

# VFW Statement on SFC Charles Martland

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Regarding discharge procedures against decorated Green Beret Sgt. 1st Class Charles Martland, who in 2011 confronted an Afghan police commander for raping an Afghan boy and abusing his mother, the national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is questioning if the military is punishing troops for doing the right thing instead of examining Status of Forces Agreements that has them serving and protecting others in foreign lands, yet might force them to ignore local incidents that everyone knows in their hearts to be wrong. “We look forward to hearing more details about this matter,” said VFW National Commander John A. Biedrzycki Jr., “because from the onset, it would appear that Martland is being punished for doing what I would hope anyone would do when encountering a wrong.”

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