

**Subject: Red McDaniel misrepresented himself to me the night of 05 Oct 1990**

**Date:** Sat, 02 Oct 1999 01:37:44 -0400

**From:** Mike Sloniker

**To:** DON JOHNSON <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** John Hargleroad <[REDACTED]>, rick vogel <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED], heli-vets <[REDACTED]>

I note there is a defense of Red McDaniel here. My experience is different. In Tom Marshall's book the Price of Exit, Tom notes how the Phoenix from C/158 had rallied at Arlington for the burial of the remains of David Nelson, Moreira, Joel Hatley and Michael King shot down on 05 Mar 71 after getting hit real hard trying to get into LZ Sophia in Laos.

After the funeral we met with the families. They did not know we had an audio tape of Dave Nelson's last transmissions before the aircraft blew up. Naturally, I offered to make the families copies of the tape which they wanted. Dave Nelson's sister refused to believe anything we said.

On Nov 11th 1990 on VETS DAY Dave's sister is shown on NBC news saying we were a cover for the US Army and that Dave was alive in Laos.

The night of the 5th of October approximately 8 PM by the note I have here in front of me, McDaniel called my house telling me who he was and that he was interested about what was on the tape. I told him verbatim. AT THAT VERY MOMENT HE WAS WITH LISA MYERS, NBC NEWS, WHO WAS TRYING TO SHOW THAT WE WERE LIARS. He NEVER had the basic common decency to tell me what he was doing for NBC.

I responded as fast as I could because he was a POW, and he was using that POW heritage to help the same lying ass media that lied about him and the other POWs from 1964 to 1973 while they were in captivity.

In Jan 1999 in the 3d floor meeting room for the Secretary of Defense, I met 6'4" Red McDaniel face to face. I was a guest of Paul Galanti, a Navy A-4 POW from 66-73 at the dedication of his book "Honor Bound." I asked him about why he did not tell me he was asking question for Lisa Myers of NBC that night in Oct 90 and he denied all knowledge of the incident. He was very uncomfortable when I told him that I remembered it and I know he did it.

I do NOT share Rick Vogel's admiration of Red McDaniel.

Mike Sloniker

DON JOHNSON wrote:

- > Watched a special on him the other night on TV. Had other POW's that were
- > with him at the Hilton. ALL spoke very highly of him! He has been quite
- > outspoken about his shortcomings. Besides that, I thought being "dirty" was
- > one of the prerequisites of the position. Precedent has already been set.
- > LOL
- > Don G. Johnson
- > 629th S&S - 1967
- > Cobra 010 (UH-1B/C)
- > Door Gunner
- > 129th AHC- LaneField-68-69
- > Life Member - MOPH
- > Life Member - VFW
- > Member-Heli-Vets
- > RVN-Civilian-Lockheed-Qui Nhon-70
- > RVN-Civilian-RMK-BRG-Dalat/DonDuong/Pleiku/QuiNhon-70-72

> [REDACTED]  
> Cell [REDACTED]  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: John Hargleroad [REDACTED]  
> To: rick vogel [REDACTED] heli-vets  
> [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Friday, October 01, 1999 4:17 PM  
> Subject: Re: Think about this.....  
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> > Rick,  
> >  
> > Since he's running for president, I doubt that he could keep  
> > that a secret if it were true.  
> >  
> > John  
> >  
> > --- rick vogel [REDACTED] wrote:  
> > > John before you go voting for him, I suggest you contact  
> > > Capt. (red)  
> > > mcdaniel's run's American Defense League in Wash, D.C, and  
> > > talk to him in  
> > > person. when I worked with Red in 92-93 on the remains  
> > > recovery of my P.P. at  
> > > crash#1833 at Dak To-2, which happened in April of 93, I was  
> > > told by Red that  
> > > the only reason McCain was not court marshaled was his  
> > > dad's influence! Red  
> > > told me He was quote (Dirty), Red was 1 of the longest held  
> > > prisoner's the  
> > > N.V.A. had he spent 6=yr.'s in N.V.A. prison's I believe  
> > > what Red say's, he  
> > > doe's good work in the P.O.W.-M.I.A. field... shakey out!  
> > > ----- Original Message -----  
> > > From: John Hargleroad [REDACTED]  
> > > To: [REDACTED]; heli-vets [REDACTED]  
> > > Sent: Friday, October 01, 1999 3:37 PM  
> > > Subject: Re: Think about this.....  
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> > > > --- "Paul D. Spangler" [REDACTED] wrote:  
> > > > > The time when I was.....  
> > > > >  
> > > > > Just starting my second week of 23 weeks of OCS at Ft.  
> > > > > Sill.  
> > > > > The eight months I spent as a battery AXO and safety  
> > > > > officer  
> > > > > at Ft. Sill after OCS.  
> > > > > The month's leave home at Christmas.  
> > > > > The nine months at Ft. Stewart and Ft. Rucker in flight  
> > > > > school.  
> > > > > The two months in a U-8 transition.  
> > > > > The couple of weeks leave at home for Christmas.  
> > > > > The nine months I spent learning how to really fly from  
> > > > > a  
> > > > > couple  
> > > > > of crusty CW-3s at Ft. Huachuca.  
> > > > > The couple of months in the ARDF school.  
> > > > > The three weeks leave home at Christmas before going to

> > > > Vietnam.  
> > > > The year in Vietnam.  
> > > > The time spent at home just after Christmas after  
> > > > Vietnam.  
> > > > The three months trying to get used to New Jersey and  
> > > > a Navy base...  
> > > > Watching TV one night and seeing the POWS come  
> > > > home.....  
> > > >  
> > > > ALL THAT TIME Senator McCain was being held as a  
> > > > prisoner in  
> > > > Hanoi.  
> > > >  
> > > > Think about it.....  
> > > > Paul D. Spangler  
> > > > Bristol, Virginia  
> > > >  
> > > > Ran into Jim Nowicki after the war. He was with B/7/17th,  
> > > > and  
> > > > captured in Nov of 69 after both loaches and one of the  
> > > > two  
> > > > Cobra's were shot down when they were triangulated by  
> > > > 51's.  
> > > > George Grega (seven days to Deros), and a couple of others  
> > > > were killed, and Jim and an observer were taken prisoner.  
> > > > In  
> > > > a two hour recap, he described to me his daily routine for  
> > > > 3  
> > > > and 1/2 years in captivity in SVN.  
> > > >  
> > > > After the raid on the POW camp at Song Tae (sp), they  
> > > > marched  
> > > > everybody north (a six week to six month ordeal, depending  
> > > > on  
> > > > the health of the individual prisoners) to the Hilton  
> > > > where  
> > > > their treatment was a lot better than the camps in the  
> > > > south,  
> > > > but still no picnic.  
> > > >  
> > > > The other thing to think about is McCain was offered a get  
> > > > out  
> > > > of jail free card by the NVA (his father was Pacific  
> > > > Commander  
> > > > for the naval fleet CRS) and turned it down to stay and  
> > > > return  
> > > > with his comrades. Big cajonies...  
> > > >  
> > > > Yea, I'd vote for him  
> > > >  
> > > > =====  
> > > > [REDACTED]  
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