

If you are a vet, a friend of vets or a vet is in your family, please sign this petition. Help us gather 100,000 signatures by Veterans Day, November 11, 1995. I supported Clinton in 1992, chaired the group that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and was first director of the federal Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program. My dad served in WW II and Korea. For the reasons below I have lost faith in President Clinton. My friend the late Lewis Puller, Jr., the Marine vet who earned the Pulitzer Prize for his autobiography *Fortunate Son*, led in voicing these concerns on television and radio.

Signing this petition affirms your belief that the values of service and sacrifice are important in government, and that Bill Clinton is weakening those values and weakening our country. Clinton would have lost the 1992 election without vet votes. Let's take that vote away!

Sincerely,
John Wheeler

Please make copies and circulate. Please fill in name and address and phone and send to: Veterans Action, PO Box 66383, Washington, DC 20035

Bill Clinton, we are angry at your disrespect for the armed forces. We have lost confidence in you -

o and your deliberate inattention to national defense, e.g., cutting training so much that units risk needless deaths; extending deployments so much that training and readiness suffer; siphoning funds to nondefense projects; ignoring the CIA and its director until crisis erupted; letting US soldiers in Somalia die chasing General Aidid after you switched your policy to negotiation but didn't tell the troops in the field.

o your careless use of our brothers, sisters, sons and daughters in the military, e.g., failure to authorize tanks in Somalia, so that US troops were entrapped and bled to death and then using US soldiers in Somalia to escort Aidid as a VIP; your White House staffer's insult to an Army general that "I don't talk to the military;" using an infantry battalion as your Washington, D.C. delivery service; using military officers as cocktail waiters; White House staff using military helicopters for golf outings; in your speech at the Wall on Memorial Day, 1993 you stressed your differences with vets instead of their service and sacrifice; embarrassing US troops by using them as props in photo ops.

o your broken promise of truthfulness to families of soldiers killed under your command, e.g., refusing to release the official reports on the Oct. 3 1993 firefight in Mogadishu; not participating in public hearings on the firefight; blaming the needless American deaths in Somalia entirely on the Secretary of Defense instead of acknowledging your true responsibility as Commander-in-Chief.

o your blatant antivet "administration that looks like America," e.g., only 4% of men on the White House staff are vets, while 59% of male senators and 37% of men in the US work force are vets; you cut 106 vets from senate-confirmed and White House positions while adding 64 women and 72 nonvet men and creating 20 new slots. In your administration *only vets* pay the price for opening top posts to women.

We demand that the Democratic Party refuse to nominate you to run again in 1996.

We will not vote for you in the primaries or in the general election in 1996.

We ask each candidate to commit to correcting these errors you made.

Signed _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Political party: D__ R__ Ind__ Support United We Stand America (Perot) _____

Vet ___ served 19__ to 19__ Branch ___ Friend ___ Family member ___

Additional comments you would like to send to the President or other candidates _____