

AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGE ELLIOTT

STATE OF DELAWARE §
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COUNTY OF SUSSEX §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared George Elliott, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, who, after first being duly sworn by me, upon oath stated:

1 My name is Captain George Elliott, USN (retired). I am over the age of twenty-one years, and I am fully competent and able to make this affidavit. I am able to swear, as I do hereby swear, that all facts and statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct and within my personal knowledge.

2 I have read Michael Kranish's recent *Boston Globe* article in which Mr. Kranish misquotes me. I fully reaffirm my statement in the Swift Boat Veterans For Truth advertisement "Any Questions?" in which I said that John Kerry has not been honest about what happened in Vietnam. That statement is indisputably true.

3 In support of the advertisement, I provided an affidavit dated July 21, 2004. I wholly reaffirm that affidavit with the following immaterial clarification as to the final sentence only. In that sentence, I state "... in connection with his Silver Star, I was never informed that he had simply shot a wounded, fleeing Viet Cong in the back." That statement is wholly true. As the affidavit makes clear, I received no such report.

4 I do not claim to have personal knowledge as to how Kerry shot the wounded, fleeing Viet Cong. For my belief that he was wounded and fleeing (and was shot in the back), I rely upon many

sources, including Michael Kranish's (the Boston Globe reporter) own quotation of John Kerry at page 102:

Kerry followed and fired, killing the man. "I don't have a second's question about that, nor does anybody who was with me," Kerry recalled of his decision to shoot. "He was running away with a live B-40, and, I thought, poised to turn around and fire it." Asked whether that meant Kerry shot the guerrilla in the back, Kerry said, "No, absolutely not. He was hurt, other guys were shooting from back, side, back. There is not a scintilla of question in any person's mind who was there [that] this guy was dangerous. He was a combatant, he had an armed weapon."

Michael Kranish, et al., John F. Kerry: The Complete Biography By The Boston Globe Reporters Who Know Him Best, New York: PublicAffairs, 2004, p. 102.

1 While I suppose the fleeing, wounded Viet Cong could have been backpedaling, I have never heard this faintly suggested by anyone, and I do not understand why he would have to turn around to face Kerry if he were fleeing backward. The difference is not material to any of my opinions. Had I known the facts, I would not have recommended Kerry for the Silver Star for simply pursuing and dispatching a single wounded, fleeing Viet Cong.

Further affiant saith not.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August, 2004.

Isabelle M. Webb
Notary Public

My commission expires:
ISABELLE M. WEBB
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires August 7, 2005