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I'm in receipt of the email that was sent to the Midland and Bay County Democratic offices by a Mr. William Miller regarding comments that were posted under the username 'GMalicoat' on an outdoor website forum.

These comments are reprehensible. As someone who has devoted themselves to serving veterans, I was offended to read them myself. Speech which dismisses the service and bravery of our servicemen and servicewomen should rightly be called out as ignorant and cruel.

I must acknowledge that the account referenced in this email was created by myself nearly a decade ago. It was then shared with several others, quickly banned, and has remained inactive for years. I did not write these things, nor had I ever seen them until today.

I never planned to enter politics, but I was motivated to enter into the field for the same reasons that I was motivated to practice elder law: I wanted to make positive changes for my community. As a VA accredited attorney and volunteer, I frequently assist veterans both within and outside of my practice.

There is hard, irrefutable forensic evidence that this email was crafted by the Gary Glenn campaign.

The email allegedly sent by Mr. Miller contained several links. Upon inspection, the source of one of those links came directly from the hard drive of Mr. Glenn's campaign manager, Jeremiah Ward.

On the next page is a screenshot of the source file and the link for the source file.

From: William Miller <netview04@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 3:12:17 PM
To: Midland Dems
Subject: Open letter to the Midland Democratic Party and the citizens of Bay and Midland Counties

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Open letter to the Midland Democratic Party and the citizens of Bay and Midland Counties:

On the Michigan-Sportsman.com website, an individual with the user name "GMalicoat" posted shockingly disparaging and disrespectful comments regarding both current and past members of the U.S. military – in other words, American veterans.

"GMalicoat" identified himself on the site as a resident of Sanford, a university instructor, and a law student, and others who posted on the site and apparently knew him made reference to his having been a writer for the *Midland Daily News*.

This matches precisely the personal history of Sanford attorney and now Democratic candidate Geoff Malicoat, who in his campaign biography describes himself as a former writer for the Midland paper, a former Davenport University diversity instructor, and a former Cooley Law School student.

GMalicoat's disparaging, disrespectful, and demeaning comments about U.S. military personnel can be found by searching "GMalicoat" and "Fort Lewis" for the discussion thread, "Fort Lewis Soldier Says He'll Refuse To Go To Iraq," started by user name Bwana at: goo.gl/idnIMf.

GMalicoat's comments are insulting. He acknowledges his own ignorance about the military, but doesn't let that file:///C:/Users/jrwar/Documents/Jeremiah/Gary%20Glenn/Malicoat/goo.gl/idnIMf if the special regard in which most Americans hold our service men and women, and disrespectful of any sense of patriotism Gary%20Glenn/Malicoat/goo.gl/idnIMf or sacrifice that might motivate their service to our country. Finally, he demeans our military personnel's qualifications, while declaring himself sufficiently qualified to serve but uninterested in ever doing so.

Over the course of multiple posts, GMalicoat wrote:

"I don't know much about the military, and frankly don't care to learn a whole lot more. It is basically a job that will hire just about anyone. I view a military job as no more or less important than a high school music teacher or construction worker. The difference is the habit of those soldiers draping themselves in some cape of heroism and patriotism. Let's face it, those soldiers are fighting for college money for the most part. It has been almost a half century since a shot was fired in actual defense of this country. 1. Do they have very selective means for entry into the military? 2. Get rid of the college money and see how many people sign up. I could saw an arm off and still get in. Not that I would."

GMalicoat's insulting comments are thoughtless and insensitive to the military personnel who've actually lost a limb, or worse, in service to their country.

Next, writing of the war in Iraq, he characterizes U.S. military personnel as murderers who have blood on their hands.

GMalicoat wrote:

"Hopefully, as more and more soldiers refuse to murder unjustly, there is increased media attention and the pressure will mount to end this occupation that Bushco got us into. ...When I say they are murdering unjustly, I do not mean they are breaking any American laws. What I mean is that in my opinion, they have blood on their hands. They are fighting in a war of aggression and occupying a nation. We have no right to be there, so anyone they kill is aggression and unjustified."

Finally, after dismissing the sacrifice and service of those willing to face death or serious injury to defend our country, GMalicoat denies that our Air Force or Army or Marine or Navy personnel have played any role in half a century in defending American freedoms, arrogantly claiming that *his* chosen profession – the lawyers –

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In an effort to smear me, Mr. Glenn has operatives digging for the smallest details, with no regard to their veracity, rather than focusing on the very real issues that today we are facing as a community. I have no hesitation debating my policy differences with my opponent, nor bringing them forward personally.

However, Mr. Glenn hides behind a Korean War Veteran, asking him to perform a smear campaign on his behalf. I'm not afraid to take on Mr. Glenn debating the issues today. Why is Mr. Glenn afraid to face me?

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