

## AFFIDAVIT OF GRANT W. HIBBARD

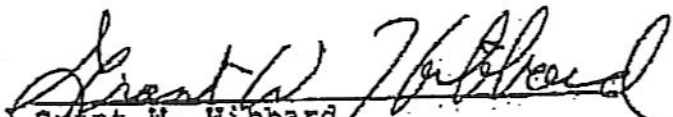
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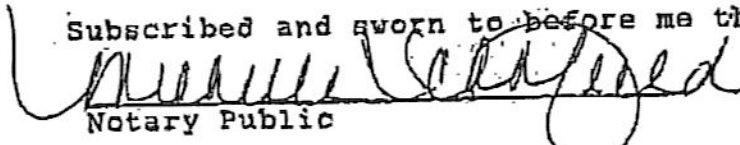
Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Grant W. Hibbard, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, who, after first being duly sworn by me, upon oath stated:

1. My name is Grant W. Hibbard. I am over the age of twenty-one years, and I am fully competent and able to make this affidavit. I am able to swear, as I do hereby swear, that all facts and statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct and within my personal knowledge.
2. I am a retired Commander of the United States Navy, and I reside near Pensacola, Florida. I commanded John F. Kerry ("Kerry") in Coastal Division 14 in Cam Ranh Bay.
3. In December 1968, Kerry came into my office in order to apply for a Purple Heart. He had a tiny scratch ?? less than from a rose thorn. I had already spoken to Lieutenant William Schachte USN (now Rear Admiral USN retired) and others who were present during the incident and had reported that Kerry had fired an M-79 too close, inflicting a tiny wound upon himself. I turned down the Purple Heart request. I was shocked to later learn that he subsequently received an undeserved Purple Heart for this wound.
4. I believe very strongly that Kerry betrayed all of his shipmates with his Senate testimony in 1971. The United States Armed Forces were not committing "war crimes on a day to day basis" with "the approval of all levels of command," as Kerry stated; nor were we like the "army of Genghis Khan." Kerry's direct meetings with the North Vietnamese in Paris in 1970 and 1971 while the United States Armed Forces were in the field, together with his repeated characterization of our troops as war criminals was a direct betrayal of the loyalty and trust customary between shipmates.

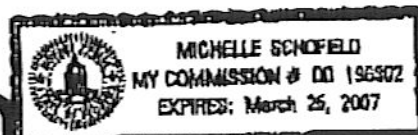
Further affiant saith not.

  
Grant W. Hibbard

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July 2004.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:



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