

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX sent me your info concerning your request for phony types in the USMC sniper community ?? How can I help..I am the Sgt Maj of WTBN here at Quantico, Va.....I have been a sniper with the marines for 18 years.I might be able to help you with 1985 and up years of graduates....S/F Sgt Maj Bill Skiles

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" THE GREATEST HONOR IS TO KILL THE ENEMY"

Mary,

Besides being mentioned by Jr varsity reporters in meaningless blogs and articles, I don't see the relationship of what Duane is doing now with his knife company and his backgroundAs I called credible people on Duane, Duane is not the culprit...It looks that others are being associated with his knife company and stating that Duane is one of them to get in with the company...Butt kissing going on...Honestly, this issue is not a flagrant, malicious abuse on Duane's part.....Just make it known that STRYDER knife company for the past 20 years HAVE been credible to assist the Marine Corps with the best fighting knives we use to kill the enemy...Duane's company and his name maybe confused by the fact that every honor grad from our sniper school's receive a free \$300.00 knife from this company as a token for what we do.....STRYDER has been doing this for the past 13 years...the SNIPER association word might be miss used through time....I know through contacts that Duane's background, whether sniper, bus driver, etc..would never effect the type of blades they make....Hope this helps...Bill Skiles

SEE BELOW NOTE FROM SCOUT SNIPER ASSOC ON BILL SKILES

Robbie Reidsma
VP, USMC Scout Sniper Association
GySgt, US Marine Corps, Retired
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Chuck and Mary,

I certainly understand the Integrity issue here depending on what everyone is claiming, If he has used a fraudulent certificate to gain employment then I would say the employers should prosecute if the facts do not add up - I am not the employer nor have I seen a certificate showing Duane was a graduate of a Marine Sniper School so my opinion is irrelevant on this particular topic.

However, from my perspective this is how I see it. (I am not trying to protect nor trying to prosecute here). And I am trying to stay in my "lane" as I do not have all the facts. So from the perspective of the VP of the Marine Sniper Assoc....

Duane has never told me he was a Marine sniper, nor has he ever used that statement with me to conduct training or sell equipment. He is not nor has he applied for membership within the Marine Scout Sniper Association (although others have erroneously claimed he is a member).

I do believe Duane has an excellent product (Strider Knives) that benefits Marines and others and he has donated numerous knives to honor graduates, etc... of Marine Sniper Schools. He has marketed the Chuck Mawhinny 8541 Strider knife towards the Marine sniper community - which again is a great knife and Chuck was a Marine Sniper.

On the stand point of the Marine Sniper Association and from my previous time as an instructor at sniper schools, Duane has done nothing legally wrong to my knowledge and has marketed his great product well. Understand that I cannot speak for others, nor for the USMC, nor for training, etc... as he has not had an impact with me on these items.

This probably seems wishy washy. I am trying to stay objective and again he has never told me he is a sniper, nor used his past to push his product with me personally.

Should he desire to become a member of the sniper association, then he would have to show proof of his past credentials unless he becomes a corporate sponsor then he would not have to have been a Marine Sniper as this is simply a business donation/position.

Hopefully this helps,

Robbie

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Subject: Re: Fwd: RE: Request

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THIS THING IS ABOUT THE INTEGRITY AND HONOR OF THE MARINE CORPS ITSELF. WHO CAN BE CONTACTED AT THE SNIPER SCHOOL THAT WILL GIVE US INFORMATION IF THOMAS DUANE DWYER / THOMAS DUANE POLAND IS A GRADUATE OF THE MARINE SNIPER SCHOOL (CLASS AND DATE)? AND IF NOT US, WHO CAN WE DIRECT THE IG TO CONTACT?

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[NO ANSWER received to the above]

October 5, 2001 1400 - 1700

Base Theatre, Mainside, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA

Join the Scout/Sniper Association members for an afternoon of educational and motivational talks and stories. Some of the most storied and well known USMC Snipers in the world will be here. Once the talks secure, we will then retire to the SNCO club next to the main gate to socialize. All the speakers as well as many experienced Snipers will be available to meet in person to chat with and ask questions. This will also be a continued time to meet with the vendors.

Our speakers include:

Chuck Mawhinney, 103 confirmed kills in Viet Nam, author of "30 Years of Silence"

Tom "Moose" Ferran, 42 confirmed kills in Viet Nam, consultant to the movie "SNIPER"

James Gularte, 40 confirmed kills in RVN and namesake of the Honorman Trophy at 1 Mar Div S/S School

Mike Ajax, former Rhodesian SAS, Bladed weapons and Mantracking instructor, regular guest speaker at 1 Mar Div S/S School

MSgt. Neil Morris USMC Ret., Legendary Scout/Sniper Instructor with modern sniping experience

1st Sgt. Bill Skiles USMC, Former NCOIC of Quantico and 1 Mar Div S/S Schools, British Royal Marines and FBI Sniper Instructor

1ST Sgt. Chris Gagliano USMC, Marine Sniper who served with STA 1/3 & STA 3/2, taught 2 MarDiv S/S School and 2 MEF SOTG

GySgt. David Devaney USMC, modern Marine Sniper who served with STA 3/3 and taught III MEF SOTG R&S

GySgt. Gary Lakis USMCR, decorated Marine and former Special Operations Command Sniper with modern combat experience in Somalia, Bosnia and Kosovo

This is an opportunity any shooting or sniping enthusiast would not want to miss. The cost for this event is free but we do ask the you leave a small donation to help benefit the non-profit Scout/Sniper Association and its Vets. This event is open to the public. There will also be vendor tables available if you want to show your sniper related wares.

This event will fill up quick. If you are definitely going to be coming, please e-mail us to RSVP, we only want to make sure we have enough seating for everyone. Keep checking this site as we will update as things are added or changed.

Current vendor list:

Surgical Shooting Inc.

Shoot Rite

Special Operations Equipment

F.C.S.A.

Navy Arms Co.

Sabre Industries

Strider Knives

Tactical Air Sports

Tactical Operations