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# WHERE ARE THE GOOD SAMARITANS?

*"All that is necessary for evil to succeed  
is that good men do nothing."*

- Edmund Burke



## **CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT**

**U.S. Government abuses and neglects  
disabled and homeless Veterans**

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What do the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and its bureaucrats, the Department of Justice and its U.S. Attorneys, a Federal Judge, and former top officials at Penn State University have in common?

They're all cowards when it comes to fighting for those who cannot fight for themselves.

Yes, evil has been allowed to succeed because there were no good people who stood up to fight for the defenseless and disadvantaged.

At Penn State a few years ago it was ten young boys who were sexually abused, while at the Los Angeles VA it's been tens of thousands of disabled and disadvantaged Veterans who have been dispossessed and forced to live homeless and hungry in degrading and inhuman conditions.

The fired officials at Penn State didn't have the moral courage to fight for innocent young boys that they knew were being abused and neglected by one of their top assistant football coaches.

U.S. Attorneys and a Federal Judge didn't have the moral courage to fight for innocent disabled and homeless Veterans in Los Angeles that they know are being abused and neglected by top VA bureaucrats.

While a few young boys were sexually and psychologically abused by a thought-to-be friendly adult in the Penn State football locker room, how many homeless Veterans in Los Angeles have been physically beaten and psychologically abused by thuggish street criminals in dingy back-alley squalor.

While the disadvantaged boys were taken advantage of because of their vulnerability to a trusting adult, how many disadvantaged female Veterans have been taken advantage of for their own vulnerability by street-strangers and were sexually abused, raped, etc.

While the young boys were treated to meals to weaken their resistance to sexual abuse, how many homeless Veterans have been forcefully robbed of a sandwich or beaten into submission, maimed for life, or actually killed?

How many homeless Veterans have committed suicide over the depression and outright fear of having to live abandoned and impoverished amidst such extreme danger?

This forced abuse and neglect is atrocious because the homeless and hungry must survive alone, sleeping fearfully with one eye open for his or her safety.

This is solitary confinement in the harshest sense.

In sum, our own U.S. Government has executed cruel and unusual punishment against helpless and destitute Veterans who have been illegally exiled from their legally deeded Home.

The VA not only has a lawful obligation to honor and enforce “The Promise” made in the Congressional Act of 1887 and legal Deed of 1888 that repeatedly declares that the sole intent of the land gift is *“To locate, establish, construct and permanently maintain a branch of said National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers,”* but the VA also has a moral obligation to protect Veterans who are disabled and disadvantaged.

Moreover, as a grateful society, we are supposed to be represented by public officials who can be trusted to protect those who have protected us and to inflict punishment on the unjust, not punish the just.

Nonetheless, when the ACLU filed a lawsuit against VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki and LA executive director Donna Beiter for misusing Veterans property and abusing disabled and homeless Veterans, the Department of Justice and an aggressive team of U.S. Attorneys fought spitefully to have the case dismissed.

### **No Good Samaritans**

Not one individual in the Department of Justice’s staff of U.S. Attorneys had the moral authority to say: *“The VA is wrong. Let’s settle this case now and demand they provide the supportive housing and care these defenseless defenders of our nation truly need and were promised.”*

Not one volunteered to fight for those who could not fight for themselves. Not a single one blamed the VA bureaucrats, just like the top officials at Penn State refused to blame assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

Nobody had the moral courage or patriotic will to come to the defense of the defenseless Veterans.

Instead of being “Good Samaritans,” these cowardly bullies kicked our disabled and homeless Veterans while they were down-and-out and stripped them of any ounce of dignity they might have left by incredulously claiming that our government was not responsible for taking care of them and their war injuries.

And to make certain that these helpless and downtrodden Veterans would never get back up again, an even bigger coward, U.S. District Judge S. James Otero (not a Veteran), put on his bullying black robe and joined in the shameful melee by further kicking our disabled and impoverished Veterans as he rejected five of their six claims in the ACLU lawsuit and denied any supportive shelter and care they so desperately need and deserve.

### **Traitorous and Blasphemous**

To be clear, Judge Otero did not rule against the ACLU lawsuit. No, he cowardly ruled against innocent disabled and disadvantaged Veterans who are homeless and hungry, down-and-out.

While the Judge did rule one claim right, that the VA engaged in nine real estate deals that are “unauthorized by law and therefore void,” he stayed the ruling for six months allowing the Defendants to appeal -- which they did – but at the added cost of the American taxpayer and prolonged misery and suffering of tens of thousands of homeless Veterans who need immediate shelter.

This is traitorous and blasphemous! Same goes for the U.S. Attorneys who argued vehemently against these helpless Veterans and appealed the Judgment, and it goes for anyone else who supports their dishonorable and villainous attack.

It’s simply stunning that our men and women in the Military are charged with fighting for people who can’t fight for themselves, and when they become disabled from their injuries in fighting on behalf of all others, there’s nobody, most importantly our government, who is willing, able and ready to fight for them.

### **Looking For A Few Good Men**

Our government’s shameful refusal to defend the defenseless harkens back to the 1992 movie “A Few Good Men” featuring Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson and Demi Moore about a Marine Lance Corporal and a Private being tried for the murder of fellow Marine PFC William (Willy) Santiago who was killed in a hazing incident.

While the Commanding Officer (Nicholson as Colonel Jessup) eventually admits to ordering the “Code Red” hazing ritual that killed Santiago, the two Marines who were being tried are given dishonorable discharges for conduct unbecoming.

The Lance Corporal reminds the Private that as Marines they dishonored the Corps: *“We’re supposed to fight for people who can’t fight for themselves. We were supposed to fight for Willy.”*

## **Death Before Dishonor**

To underscore this “Code of Honor,” a Marine Lieutenant Colonel was to testify in Court against Colonel Jessup but would not bring dishonor to himself and the Corps.

In the movie, the Lt. Col. is seen putting on his Marine Class “A” Dress Uniform and a voice-over reads his suicide note:

*“Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santiago, I was William's executive officer. I knew your son vaguely, which is to say I knew his name. In a matter of time, the trial of the two men charged with your son's death will be concluded, and seven men and two women whom you've never met will try to offer you an explanation as to why William is dead. For my part, I've done as much as I can to bring the truth to light. And the truth is this: Your son is dead for only one reason. I wasn't strong enough to stop it. Always, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Andrew Markinson, United States Marine Corps.”* (He puts a Marine-issued pistol in his mouth -- a gunshot is heard as the scene reverts back to the courtroom)

## **Dishonor and Injustice**

There are thousands of innocent homeless Veterans who have died because public officials have been too weak to stand up in their behalf and provide them with the proper shelter and care they need.

How shameful and disgusting it is to witness these dishonorable cowards enforcing their own code of injustice upon tens-of-thousands of innocent and defenseless Veterans in Los Angeles.

How many disabled and homeless Veterans have died unnecessarily since the ACLU lawsuit was filed more than 40 months ago because these trusted public officials were not strong enough to prevent their deaths from happening? How many committed suicide out of frustration or were killed or maimed by street thugs and violence while waiting for help?

How many disabled and homeless Veterans have died over the many years because entrusted public officials have refused to fight for those who can't fight for themselves and have taken land that was legally deeded as their permanent “Home” and misused it for non-Veteran use, including a public dog park, a private school playground, a public park “for the enjoyment of the entire community” and other abusive and degrading misappropriation?

Empty, rat-infested archaic asylum-looking buildings are glorified as “historic” and promoted as a tourist attraction by the National Park Services and Veterans Park Conservancy, a wealthy homeowner group, while homeless Veterans sleep outside the locked gates to the largest VA Home in the nation.

How many homeless Veterans have died because shameful cowards are not strong enough to fight for them, but instead fight against them even though they once fought for us?

All of this is conduct unbecoming of any American Citizen and a shameful disgrace, particularly by those who are held to an even higher standard as entrusted public officials.

What makes this abuse and maltreatment even more inhumane and perilous is that Los Angeles has been declared “*the meanest city in the nation for the homeless.*” (National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty and the National Coalition for the Homeless)

## **Meanest City in the Nation**

*“The City of Angels is not where you want to be if you're homeless, according to a new report by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty and the National Coalition for the Homeless. The advocacy groups say cities across America are increasingly cracking down on people who have no place to live—none more so than Los Angeles. L.A. ranked as the “meanest” of all cities after taking into account a variety of factors, including the number of anti-homeless laws a city has, its enforcement of those laws, the local political climate toward homeless people, and the city's history of criminalization measures.*

*Los Angeles' persistent effort to crack down on people in the Skid Row part of town was cited in the report, which noted the city was spending \$6 million a year for 50 extra police officers to clear out homeless individuals while it allocated only \$5.7 million annually for homeless services. LAPD officers were also accused of using excessive force in their anti-homeless efforts.”* (www.allgov.com)

For government officials to allow this inhumane treatment of homeless Veterans to take place on skid row and back-alley slums when they already have a legal Home is the lowest of all crimes.

This willful neglect and callous disregard for humanity by trusted public officials has deprived the basic needs of shelter and care for the very men and women who have defended our own freedom and safety.

## **Time to Take Action!**

This is America's darkest and most evil secret and that's because nobody with authority would tell the truth about the misappropriated land deals, nor would they defend our disabled and disadvantaged Veterans who've been dispossessed by our own government and forced to live alone in back-alley squalor, homeless and hungry.

As responsible and grateful Citizens, we must demand full and complete FBI, Congressional and Grand Jury Investigations into the few bad cowards who have destroyed the lives of so many good and innocent American Military Veterans.

Not only will this shameful national disgrace eventually expose the biggest land-fraud scam in American history that has brought forth some of the most inhumane crimes committed on American soil, but it will expose the most shameful of all cover-ups and the worst breaches of American justice.

### **Looking For A Few Good Citizen Soldiers**

Albert Einstein prophetically declared *"The world is a dangerous place to live – not because of the people who are evil but because of the people who don't do anything about it."*

Will you do something about it?

We're looking for a few good Citizen Soldiers to hold the Government of the United States of America accountable so that never again will any war-injured and impoverished Veterans be denied proper shelter and care at the Los Angeles National Veterans Home

The Code of the Old Veterans Guard is *"It's better to do right and have enemies than to do wrong and have friends."*

Please join the peaceful and non-violent Veterans Revolution to defend the defenseless and to right the wrongs of a corrupt and cowardly government.

It's been said that *"War is when the government tells you who the bad guys are and a Revolution is when you get to decide that for yourself."*



Aldo Dipre, 95-year old disabled World War II Veteran and loyal member of the Old Veterans Guard with Rafer Johnson, Legendary Olympic Decathlon Champion and Civil Rights icon, along with Ted Hayes, "Mr. Patriot," at the 330th consecutive Sunday Rally of the Veterans Revolution to "Save Our Veterans Land" and to "Bring Our Homeless Veterans HOME."

### **The Good Samaritan — Luke 10:25–37**

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

He answered, "Thou shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself."

He said to him, "Thou has answered right. Do this, and thou shalt live."

But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, "Who is my neighbour?"

And Jesus answering said, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among thieves, and stripped him of his raiment and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. "

By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. When he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?"

The lawyer said, "He that showed mercy on him."

Then said Jesus unto him, "Go, and do thou likewise."



**God Bless America and the Veterans Revolution!**