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September 13, 2007

Dear Department and Detachment Commandants:

Enclosed is a letter from me to the membership concerning Sgt. Lawrence Hutchins of my district, who was convicted of murder arising out of combat action and operations in Iraq on August 2.

I am requesting you forward this letter to the members of your detachment(s) as soon as possible so that if the members wish to recommend clemency for Sgt. Hutchins they may do so.

Thank you for your help in accommodating this request.

Sincerely,



William D. Delahunt

Enclosure

Cc: National Commandant John Ryan

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September 12, 2007

Dear Marine Corps League Member:

As you may know, since I last wrote to you, Sgt. Lawrence Hutchins, USMC, was convicted at his court martial on August 2 of murder arising out of combat operations in Iraq. On August 3, Sgt. Hutchins was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

At the same time, all of Sgt. Hutchins' co-defendants have now been released from custody on their convictions, which include, in some cases, conspiracy to murder and/or related charges pertaining to their participation in the killing, either as a result of their Court Martial or action by the Convening Authority, Lt. General James Mattis. All seven co-defendants, at the time of their release, had served 15 months or less, and the majority have received non-punitive discharges. (See Results of Trial posted on my Web site, <http://www.house.gov/delahunt/hutchins.shtml>.)

Sgt. Hutchins' case will now be reviewed by General Mattis. Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), General Mattis may, at his discretion, grant clemency in whole or in part by vacating or reducing Sgt. Hutchins' conviction(s) and/or vacating or reducing his sentence. Under the UCMJ, any person may recommend clemency for Sgt. Hutchins. I have already done so, and wish to inform you that if you would like to also recommend clemency, you may write a letter to General Mattis, care of Sgt. Hutchins' attorney, Lt. Col. Joseph Smith. You may send all letters to Lt. Col. Smith at: 776 Midway Street, La Jolla, CA 92037, and he will then present them to General Mattis.

I want to thank all of you who have e-mailed me in support of Sgt. Hutchins, and ask that those of you who wish to recommend clemency now write a letter to General Mattis. As I have requested a meeting with General Mattis to discuss the grounds of clemency, I would ask any member of the Marine Corps League who writes a letter to please also send a copy to my Washington, D.C. office at the above address.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your dedicated service to our country.

Respectfully,



William D. Delahunt