

To Steve Sanson:

You have re-posted the recording of our radio interview, <http://www.willicklawgroup.com/audio/>, accompanied by the false assertion that it somehow indicates “hypocrisy” on my part as to serving the veteran community.

It is possible that you have a problem with definitions. To help you, “hypocrisy” is “the contrivance of a false appearance of virtue or goodness, while concealing real character or inclinations, especially with respect to moral beliefs; hence in general sense, dissimulation, pretense, sham.” You need to gaze in a mirror.

For my part, I write textbooks, teach seminars to the U.S. Army JAG Corps and many other lawyers, and participate in Operation Stand-By and the Military Pro Bono Project (that means “for free” – as in doing actual good for actual service members without payment). I have done so for decades, and that work has saved untold thousands of military members (and their spouses) huge sums by ensuring their lawyers know how military retirement and benefits can be properly handled in family law cases. I helped create the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody Act, which protects members from wrongly losing custody of their kids.

The multiple posted testimonials by real live service members and retirees who I have served over several decades speak for themselves – there is a reason I was awarded the Military Pro Bono Project Outstanding Services Award.

But this isn’t about me – it’s about you.

You don’t appear to have actually achieved . . . **anything** for any actual veterans. Instead, you have created a supposed “non-profit” that from all appearances finances your personal lifestyle, through which you solicit “donations” from politicians, lawyers, and others to generate largely false accusatory online smear campaigns against good people actually doing their jobs honorably. That leads to several observations.

First, defectors from your organization have blown the whistle – there is no legitimate “vetting” of candidates. You pick the “panels,” spoon-feed questions to alter results (and get video footage to mis-use), and control all discussions on endorsements. Directly or indirectly, your recommendations are a pay-to-play exercise to “endorse” your personal selection of whoever hands you cash. The entire premise of your organization is a fraud.

There is no indication that your “non-profit” is actually anything other than a conduit between political donations and your private expenses, or that Form 990 or other tax filings have ever been made. A copy of this note should find its way to the IRS.

You have taken money as part of an unethical scheme to extort concessions in an ongoing case at threat of posting slander against opposing counsel – which you have then done. That is being reported to the State Bar, and will soon result in at least one lawsuit naming you as a co-defendant.

“Nepotism” is another word you use but apparently don’t know; it is no such thing if Eric and Susan Johnson are both appointed or elected, any more than it is for brothers Mark and Michael Gibbons to each serve on Nevada’s appellate courts. You should buy a dictionary.

More to the point, nothing in your postings as to judges Marquis, Harter, Elliott, Hughes, Ochoa, Johnson, etc., has any *trace* of “scandal” or “corruption” – words you really need to look up, both so you can use them correctly, and because your use of such terms to describe professionals doing their jobs appears to be “defamation *per se*,” which can subject you to liability even without proof of actual damages. Any of the lawyers and judges you have wrongfully slamed could – and should – sue you and your various intertwined cover organizations.

You apparently claim to be “totally disabled” – while you simultaneously pose in ads with boxing gloves challenging police officers, selected veterans, and others to “mixed martial arts” fights. The only time you *don’t* claim to be disabled is when you run for public office, when you claim that you are *just fine*.

You don’t actually have a job – while you obviously are capable of applying yourself, your only legitimate income is from the thousands of dollars of disability pay you get every month – *tax free* – for *life*. Your various postings railing about what “the taxpayers” should demand don’t include . . . you. And you have the gall to complain that judges can note the *existence* of all that tax-free income when you get divorced?

In the bigger picture, the oath you took when you put on the uniform was to defend the Constitution. And the “goals and values” page of Veterans In Politics International’s website *claims* that the organization’s purpose is “to protect and defend our Country and our United States Constitution,” etc.

But when I appeared on your show, you openly admitted that you don’t believe in the concept of equal protection under law – the guiding principle of the American legal system. Your co-host – with your apparent approval – added that “the 14th amendment shouldn’t apply to veterans” at all, but instead they should have “special privilege.”

That brings us back to “hypocrite” – see above – but even worse. Your position is revealed as the one warned of by George Orwell in *Animal Farm* – “All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.” The *last* person I knew of (other than you) to publicly reject the concept of equal protection under law was an avowed fascist. Public disavowal of the foundation of the Constitution could be taken as a betrayal of oath or even an expression of treason.

The reason I was invited onto your show was your unhappiness with my testimony before the legislature on topics about which I am an expert and you know very little. You have now decided to attack me on your mailing list, but apparently could not come up with anything to criticize, so you decided to publicize the long-past personal problems of one of my employees. If you have a beef with me, Steve, take it up with me; taking shots at third parties to try to hurt someone is the act of a craven coward.

But since you brought up the subject of what people were doing during the past decade or two, let's take a quick look at **you**. You declared bankruptcy (twice) to run out on the debts you promised to pay, and had a tax lien filed against you for failure to pay your taxes.

And that's just your **financial** life. You've also been arrested on weapons charges for running around the Strip drunk while pointing guns, and at the **exact same time** you recently ran for office claiming your number one qualification was as a "family man" you were seen leaving a bar with your arms wrapped tightly around a woman who is not your live-in companion. Go back a bit further and we see you being hauled into court for restraining orders for domestic violence against your ex-wife – twice.

Despite doing all that, you have the brazen shamelessness to post a personal bio claiming that your character is "beyond reproach" and that you have "honor, integrity, and veracity" – assertions that are either delusional or made in the belief that everyone who might read such tripe is an idiot.

This is a free country, sure – but anyone holding himself out as an arbiter of morality and posing as a public critic of others' personal behavior should not act like a sleazy extra out of "Harper Valley PTA" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOZPBuU7Fro>). You want to talk about the past personal problems of the **employees** of those you disagree with? That is the very **definition** of "hypocrite" – not to mention slimy beyond words. Congratulations.

When you were recently put on notice that you were in violation of direct court orders to maintain sealed files as private, your response was to **repeat** the violation and make a foolishly irrelevant citation to "the freedom of information act." You really should get a legal advisor who knows something, Steve, because your recent antics will soon require you to have one.

I asked a few real-world veterans – guys who did decades of actual service to this country and have legitimate disabilities resulting from that lengthy service, about you and your phony "non-profit" organization. Their comments? "He's a complete fraud and a disgrace to the uniform he once wore." "He hasn't done a damned thing for me or for any other veterans. He's totally in it for himself and to fleece the system, the public, and all vets." Other remarks were similar.

So where does that leave you? A two-bit unemployed hustler taking taxpayer money instead of working for a living who hides behind flag-waving while doing nothing of any actual value to anyone but himself, abusing the honor of the veterans he claims to "serve." You hide a checkered past behind a facade of false virtue while shaking down candidates for cash and conspiring with like-minded cronies to do political hatchet jobs defaming good people of integrity who are working hard to perform their duties, represent their clients, and actually defend the Constitution. You are repugnant.

No elected official or candidate should ever again engage in the fraud which is appearance on your radio show or submit to supposed "review" by your sham organization. And you should be run out of town on a rail from Las Vegas, as you were apparently forced to flee

California – the sooner the better. In the meantime, to the degree possible, you should be ignored.

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