

DECLARATION OF PAUL R. KELLER, II

Paul R. Keller, II, hereby declares as follows:

1. I am a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy and am currently assigned to Submarine Squadron Six located in Norfolk, Virginia.

2. From August of 1992 to February of 1993 I was assigned to the U.S.S. Hammerhead. While on the U.S.S. Hammerhead, I served as the Leading Storekeeper. While on the U.S.S. Hammerhead my direct superior was Lt.j.g. Richard Dirk Selland, the Supply Officer aboard the U.S.S. Hammerhead.

3. It is my opinion that Lt.j.g. Selland is a hard-working, intelligent officer who handles his responsibilities in a professional manner. While aboard the U.S.S. Hammerhead I worked closely with Lt.j.g. Selland in revamping the supply department. Lt.j.g. Selland was a quick learner who was a diligent and conscientious worker.

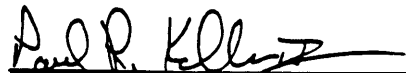
4. Although we never discussed the issue, it was my belief that Lt.j.g. Selland was a homosexual. This belief was shared by many aboard the U.S.S. Hammerhead.

4. The fact that I believed Lt.j.g. Selland was a homosexual had absolutely no effect on my attitude towards him as my superior nor did it have any effect on the way we interacted professionally. In addition, the fact that he was gay had no effect on the morale or discipline of the ship. Those who knew that Selland was gay treated him no differently than anyone else aboard the ship

5. Lt.j.g. Selland's sexual orientation had no adverse effect on the mission of the U.S.S. Hammerhead or the performance of the ship in any way. It is also my opinion that Lt.j.g. Selland's sexual orientation would have had no adverse effect on the ship had we been called into a combat situation.

6. I hereby declare under penalty of the perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Executed by me this 16th day of April, 1993, at Norfolk, Virginia.



Paul R. Keller, II