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**Military's system to combat sexual assault is broken,
and not in the way you think**

Washington, D.C. - Seven service members wrongly convicted for sexual assault, and their families, are launching a campaign to bring awareness and disrupt a system in the US military that repeatedly circumvents due process, no matter how outlandish the accusation. This announcement comes when the military acknowledges deliberate obstructions to manufacture convictions.

What do you do if someone has alleged you've sexually assaulted them in private when nobody else was around to witness what happened? How would you defend yourself? Are you at the mercy of an accuser who tells a good story or is especially sympathetic?

No, usually you are not, but the push to change military prosecutions of sexual assault has led to an unlawful order that the accuser is to be believed in a he-said/she-said case.

"I lived in hell for four years before the truth came out," Keith Barry told America Military News. Barry spent more than 18 years serving his country before being wrongfully convicted of rape and serving two and a half years in prison. But it was finally brought to light that there had been unlawful command influence over the decision.

Barry's convening authority, Rear Admiral Patrick Lorge signed an affidavit for Barry's legal team. Lorge said, "On a personal note, I would ask you to forgive my failure in leadership and right the wrong that I committed in this case against Senior Chief Barry; ensure justice prevails and when doubt exists, allow a man to remain innocent." Adding that had he not been pressured by others, he would have disapproved of the findings.

Clarence Anderson III was a squadron commander and deployed five times to defend this great nation. He discovered that his now ex-wife was not only having an extra-marital affair, but she later became pregnant with the other man's child.

After the discovery of her affair, he initiated divorce proceedings. He was granted custody of their daughter, which led to her false allegations saying that Clarence sexually assaulted his wife while they were married.

Civilian prosecutors declined to prosecute after local civilian police officers found zero evidence to support any claim from his wife. So the ex-wife turned to the military. Clarence was found guilty and sentenced to 3 and 1/2 years in a military prison.

"Tell your loved ones to avoid joining the military until service members receive fair and just legal treatment. If your children still insist on joining, please have them ask about the rights they give up, so they don't get punished unjustly." Clarence's Mother, Beatrice Anderson, stated in her petition at change.org

At least 300 – 400 other cases show injustice in disturbing ways that need investigation.

"We want the military to answer how they circumvented due process, no matter how outlandish the accusation," stated Clarence Anderson III.

In a 2017 report from the Department of Defense Judicial Proceedings Panel, the military even admitted to their wrongdoings on the barriers to the fair administration of military justice in sexual assault cases, where the military acknowledges deliberate obstructions to manufacture convictions.

About the campaign

It all started in 2013 when Arvis Owens was wrongly convicted in a military court-martial. That marked the beginning of a long and arduous journey towards justice. In 2021, Arvis, with the help of Clarence Anderson III was finally able to assemble six other families that suffered injustice who wanted to speak out.

Today, they take a new step toward justice.

"We are launching a campaign to bring awareness, with our heads up, to disrupt the system that allows innocent service members to be convicted to a life of injustice and suffering – not only for them but also for their families, who are subjected as well. We only need justice." Arvis Owens

For more information, go to:

Campaign website: www.wouldyou.care

Subscription page: <https://www.change.org/p/president-of-the-united-states-false-ly-accused-and-wrongly-convicted-former-military-service-members-need-your-help>

Podcast where service members tell their story: <https://vanishedinthevalley.podbean.com/e/vanished-investigation-into-false-allegations-of-sexual-abuse-in-the-us-military/>