

## Letters to the Editor

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## Negative stories and letters to editor disturbs brigade officer

### TO THE EDITOR

I've been a faithful reader of the FIVE by FIVE for more than nine months and generally find it to be a good brigade newspaper. But one thing disturbs me.

Why do you publish negative stories like courts martials, venereal disease, and particularly your letters to the editor.

I think you as an editor should screen the letters instead of allowing soldiers to tear our brigade down.

A Brigade Lieutenant

### EDITOR'S REPLY

Army Chief of Staff, Gen E.C. Meyer has gone on record as favoring "contemporary" Army newspapers and rejecting papers that report only "favorable" material.

Gen. Meyer said last year, "Although the primary function of Army publications is to support the command, newspapers should include contemporary issues that effect readers in the command."

"Newspapers", the Chief of Staff continued, "that report only 'favorable'

material often suffer credibility problems. Readers are likely to ignore the newspaper if it fails to serve their needs."

On to your letters to the editor suggestion, I can only say that the letters are a "safety valve" for the command. They allow soldiers to let off steam and help commanders and the staff identify problem areas. Thank you for writing.

## Commander's policy

Views and opinions expressed in the Letters to the Editor column, whether positive or negative, are solicited by our FIVE by FIVE editor and will be free from any reprisal or adverse action. Any action taken by anyone in this command against someone writing a letter for the editorial page will be handled by me personally.

Col. Joseph D. Schott

## Hawks, Doves or Pigeons ?

"We dare not allow America to become weak and defenseless, because if we do, the day could come when we would not be divided into hawks or doves - just pigeons."

President Ronald Reagan

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