## Free the Hero Locked Up for Telling the Truth About Afghanistan

Lt. Col. Scheller put his career and freedom on the line for the truth.

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[The David Horowitz Freedom Center is rallying support to free Lt. Col. Stuart Scheller who is being held as a political prisoner for demanding accountability for Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Scheller sacrificed his career and his freedom for truth and justice. Sign this petition to support this great American patriot and to hold Milley and Austin accountable.]

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Who will pay the price for Afghanistan? Not Secretary of Defense Austin, General Milley -- the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff -- not General McKenzie, who oversaw the disastrous retreat, or any of Biden's other brass.

Instead the only man who has been locked up for the defeat in Afghanistan is a Marine Corps Lt. Colonel who made a video calling for accountability from the military leadership.

Lt. Col. Stuart Scheller committed the ultimate crime, he put his career on the line and called for the truth after the Kabul airport suicide bombing. Biden's brass smeared him as crazy, they relieved him of duty, they threatened him, called him a spy, and locked him up. The Pentagon careerists are desperately terrified of a brave man who is willing to put everything on the line.

Our petition at the David Horowitz Freedom Center calls for action to free Scheller who is "being held as a political prisoner for speaking the truth about the U.S. military's disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan." The only man behind bars over Afghanistan is there for telling the truth.

It all began over a month ago when he <u>posted a video</u> declaring, "I have been fighting for 17 years. I am willing to throw it all away to say to my senior leaders, I demand accountability." The original video has since been seen 1.5 million times on *Facebook* and *LinkedIn*.

The cronies of Biden's brass accused Scheller of being mentally unstable. And then, just in time for congressional hearings on the defeat in Afghanistan, they tried to silence him. Scheller, not Milley or McKenzie, was relieved of duty. He was <u>ordered</u> to "refrain from posting any and all material, in any form without exception, to any social media" and "prohibited from communicating through third parties or proxies."

Milley had done interviews for anti-Trump books and woke officers had bashed Republicans and promoted *Black Lives Matter* on *Facebook* and *Twitter*. But only Scheller was silenced. Except that Scheller chose to go to jail instead.

"I believe in love. I believe in America. I believe in strength. I believe in honesty. I believe I am ready to go to jail based on these beliefs," he began his reply and concluded with, "Col Emmel please have the MPs waiting for me at 0800 on Monday. I'm ready for jail." Since then, Lt. Col. Stuart Scheller has been in the brig at Camp Lejeune.

After subjecting him to a psychiatric evaluation and repeatedly accusing him of being mentally ill, the latest phase of their smear campaign alleges that, "Marine Corps officials say they consider him a flight risk and believe China may intend to use his comments as propaganda."

Scheller had plenty of time to run away if he wanted to. If he had just stopped posting criticism of Biden's brass on social media, he wouldn't have been locked up to begin with. And while Milley could assure Communist China that he would tip them off about any attack, it's Scheller who's falsely accused of helping China based on "propaganda" that doesn't even actually exist.

That's how desperate Biden's brass are to silence Lt. Col. Scheller. After trying and failing to gag him, they've resorted to silencing this great patriot by locking him up as a political prisoner which leaves them free to throw any dirt they can come up with. And hope that some of it sticks.

What are they so afraid of? The gag order was sent to Scheller in late August. The various congressional hearings into the Afghanistan defeat, public and private, open and secret, were scheduled for September. Locking him up was one way that Austin, Milley, McKenzie -- against whom Scheller was trying to proffer dereliction of duty charges -- could

silence the Lt. Col. It allowed the political generals and bosses to maintain the narrative they were trying to sell. That makes Lt. Col. Scheller a political prisoner.

The *Pipe Hitter Foundation*, which is working for Scheller's defense, <u>warned</u> that, "We have just received word that the Military is making the IRO Hearing CLOSED to the public - and possibly including Members of Congress who were planning to attend in person & telephonically."

Once again every effort is being made to silence and suppress Lt. Col. Scheller. That's why the *David Horowitz Freedom Center* is working to bring attention to this outrage. We will not allow Biden's brass to silence this brave man in its own political echo chamber.

Our petition to free Lt. Col. Scheller declares that, "While Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley and U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin delivered testimony to Congress meant to obfuscate their gross incompetence in Afghanistan, Lt. Col. Scheller has performed a patriotic duty by publicizing the truth. His incarceration in a military brig is an attempt to hold the truth hostage, and intimidate others."

The issue at stake is accountability. Biden, Austin, Milley, and the rest of the masters of the Afghanistan disaster are hoping to move on. They want to watch the deaths, the betrayals, and the empowered terrorists disappear into the rearview mirror as they pivot to their political schemes in this country. And anyone who stands in their way, who calls for accountability for the elites, is run over and ground under.

"The everyday American is held to a much higher standard than the people leading the critical organizations within the government," Scheller wrote. And Biden's brass are proving his point.

Who will pay the price for Afghanistan? If Biden, Milley, and Austin have their way, only Scheller and other critics will pay the price. "It's the system that's going to break. Not me," Lt. Col. Scheller wrote before he was locked up.

It's a courageous message that many political prisoners have sent out. But not all of them have prevailed. Lt. Col. Scheller and the many career military men who know what is happening, need our support. That's why the *Freedom Center* is launching its campaign calling for an end to the plot to silence Scheller and other military whistleblowers.

Americans deserve the truth and a patriot like Lt. Col. Scheller deserves to be heard. While Biden has armed the terrorists, Scheller has disarmed Americans. Thousands of Taliban, Al Qaeda, and ISIS-K were freed at Bagram Air Base, but Scheller has been locked away.

Lt. Col. Scheller put his career and his freedom on the line to call for accountability. It is our duty to stand by him, to demand his freedom, and to support his call for consequences.

Scheller does not belong in prison, Milley and the rest of Biden's brass belong there. The truth must be heard and justice must prevail. And that won't happen if we remain silent. Who will pay the price for Afghanistan? It will either be Scheller or Milley. That's up to us.