

Senator Jeremiah Benton
Friends of Red McDaniel Committee
Washington, D.C. 20070

Dear Fellow American:

Because of your deep commitment to America and a strong national defense, I have taken the liberty of reserving for you a specially autographed copy of Scars and Stripes.

Scars and Stripes is Captain Red McDaniel's personal account of his experiences as a prisoner of war in Communist Vietnam for six years.

As a United States Senator and former prisoner of war with Red in Vietnam, I know that every word in Red's book is absolutely true.

But make no mistake: Scars and Stripes is not just a book. It is a testament of faith in God. And faith in America.

The late Lowell Thomas said, "You will be awed and inspired."

But the really important comments come from the men whose lives were saved by Red.

Commander William J. Metzger is alive today because Red cared:

". . . Even though in rough shape himself, he picked me up off the floor and nursed me back to good health. I will always be impressed by Red's solid faith, high moral standards, supreme patriotism and boundless love of family. I can't express his characteristics well enough to portray adequately the very impressive man he is."

And Air Force Colonel Larry Guarino has said,

". . . There are certain facts of which people on the outside have no grasp -- one of them is this: only a very few men have the courage, conviction and strength that it takes to continue to doggedly resist the enemy in excruciatingly painful torture over a long period of time. Red is one of the very few who can and did."

As for me, I will say it as plain and honest as I can: I consider Red to be as fine as any man I know.

Red was a legend in the prisoner of war camp. His very presence gave men hope.

Red was always there with a Bible passage to ease the suffering of a man who underwent torture.

Red was always there to ease the mental anguish of a man who thought he would break under torture and disgrace America.

Red flew 81 missions in Vietnam and his many awards include the Navy Cross, two Silver Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

As a former Admiral in the U.S. Navy -- Red's branch of service to America -- I know that he earned every honor that America bestowed on him.

After being released from the prisoner of war camp Red went back into active service, as Commander of the 3,000 men on the aircraft carrier, USS Lexington.

After commanding the USS Lexington, Red was appointed Director of Navy Liaison for the United States House of Representatives.

As the Navy's representative in Washington, Red worked with Members of Congress on national defense issues.

Red's job was to inform Members of Congress as to the global and strategic aims of the Soviet Union.

As as you can imagine it was a thankless job.

Red knows how the Communists operate. He found out in those six long years in North Vietnam.

He took his knowledge to Capitol Hill -- to work for a strong America. To work for a great America, second to none.

Working with Members of Congress he learned how government operates.

But he also learned that many liberal members don't know the facts, the awful facts.

That the Soviet Union has imposed martial law in Poland to suppress the freedom-loving Polish people.

That the Soviet Union has invaded Afghanistan.

That the Soviet Union is sending arms to the Communist guerrillas in El Salvador.

All over the world the Communists have virtually declared war against America.

And Red knows the meaning of that. But the liberals in Congress refused to listen to Red.

In plain language I can tell you that Red was shocked by what he saw.

Red couldn't believe that he had to constantly fight battle after battle with the liberals in insure your family's survival.

And after years of frustration, Red decided that talking must give way to action.

That's why Red is running for Congress.

I am overjoyed at Red's decision.

What Congress needs is a man of Red's dedication and understanding of the Communist mind.

And Red can be elected to Congress with your help.

If Red was ever told he couldn't continue serving America, it would be worse than all the torture he endured in Vietnam.

That's the kind of man he is.

And by helping Red you will be helping President Reagan.

Red's opponent is liberal Democrat Charles Whitley.

Whitley has voted liberal 70% of the time.

Let me tell you about some of his outrageous votes.

Whitley voted: *against President Reagan's tax cuts

*against cuts in the Food Stamp Program

*against increasing the Defense Budget

*for abortion

*for busing

*against our mutual defense treaty with Free China

*AND against a balanced budget

Whitley stands with liberals like Ted Kennedy and Tip O'Neill.

But consider Red: a man who is not ashamed to speak out for a strong national defense, a strong economy and strong national family policy.

Red will not be pressured and Red is not going to sell his vote.

Red is a man of principle and conviction.

And nothing can make him betray those principles. He proved that in the torture cells of the Communists.

Red will not be ashamed to stand on the floor of the U.S. Congress and tell Tip O'Neill that the Communists want to destroy America.

Red will not be ashamed to stand on the floor of the United States Congress and demand that a larger National Defense Budget be passed.

Red will not be ashamed to stand on the floor of the United States Congress and demand laws that will protect your traditional American family values.

In short, Red is your hero, and personally I want to call him a colleague.

My mind goes back to the "Hanoi Hilton" -- the hellish Communist prison Red and I lived in for six years.

And I recall reading in Red's book how it really was.

". . .One of the things the camp commanders would not give in to, however, was our insistence on having our own church service. We demanded an audience with the camp commander on this, but we never got it. So we took to singing for two and half days at the top of our voices -- songs such as God Bless America, Onward Christian Soldiers, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, and so on.

"After those two and half days, sixty of our men were taken out and put into solitary confinement. We did, however, win a point: We were allowed to have a fifteen minute service, which was often interrupted if we were too loud."

Imagine a man who would stay up for two days singing inspirational songs so that he could have a fifteen minute church service!

Imagine a man unconcerned about torture because he knows that God will pull him through!

Now you know Red -- in your heart.

But you should know Red like I know him. .

For two men who have gone through torture together know each other in a very special way.

Red knows my family and my dreams. And as a U.S. Senator, I am doing everything I can to make the American dream a reality for all Americans.

And so is Red. Red did not see his dear wife Dorothy for over six years. His children grew up but he was not there.

He spent that time with the Communists -- being tortured.

Will you now join with me in re-dedicating our precious national heritage?

Red now needs your support, and after what I told you about Red -- his faith in God and his faith in America -- I know you will want to help.

Red is running against an entrenched liberal. Whitley has the backing of northeastern liberal Democrats like Senator Ted Kennedy and Tip O'Neill. And that means all types of "special interest money".

Red only has you. And your faith that he can do the job.

Red's campaign committee is called "The Friends of Red McDaniel".

Will you become a "Friend of Red McDaniel"?

I hope you just said "yes", because your decision can change America.

I also hope you said "yes" because the liberals and the appeasement lobby fear Red more than any other man running for Congress this year.

The appeasement lobby fears Red's total dedication to a strong America. And they know Red can't be bought and can't be intimidated.

They know that, if Red would not make concessions to the Communist torturers, he will not make concessions as a Congressman, elected in North Carolina but serving all America.

So please make your commitment to Red today.

Red made his commitment to you for six years as a prisoner of war.

Now Red needs your help to get "early campaign funds".

Red has financed the campaign so far out of his own pocket.

Red's family has agreed again to sacrifice. But the family budget, as you know, can only stretch so far.

Every dollar is crucial. Polls must be paid for, brochures ordered and telephone lines put in.

Your "early donation" now can go so far. And help Red get his campaign in high gear.

Now is the time to stand proudly with Red. And now is the time to be a proud member of Red's campaign.

Can I count on you for a special contribution to Red for \$1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250 or \$100?

And if you can only afford \$75, \$50, \$25 or \$20, that too will go a long way.

Red sacrificed six years of his life to protect America.

And all I want for Red is for him to put his vast energy and dedication to work where it counts. Here in Washington.

If you share Red's vision of America and send at least \$20 to the Friends of Red McDaniel, Red will send you a specially autographed copy of Scars and Stripes.

You will be able to read firsthand of one free man's face-to-face encounter with the Communist butchers in Vietnam.

In any case, I have personally selected you to read Scars and Stripes. You will know what Red McDaniel stands for and is willing to die for.

So please mail your maximum contribution to the "Friends of Red McDaniel" immediately.

Whatever you can afford will be appreciated.

Red is counting on you. Without your help, he may not have enough money to wage the kind of campaign he needs.

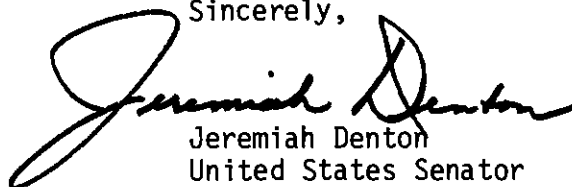
And Red needs to raise money within the next ten days for an early media blitz.

Red and I both waited for the knock at our prison cell that would mean more torture.

Please let us know that your answer is strong, and loud: never again will an American be tortured by a Communist!

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremiah Denton". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'J' and 'D'.

Jeremiah Denton
United States Senator

P.S. I urge you to read Scars and Stripes: it will change your life. And please give Red the funds he needs to be your Congressman. Your check today will be a bond between you and Red forever.

REPLY TO U.S. SENATOR JEREMIAH DENTON

U.S. Senator Jeremiah Denton
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Dear Senator Denton:

- You are right and have my total support; Red McDaniel is a true American hero and must be elected to Congress. Red's courage and dedication to America is just what President Reagan needs in Congress now.

To help Red in his crucial campaign I am proud to send my maximum contribution of:

- \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25
 \$20 \$10 \$5

- I have enclosed a check for at least \$20. Please mail me my autographed copy of Red's book, *Scars and Stripes*.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: FRIENDS OF RED MCDANIEL

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____

Federal law requires I ask you:

Occupation: _____

Principle place of business: _____

Thank you and God bless.