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ATTN MR WARREN

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To POWNETWORK, (date) 2/22/2011

Attention All Veterans;

I, Kenneth R. Coleman, write to apologize for my actions of wearing the Silver Star and Bronze Star medals back in beginning in 2006. I wore these medals even though they WERE NOT authorized by the Department of the Navy. I had received no official Citation for either medal nor was I presented in same in any official ceremony as would be customary for the award of the nation's 3<sup>rd</sup> highest medal for valor or the Bronze Star with V for Valor.

In July, 2007 I fraudulently gave testimony in an interview for publication in a Marine Corps League Newsletter stating I was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star describing in detail the actions for which I was decorated. The 1/9 Marine Network, Inc. and the State of Indiana Marine Corps League requested I supply any documentation that I may have to support my claims to those medals. I submitted a form NAVPERS 1650/65 dated May 3, 2006 with boxes checked indicating the medals were awarded to me. I reported that the Silver Star and Bronze Star were sent along with other medals.

On a later date I received another letter from the Dept of the Navy stating that the Silver and Bronze Stars medals were sent to me in ERROR and requested that I return them. I didn't send those medals back and continued to wear the ribbons of the Silver Star and Bronze Star on my Marine Corps league uniform. I later approached my Congressman who told me I was not recommended for or awarded the Silver Star or Bronze Star medals. I was instructed by the State Commandant of Marine Corps League, Mike Leiber, that I must not wear the ribbons and or the medals any longer. I haven't since that day of notification.

Over the years I have sent NAVPERS info requests or received letters on March 8, 2006; July 11, 2006; July 11, 2006; July 25, 2007; June 3, 2008; and mid 2009. The correct document NAVPERS 1650/65 dated July 11, 2006 was sent to Congressman Peter Visclosky of the 1<sup>st</sup> District in Indiana, Attn. Thomas Kubon. This document clearly noted I was not recommended for the Silver Star or Bronze Star.

In July of 2008, I sent letters of apology to both organizations as requested. I embarrassed not only myself but my fellow warriors by wearing these unauthorized ribbons on my chest.

I repeatedly applied for authorization to have the awards added to my records after the NAVPERS 1650/66 indicated I had not been recommended for them. When that failed, I involved a Veterans' Service Officer asking that he write for authorization to have them added/edited to my file in mid 2009. I did so after my letter of apology to the 1/9 Marines and the pownetwork.org.

I am now returning the two medals, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star to the Dept of the Navy by certified US Mail on the date of Feb 15, 2011 as requested; I called and spoke with Mr. Warren of the awards dept and explained that I was returning the medals their letter requested. He gave me the proper address and directed me to send them to his attention. I asked for him to send me a letter when he received them. Mr. Warren said that the pownetwork.org will need to call him and he will confirm when the medals were received from me. It will then be noted in my file.

I apologize to all veterans, the 1/9 Network, Inc, and the Marine Corps League. I am truly sorry for my actions.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth R. Coleman

