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Alaska Veterans Denounce Trump's Offensive Statements about U.S. Servicemen and Women

As Alaska veterans of our nation's armed services, we are proud to live in the state with the highest per person population of vets in the country, a state which treats its vets with honor and respect.

That's why we are so disgusted but not surprised by the latest comments from President Trump about America's vets. According to the Atlantic, Trump called U.S. soldiers injured or killed in war "losers," objected to wounded vets participating in military parades and cancelled a 2018 visit to a

French cemetery because he didn't care about honoring those Americans killed in World War I and II. As he always says to news reports he disagrees with, Trump called the report "fake news." But he's said equally disparaging things about U.S. servicemen and women and vets his whole life.

That's why America cannot tolerate four more years of Donald Trump. That's why we're voting for Joe Biden. Joe and Jill Biden's son, Beau, served honorably in Iraq. Joe has honored and served America's men and women in uniform his entire career. He is committed to properly preparing and equipping our troops when they are sent into harm's way and respecting their service when they return home.

Signed:

- Nelson Angapak, U.S. Army (1969-71), Tuntutuliak
- Jim Ayers, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran
- Edward Wesley, U.S. Army, Vietnam Era
- CW Floyd, U.S. Army (Retired), Vietnam Veteran
- Charles O. Degnan, U.S. M.P.C., (1966-68), Unalakleet
- Frank Gwartney, U.S. Navy Seabees, Vietnam Veteran
- Joelle Hall, US Army (1983-87), U.S. Army Reserves and Guard (1987-90), and military spouse
- Ray Johnson, U.S. Army, Disabled Veteran

- Danyelle D. Kimp, Captain, U.S. Army (Retired)
- Elaine Lawrence, U.S. Air Force Veteran
- Ronald Leighton, U.S. Army, Vietnam Veteran
- Jodi Peterson, U.S. Army spouse
- Oliver Schiess, Gunnery Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps
- Gil Serrano, U.S. Army, Vietnam Veteran
- Philip Smith, U.S. Army
- John Sroufe, U.S. Air Force, Vietnam Veteran
- Mike Szymanski, U.S. Navy, Vietnam Veteran
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