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Oath Keeper Testimonial of Navy Veteran and Merchant Marine Captain

To my Fellow American Oath Keepers and all of the
elected Professional Politicians in Washington, D.C. and
the Capitals of the several States:

I took the Oath of Enlistment to support and defend the
Constitution back in 1966.

My family has been on this continent since the 1600's and
we have had military men in every generation. [As far
back as I can trace at least.]

I volunteered for the Navy and wanted to learn to
navigate a ship across the trackless oceans and seas that
comprise most of our beautiful blue planet. In bootcamp I
was unmasked as mechanically inclined and the Navy
decided that I was going to spend my time in the bowels
of the ship as a boilerman. [Arrrgh !]

As fate would have it after the Navy I went into the
Merchant Marine and spent 25 incident free years as a
Licensed Master navigating the trackless waters. [28
years in total.] I was a mustang in the Merchant Marine.
In the Merchant Marine we would say that I "came up
through the hawse pipe."]

While the Navy and I did not see eye to eye when I
raised my hand I really did mean what I said when I
swore that I Will support and defend the Constitution of
the United States from all enemies, foreign and domestic.
AND by inference support and defend my "country" and
my "countrymen" and their rights as well. Personally "My
Country" means the land and her people not necessarily
her government or governmental institutions.

Some folks seem to have a problem with the stipulation
that says that I [the oath taker] will obey the orders of
the officers appointed over me.

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The Enlistment Oath:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."
(Title 10, US Code; Act of 5 May 1960 replacing the wording first adopted in 1789, with amendment effective 5 October 1962).

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Notice that part where it says "According to regulations and the UCMJ" ? Now I May be reading something into it But I don't think so. Doesn't it stand to reason that IF the order being given is in direct violation of the Constitution then it becomes "unlawful and void"? It seems so in my understanding. I do not see anything in the Oath that says I am to STOP THINKING - either for myself, my family, my unit, my country or my countrymen.

I know that some folks feel that any interaction with government of any kind is to be avoided and in my own way I agree BUT I really did mean my Oath. [to protect this "country" and her Constitution].

I would very much rather have the "correction" [the return to a Constitutional Republic (from the despotic Fascism we have now)] happen nonviolently than to see my countrymen fighting each other in the streets.

Or God forbid, that my grown children or my toddler grandchildren should have to fight in the streets for their Liberty and God Given rights in my stead because **I did not act.**

Our shame as a nation of people who believe in Liberty and Freedom should be that our great-grand parents did not stand up to Lincoln, FDR and their ilk who gutted the Constitution while glibly lying to the population about their actual motives. FDR even wrote about his perfidy in detail. "On Our Way" is the name of the book he wrote.

In the Hope that a "show of hands" will stop the madness
I will even suspend my desire for No Rulers of any kind
and accept the original Constitutional Republic in place of
this ridiculous mob-rule garbage (democracy) which is
only face paint on a sow.

I want our Constitutional Republic back. I want our
Liberties completely restored and Government greatly
downsized. If a physical and violent confrontation cannot
be avoided then I Am and always will be ready and
willing to defend the Constitution and the God Given
Rights it was written to preserve.

And I don't mean the "living document" version or the
"just a GD piece of paper" version. I will defend the
original version as written.

Towards that goal I am also supporting the Appleseed
Project. <http://appleseedinfo.org/>

So what was the quote ?

From the founders themselves:

"We Pledge Our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred
Honor."

Yep. I'll go that far as well.

YMMV

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USMM Ret.
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Eagle Scout [1963]

Navy Vet. ['66 to '69]

RWVA Mbr. [Sharpshooter]

GOA Mbr.

TSRA Mbr.

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