

SIGN ON...

I WAS VERY GLAD TO SEE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TURN DOWN THE 10 PERCENT RAISE THAT WAS BUILT INTO THE SCHEDULE. I'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE, BUT I WILL RE-ITERATE THAT I ALMOST RAN FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE FROM MY DISTRICT MANY YEARS AGO, BUT MY FRIEND BONNIE NEELY RAN THAT YEAR, SO I CHANGED ONLY MIND AND AM I GLAD! I'VE KNOWN SEVERAL SUPERVISORS AND COUNCIL PERSONS AND I KNOW HOW MUCH WORK GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES, AND BESIDES, ONE HAS TO BE SMARTER THAN I AM IN MANY AREAS. ANYWAY, GOOD SENSE RETAINED. // OUR HARMONAIRES GROUP SANG FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT OCEAN VIEW CEMETERY ON MONDAY AND AS MOST SPEAKERS ~~AND~~ AT THE VARIOUS CEREMONIES I ATTENDED OR HEARD OR READ ABOUT, OUR SPEAKER ASKED US TO REMEMBER AMONG OTHERS, OUR SERVICE PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THOSE WHO ARE COMING HOME IN VARIOUS STAGES OF MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DAMAGE. AS FAR AS THE PHYSICAL DAMAGES ARE CONCERNED, I WAS A MEAT CUTTER FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS, AND I KNOW FROM PROCESSING WILD GAME WHAT DAMAGES BULLETS WILL DO TO FLESH AND BONES. MULTIPLY THAT BY THE DAMAGE DONE BY ROCKETS, GRENADES AND BOMBS, AND I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE PHYSICAL DAMAGES DONE TO OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL COMING HOME AND FACING MONTHS OR EVEN YEARS OF SURGERIES AND THERAPY. ARE THEY ALL BEING TAKEN CARE OF COMPLETELY? FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, I THINK NOT. OUR CONGRESSIONAL PEOPLE NEED TO QUIT MESSING A

ROUND WITH SOME OF THE FOOLISHNESS THEY'RE BOUNCING A-
ROUND IN CONGRESS AND SAYS THAT THESE VETERANS AND
THEIR FAMILIES ARE COMPLETELY - UNDERLINED - TAKEN CARE
OF. THEN WE ~~GET~~ ^{HAVE} FOR THE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL ISSUES.
AGAIN, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SEE YOUR
MILITARY MATES DESTROYED IN FRONT OF YOU BY SOME JERK
IN A TURBAN WHOSE COUNTRY YOU ARE TRYING TO HELP.
HELP FROM WHAT? WHY ARE WE OVER THERE? WE'VE BEEN
HERE LONGER THAN THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WARS
PUT TOGETHER. AND FOR WHAT? GERMANY, JAPAN, AND
EVEN RUSSIA WERE TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.
THESE JERKS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE BEEN FIGHT-
ING SINCE TIME BEGAN. I DON'T THINK THEY KNOW WHAT
THEY WANT, AND WHY ARE WE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT? GET
OUR PEOPLE OUT OF THERE! LET THEM BLOW EACH OTHER
UP UNTIL THEY'RE GONE! JUST GET OUR FOLKS HOME! ||
ON TO SOMETHING ELSE. FRED NELSON'S COMMENT ON HOW THE
FEDS HANDLED THE LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT ABOUT THE
TATTERED FLAG AT THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE SEEMS TO
SIGNIFY JUST WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS COME TO.
AS PHIL ARNOT SAID IN SO MANY WORDS - THE GOVERNMENT
HAS GOTTEN SO BIG THAT INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS DON'T GET TAKEN
CARE OF. OUR PRESIDENT BYPASSES CONGRESS AND OFFI-
CIAL PROTOCOL REGULARLY TO DO THINGS HIS WAY - NOT
NECESSARILY THE BEST WAY || LAST COMMENT I TALKED ABOUT
GOING OVER TO HSU TO SCOPE OUT THE SITUATION FOR THE
GRADUATION. BEING IN A WHEELCHAIR, I WORRIED SOME. I NEEDED
NOT TO WORRY - THE SITUATION WAS WELL PLANNED AND RUN.
SHUTTLES PROPERLY EQUIPPED - DRIVERS PLEASANT AND CAPABLE
PLENTY OF SHUTTLES - EVEN FOR THOSE OF US WHO LEFT AFTER OUR
~~GRADUATION~~ GRADUATED. ^{GOOD} DISABLED PARKING. HATS OFF TO THE PLANNERS
~~STUDENT~~ ^{THERE WAS} AT HSU