

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 v.) CRIMINAL NO. 21-CR-117(KBJ)
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 ALEX HARKRIDER)

NOTICE OF FILING

The Defendant, Alex Harkrider, by his counsel, Kira Anne West, hereby files this notice of filing 3 additional letters to be added to exhibit 5 to his motion for modification of bond.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on the 2nd day of April, 2021 a copy of same was delivered to the parties of record, by email pursuant to the Covid standing order and the rules of the Clerk of Court.

 /s/
Kira Anne West

March 22, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is my personal character reference for Alex Harkrider. I have been a close friend of Alex's for 5 years. I've found that he consistently exceeds expectations in his interpersonal skills, problem solving abilities and work ethic.

Alex has always been able to lend a helping hand in his Rescue the Universe. You see he is a Storm Chaser always willing to go way beyond what is expected of him. Alex has a huge heart and would just help anyone out if needed.

I hope these examples show what a great guy he is. He is always a Marine at heart.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 903-237-8844 if you have any questions or need further information about my friend Alex's achievements.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Sue Tannehill
Fairplay Nursery

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Trudy Craig and I'm Alex Harkrider's aunt. I've had the privilege and honor of knowing Alex his whole life.

From the time Alex was a child, his sense of humor and love for others were already apparent in his life. He could smooth over any bad situation with his laughter and make anyone that was being left out feel accepted and included in whatever activity was taking place.

Alex has always been comfortable with any person, in any situation, because he sees everyone the same. His love for mankind is truly unbiased and an example to us all.

Alex is the go to person for his friends and family too. He has an open door policy for anyone needing a place to stay or a meal to eat. He never asks anything in return and leaves himself open to being taken advantage of from time to time. That doesn't deter him from doing what he believes he should be doing though. There are many, many people who love Alex because of this love and acceptance and will be his friend and by his side for his lifetime.

Alex has the heart of a servant and the pride of an American.

This love of country and willingness to serve is why he enlisted in the Marines for 4 years and proudly served his country with tours in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This was a difficult time for Alex and he was left with PTSD and has had to learn how to live with the devastating consequences of his experiences over there.

Through it all Alex never lost his sense of caring for others, If anything it became stronger and led Alex to join Rescue the Universe where he could have hands on experience in caring for others in many different ways after disasters. He did high water rescues, cleaned up debris, repaired damage to houses, and handed out water . More importantly, on one occasion he helped rescue the elderly from an abandoned nursing home in Louisiana when they thought all was lost.

Alex has many future plans and they all involve service to others. From working with disabled vets, vets with PTSD, and veteran's families to camping with underprivileged children and volunteer fire fighting. There is no limit to his compassion and love for others.

Whatever Alex does, he puts his whole heart into accomplishing something for the better. He is an inspiration to me and many others and I'm looking forward to seeing him about the business of caring and giving once again.

FROM THE DESK OF JOHN H. ANDERSON JR., ESQUIRE

March 24, 2021

The Honorable Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson
United States District Court
District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington D.C. 20001

Re: United States v. Alex Kirk Harkrider
1:21-cr-00117-KBJ-2

Dear Judge Jackson,

I hope that this letter finds you and your team doing well. My name is John Howard Anderson, Jr. and I am a licensed attorney in Maryland. The purpose of this letter is to provide this Honorable Court with a character reference and to show my support for the Defendant, Alex Kirk Harkrider.

Alex and I met in 2009 while we were both active-duty infantry with 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Lima Company in the United States Marine Corps. We served together until I left active duty in 2012. Though we were in different platoons within Lima Company, we shared a barracks complex and completed multiple training and real-life combat operations together. Between these close quarter living situations and joint platoon operations, Alex and I not only built a valued friendship with each other, but a bond between brothers.

In the time that I served with Alex, I knew him to be fiercely loyal, exhibit immeasurable selflessness, and at all times have a joke or two to cheer you up if you were feeling down. He was the type of Marine who you could depend on if there was ever a time that you needed help, even if that meant he had to give you the shirt from his own back. At times, I would turn to Alex for my own consoling as we were both from Texas and had similar values. In those times, I could always trust Alex to lift my spirits and provide sound advice.

In my experience, he followed orders without hesitation. When I was promoted to Corporal and Alex remained a Lance Corporal, I would often have the role of Non-Commissioned Officer barracks duty officer. I could always count on Alex to make sure the Marines in his team remained behaved and out of trouble while at the barracks or out in town. It is because of this that I have always admired his ability to maintain his professionalism while also bonding with the Marines around him.

While in Afghanistan, Alex continued to exhibit his exemplary character through the care he took of not only his Marines, but of the local villagers that we encountered while carrying out joint-platoon operations. In a country where death was imminent, not once did I see Alex exhibit

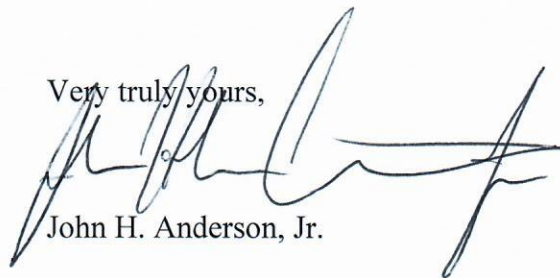
malicious or homicidal behavior, outside of the necessary actions to defend oneself while being shot at. His mental fortitude and calm demeanor continued to impress me throughout our deployment. When we would come across children who had been recently beaten and raped, or entire families decapitated, and other injustices that we had to witness on a regular basis that would get to some of us, Alex only remained steadfast in his conviction to help these people who were complete strangers.

Since leaving active duty, I have maintained contact with Alex. He has continued to lead a life of loyalty and selflessness through his newfound responsibilities as a parent and through his hurricane rescue actions with the organization "Rescue the Universe." Furthermore, in the 12 years of serving with, knowing, and maintaining communication with Alex, he has never exhibited any suicidal or homicidal behavior. At no time would I ever consider Alex to be a danger to himself or society.

Admittedly, I am surprised by the events that took place in January of this year. However, Alex remains a brother and I continue to believe in the good character that I have seen him exhibit for over a decade. He has continued to show me the values that we all swore to uphold of honor, courage, and commitment. Alex is a good man, a loving father, and an irreplaceable brother.

Thank you, Your Honor, for taking the time to read this letter as you consider the type of man that Alex Kirk Harkrider truly is. I am ready to offer further support to Alex as he may require, including appearing in court.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Anderson, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John H. Anderson, Jr.