

To: Commanding General, Fort Bragg NC
To: Commanding Officer, 82nd Holdover Unit
82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg NC



Free Army conscientious objector Dustin Stevens now!

In May 2002, after five months in the Army, 19-year-old Spc. Dustin Stevens refused to graduate with his 82nd Airborne Division training unit. "I knew in my heart and in my mind, I couldn't kill anybody and couldn't be a part of an organization that did so," he explains. Instead of discharging Spc. Stevens as a conscientious objector, his command simply ordered him to go home and await discharge papers. In January 2009, during a routine traffic stop, Dustin was shocked to learn that there was a warrant for his arrest. He was immediately arrested, turned over to military police, and has been held on restriction at Fort Bragg, North Carolina since. We respectfully request that the Army immediately discharge Dustin Stevens.

End illegal pre-trial punishment for Dustin Stevens and the Fort Bragg 50!

Dustin Stevens is one of about 50 soldiers being held at the 82nd Holdover Unit awaiting likely AWOL and desertion charges. They live in a legal limbo of poor living conditions, verbal abuse, and arbitrary punishments while waiting for up to a year to be actually charged and court martialed. The result is that these soldiers are subjected to many months of unjust and illegal punishment prior to their day in court. We respectfully request that the Army improve living conditions, reassign sadistic supervisors, end all informal punishments, and expedite resolution for these soldiers so that they can return home to begin rebuilding their lives as soon as possible. Also, we respectfully request that if eventually convicted by courts-martial and sentenced to time in the stockade, these months they have already "served" count towards sentencing.

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