

Stand Together Against Racism and Radicalism in the Services E Pluribus Unum—Unity is America's Strength

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President Donald J. Trump 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

We are grateful for the precedent set by your unconditional pardon on May 28, 2025, of Lieutenant Mark Bashaw for punishments he received as the result of the military's COVID mandates. All former and current Service Members harmed by those mandates need and deserve similar justice and grace. Note: For the purposes of this letter the term Service Members is intended to include Coast Guardsmen and Merchant Mariners who were also adversely impacted by the unlawful mandates.

Mandatory COVID shots from 2021 to 2023, as well as the earlier anthrax vaccinations from 1997 to 2003, were formally declared by federal officials to be "unlawful as implemented" and "illegal," respectively.

All anthrax and COVID-era Service Members adversely impacted by the unlawful mandates have shown patience and faith in a system which abused and abandoned them--and has not provided them with effective and timely remedies through the Boards for Correction of Military Records (BCMR) or equivalent for Merchant Mariners.

To right these wrongs, we respectfully request you order full and unconditional pardons, amnesty and remedies for all Service Members negatively impacted, in any way, by the military's anthrax and COVID mandates.

Further, based on your unconditional pardon and amnesty, we request you direct the Secretary of Defense and Service Secretaries to remand all previously denied BCMR cases for expedited reconsideration to promptly provide full and fitting relief. Those who have sworn to defend our Nation with their lives deserve full and swift remedies, to restore justice and trust in our institutions as well as to enhance military readiness.

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An Executive Order (EO) directing full and unconditional pardons and amnesty, or an amendment to Executive Order No. 14184, Reinstating Service Members Discharged Under the Military's COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate, will accomplish these objectives and remedy the existing ineffective, untimely, bureaucratic intransigence and resulting injustice.

If we may be of further assistance, we can be reached at the STARRS corporate email at mission@STARRS.us.

We sincerely thank you for your leadership in restoring our military readiness and trust in our great country.

Respectfully yours,

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