Meyer's father. There was no way to keep Dakota out of combat. The Marine chain of command decided it was time for Meyer to take a break. He was tightly wired, too ready to fight anyone. The Marine Corps gave him time and space to decompress, hoping he would re-enlist. But he decided to leave the service. After a few months at home with his dad, he took a civilian job and bought a house, still protesting that he was not brave.

In his classic book, *The Anatomy of Courage*, Dr. Charles Wilson described his first-hand experiences in observing bravery amid the horrors of World War I. "When the death of a husband or son or bother," he wrote, "has grown distant, and the world is free again to think without impiety that courage is not common, men will remember that all the fine things in war as in peace are the work of a few men; that the honor of our race is the keeping of but a fraction of her people." Meyer was one of those "few men." **For a man to charge into fire once requires grit that is instinctive in few men; to do so a second time, now knowing what awaits you, requires inner resolve beyond instinct; to repeat a third time is courage above and beyond any call of duty; to go in a fourth time is to know you will die; to go in a fifth time is beyond comprehension.**

Meyer's performance stood forth as the single greatest act of courage in the war, because he repeated it, and repeated it, and repeated it.

*The preceding story and more can be found in:*

*The Wrong War: Grit, Strategy, and the War in Afghanistan, by Bing West, & is available from Random House.*

## DOES HE HAVE A VOCABULARY OR WHAT....?

For the few of you who have missed him, R. Lee Erme is the host of The History Channel's "Mail Call" and played the Drill Instructor in the movie, "Full Metal Jacket." He recently played the totally unsympathetic psychiatrist in a GIECO commercial. He is a retired Marine Gunnery Sergeant and a very plain speaker, as you will soon read. So, for your entertainment, here is Retired Marine Gunnery Sergeant R. Lee Erme at his first press conference. The main topic of discussion is the Marine in Iraq who shot an Iraqi insurgent to death.

ANYWAY, THE STORY GOES:

We pick up as a reporter asks about "how this potential war crime will affect our image in the world":

Erme: "WHAT KIND OF A PANSY-ASSED QUESTION IS THAT?"

Reporter 1: "Well, sir I think...."

Erme: "THINK, FANCY BOY ??! GET THIS THROUGH THAT SEPTIC TANK ON TOP OF YOUR SHOULDERS, MORON : I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT YOU THINK, DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?? THAT MARINE SHOT AN ENEMY COMBATANT, SHITHEAD. SO GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF YOUR ASS AND DEAL WITH IT BEFORE I MAKE YOU MY OWN PERSONAL PIN CUSHION!!!

Reporter 2: Don't you think that the world's opinion of our operations is important ?

Erme: "OH SURE! YOU DON'T KNOW THE TIMES I HAVE CRIED MYSELF TO SLEEP WORRYING ABOUT WHAT SOME DAMNED FRENCH PANSY THINKS! OH THE DAYS I HAVE HAD TO WEEP, BECAUSE SOME SHIT EATING TERRORIST SCUMBAG MIGHT BE MAD AT US, BECAUSE WE WENT INTO WHATEVER GOD FORSAKEN HOLE IN THE SHIT THAT HE LIVES IN AND KILLED HIM. WE ARE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND WHEN YOU ATTACK US, WE ARE GOING TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE AND BLOW YOUR STINKING CAMEL-LICKING CARCASS INTO PIECES SO SMALL WE WILL BE ABLE TO BURY YOUR SORRY ASS IN A THIMBLE! YEAH, I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE THINKING. YOU ARE PROBABLY AFRAID, THINKING

THAT I HAVE SUCH AN "EXTREME" ATTITUDE AND THAT I NEED TO BE MORE "SENSITIVE" TO OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS. WELL LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT YOU OR ANYBODY ELSE THINKS! THIS IS A DAMN WAR, AND IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE THAT, THEN YOU SHOULD GO HOME. NOW GET THE HELL OUT OF MY PRESS ROOM BEFORE I GO CRAZY AND KICK THE LIVING SHIT OUT OF YOU!!

Reporter 3: "Aren't you going against the freedom of the press by.."

Erme: "FREEDOM? WHAT IN BLUE HELL DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FREEDOM? I HAVE SWEATED MY ASS OFF IN JUNGLES, WHILE BEING SHOT AT FOR THIS NATION! WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PUT YOUR ASS ON THE LINE FOR ANYTHING? AND YET YOU HAVE THE UNMITIGATED TEMERITY TO SHOW UP HERE AND MONDAY-MORNING QUARTERBACK THE ACTIONS OF A BRAVE MARINE, WHO WAS DEFENDING HIMSELF AND HIS UNIT FROM AN ATTACK BY SOME MURDEROUS AL-QUEDA SYMPATHIZER!! YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT, NUMB-NUTS? I AM CONCERNED ABOUT A BUNCH OF GRABASSIC, ORGANIZED MORONS WITH CAMERAS AND MICROPHONES DOING THEIR BEST TO PORTRAY OUR BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN AS WAR CRIMINALS! I AM CONCERNED ABOUT CHICKEN-SHIT PANSIES THAT WANT US TO NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS AND WHINE ABOUT THEIR PISS-ANT "FREEDOMS"!! NEXT QUESTION.

Reporter 3: "I...I.."

Erme: "DID YOU HAVE A BIG BOWL OF STUPID FOR BREAKFAST THIS MORNING, NUMB NUTS? I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER WORD OUT OF THAT COMMIE CRY HOLE IN THAT TERDPILE YOU CALL A HEAD! AND THAT GOES TRIPLE FOR THE REST OF YOU PANSY-ASSED MORONS! NOW GET THE HELL OUT OF MY PRESS ROOM BEFORE I SHOVE MY BOOT SO FAR UP YOUR ASS THAT YOU CHOKE TO DEATH ON MY SHOELACES!!!!"

*Marine DI's have a language all their own. God bless them all. This story is fiction, but does make good reading. Hope you enjoyed!*