



Keep your mouth shut, or disappear ?

Keep in mind though that this doesn't give a writer the right to slander a person, and the editor makes final judgement on what goes into the FIVE by FIVE. Also a responsible person may be asked to reply.

Why sign ?

The reason a person must sign their name and address is because the editor might want to check out the facts with the person, in private, before printing the letter. Every newspaper, military and civilian, requires this.

Rest assured, if you want to write a letter to the editor about anything in this brigade and don't want your name used, just say so and it won't.

Your name will never be associated with the letter in public or private, you have the editor's word on it.

Commander's policy

The Brigade Commander and his staff loyally support's the First Amendment and does not censor the FIVE by FIVE.

During the recent FIVE by FIVE readership survey a person wrote that more brigade soldiers would write letters to the editor if they didn't have to sign their names. The soldier went on to say that when you step on the wrong toes in the 22nd Signal Brigade people tend to start disappearing.

We apologize

We understand this reader's concern and apologize for not making our policy better known. When brigade soldiers request their names be withheld it is done. Even the typist doesn't know who the writer is. The editor reproduces the letter and cuts the name, address and signature off the page before anyone sees it. The original letter is kept under lock and key.

Pregnancy article draws angry fire but.....

Two months ago the FIVE by FIVE received four irate phone calls, two office visits, one hallway confrontation and was told by a female officer that the pregnant soldier article was a product of male chauvinism.

In each case the person was told they could voice their opinion in the letter to the editor column and we would print it. They all said they would write and brought it to our attention that several other people were planning to write also.....But no one did! - Editor



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