We Salute Those Who Gave All

Memorial Day is not about the first day of summer, family barbecues, or sales at retail stores. It is not even about honoring veterans or those currently serving in the armed forces. We made it home. Rather, it is about those that answered their country’s call to support and defend the constitution and didn’t make it home. Those who wrote out a check to our country for “up to and including my life”; and that check was cashed. From the American Revolution to today, over 1.2 million service members have made the ultimate sacrifice.

One of them was S/Sgt Clifford Sims. Born Clifford Pittman in 1942, he was orphaned at a young age and spent much of his childhood homeless and living in an abandoned bus while attending a nearby school. He was finally adopted at age 13 and enlisted in the Army in 1961. He deployed to Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division’s Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 501st Infantry “Raiders” in late 1967. On 21 Feb 1968, S/Sgt Sims was a squad leader during a battle that rivaled the hottest of the war. His first act of heroic leadership that day was to lead his squad in a furious attack against an enemy force that had pinned down the 1st Platoon. His squad’s actions enabled the platoon to regain the initiative. They were then ordered to move to a position to provide cover fire for the company command group and link up with another platoon that was under heavy enemy pressure. While enroute he detected an ammunition storage area that was ablaze and directed his men away from it before it blew, ensuring only two squad members were injured in the ensuing blast and undoubtedly saving numerous lives. Continuing on, he detected the unmistakable sound of a booby trap being triggered. Violently yelling “Get back! Get Back,” he threw himself on the devise and absorbed the full force of the blast. He died instantly, killed by the blast wave generated by the booby trap. His life was literally detonated in the service of his country.

He gave all for us. He gave all for his country. We must remember him, honor him, and ensure that his sacrifice is not in vain. We must remember those who have given all for us and ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave all, to honor their sacrifice, and to ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

STARRS Major Themes

- America is under assault by a dangerous Marxist ideology—the same ideology that America spent trillions of dollars and lost hundreds of thousands of lives fighting against in the 20th century.

- This Marxist ideology in the name of critical race theory has invaded our institutions: academia, media, and government, to include the military.

- We consist of Americans who resist Marxism and are doing what we all can to alert the public to this danger.

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the explosion with his body. His selfless sacrifice saved the lives of five others. In December 1969, Clifford’s widow, Mary, accepted his posthumous Medal of Honor from the Vice President of the United States. When S/Sgt Sims threw himself on the explosive devise, he did not think about or care what color those around him were. They were his comrades in arms; that was all that mattered. (To read S/Sgt Sims’ full profile see link below.)

On Memorial Day in 1982, President Ronald Reagan said: “Our first obligation to them and ourselves is plain enough: The United States and the freedom for which it stands, the freedom for which they died, must endure and prosper. Their lives remind us that freedom is not bought cheaply. It has a cost; it imposes a burden. And just as they whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so too must we…”

Today, we are dismayed to see the spread of Critical Race Theory, the 1619 Project and other political propaganda throughout the military. Those teachings claim “white supremacy” is a major threat to the U.S. They ignore the violent, destructive riots of BLM, ANTIFA and other radicals throughout 2020 and extending until today. These radical beliefs are rooted in Marxism and seek to destroy capitalism, religion, the nuclear family, and they wish to punish anyone who does not support the “party line”.

As I reflect on all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, the U.S. Constitution and the ideals that America was founded upon (which we have continually progressed toward realizing over the past 250 years), I can not help but fear we are now regressing. Instead of moving forward toward our long sought after goal of unity and judging people by their character instead of the color of their skin, we are now returning to divisions by race and identity, and distrust of each other and our government.

In such a society, why would young people choose to serve their country? Why would they write a check to their country for “up to and including my life” to serve and defend a country they have been indoctrinated to believe was founded on slavery and remains irredeemably racist, evil and oppressive?

The Editor


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**Our Educational Mission In Action**

On May 26-27, 2021, Lt. Col. Matt Lohmeier (in his personal and not official capacity) and Mike Rose, as the attorney for Matt and STARRS, discussed Matt’s book, Irresistible Revolution, STARRS and critical race theory teachings and leftist radicalism in the military in Washington, DC, with multiple members of Congress and their staffs in separate meetings, as follows:

1. Two hour meeting with 22 staff members representing 18 members of Congress, including the Chair of the Republican House Conference and the Ranking Member of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee
2. Thirty minute telephone conference with Representative Mike Waltz (R, Florida, 6th Dist)
3. Meeting with Senator Tom Cotton (R, AR)
4. Meeting with Senator Ted Cruz (R, TX)
5. Private dinner with about a dozen attendees Thursday evening, May 27.

Senators Cotton and Cruz, and Congressman Waltz, appeared very knowledgeable, extremely smart, fully engaged, quite interested/concerned, and adamantly opposed to the spread of divisive CRT in the military, as were the congressional staffs and the dinner attendees. They asked Matt and Mike many questions, exchanged contact information and pledged to follow up with future communications and meetings to stand together against racism and radicalism in the services. All of the above significantly advanced STARRS’ mission to educate about racism and radicalism in the services!

**Annual Meeting Invitation**

Please join us at the first STARRS Annual Meeting, 9 AM MDT on 10 June. Learn first hand from our Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen all that STARRS has accomplished to date and our plans for the way ahead. A link will be forwarded through a mass email and posted on the STARRS.US website several days before. Unfortunately, our current technology limits us to only 100 attendees, so please sign in early so you don't miss the opportunity to listen and provide input. To ensure our entire membership is kept up to speed, the meeting will be recorded and posted to our website soon after the event.
**Book Review (Excerpt)**

“Irresistible Revolution,” presents the real, emerging danger of Marxist subversion, masquerading as "diversity" and "inclusion," happening today in our American armed forces. Matthew Lohmeier brilliantly presents his methodically conducted research linking the radical leftist social movements recently seen in the United States into what our military has deceitfully repackaged into an innocent-sounding mandatory social program presented to the troops. We shouldn't be surprised, because we're bombarded today with the tired toxic narrative that if you're white, then you're an evil racist, even if you don't know it. "Irresistible Revolution," appeals not to specific partisan politics or even politicians--it rises above that--rather, it presents a core theme of truth that protecting and defending the U.S. Constitution of our wise founding fathers is paramountly important. Moreover, it connects the dots on an evolving betrayal happening right now in our military ranks, that allegiance to self-identity is taking priority over loyalty to the defense of our United States Constitution and our American exceptionalism and values. This internal decay alone is perhaps the greatest threat to our Republic we all grew up with any progressive and/or Marxist training, seminars, etc. that I may be required to sit through or participate in during my time at USAFA, and as an officer.

We have experienced the impact of this festering racist ideology, please share your story and observations with our editor Tracey, at starrsnewsletter@protonmail.com.

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**A Call To Action**

We thank you for expressing interest in STARRS and encourage you to take an active role. Engage your elected representatives at the local, state and national levels and express your concerns to them. Educate the population in your area by speaking and by writing editorials for local papers, talking to school boards and encouraging others to join you and us.

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The flag of our new republic in 1776 (sometimes referred to as the Betsy Ross flag) stands for our founding ideals which are currently under assault! May we rise to achieve those

**Boots On The Ground Perspectives**

- From a current USAFA appointee to Lt Col Lohmeier:
  “I am from a very blue county in XXXXX, and have been very conservative my entire life. With that said, I'm very well acquainted with the intolerant left and their anti-conservative rhetoric. I have received an appointment to USAFA for the Class of 2025, and will be heading to Colorado Springs in about 3 weeks for I-Day. Your section about CRT and the progressive agenda at the service academies is spot on. Even just as an appointee, we are required to sit through "EVERFI Diversity Training Courses." It is a series of videos talking about racism, and promoting BLM. All of the videos featured actors in different situations that were meant to show "racism". One section particularly frustrated me, where it showed a Hispanic man talking with two women about going to a "Black Lives Matter rally." A white man walks into the room and joins the conversation. The man chimes in with his opinion that "All Lives Matter," and that he does not support the BLM organization. The video then asks you to make a choice as to what the Hispanic man should say in response. The option that (essentially) said to respect the person's opinion and move on was incorrect, and you were made to watch the video over and choose again. The "correct" answer was to ridicule the person, and educate him on his privilege. At the end of your novel, I appreciated the last page and a half of the book where you spoke to those currently wearing the uniform, to continue to honor the oath by defending the constitution, regardless of the current political climate. I have friends going to USAFA with me that have the same conservative views as I do, and that have been worried about the political climate of the military. Here is the question I have to ask you. What (if any) advice do you have for a conservative entering the Air Force Academy in this politically divided society that will help me deal with any progressive and/or Marxist training, seminars, etc. that I may be required to sit through or participate in during my time at USAFA, and as an officer.”

- Cadet tells sponsor "worse place in the world to be as a white male Christian is the USAFA”.
- Cadet tells sponsor, "I wanted to come to the USAFA my entire life, now I am telling my friends still in HS "to not even consider coming to USAFA”.
- “Numerous USAFA Cadets express discontent regarding the SECDEF-directed Extremist down day examples that were all about white supremacy as if 2020 and all the leftist inspired extremist activities didn't exist.”
- Lt Col, SQ Commander, tells STARRS president, the Services are going to experience retention issues if this SJ preaching doesn't stop.

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