

DECLARATION OF WARREN B. WALTON

Warren B. Walton hereby declares as follows:

1. I am a First Class Petty Officer in the United States Navy and am currently assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron Seventeen located in Bremerton, Washington. I am married and have two children.

2. Prior to this assignment, I served as the Stores Division Leading Petty Officer aboard the USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN-663). From December 1991 to September 1992, my direct superior was LTJG Richard Dirk Selland, the Supply Officer aboard the USS HAMMERHEAD.

3. Although we never discussed the issue, it was my belief that LTJG Selland was a homosexual. It is my opinion that this belief was shared by other crew members aboard the USS HAMMERHEAD.

4. The fact that I believed LTJG Selland was a homosexual had absolutely no effect on my attitude toward him as my superior nor did it have any effect on the way we interacted professionally.

5. In addition, it is my opinion that LTJG Selland's sexual orientation had no adverse effect on the mission of the USS HAMMERHEAD or the performance of the ship in any way. It is further my opinion that LTJG Selland's sexual orientation simply had no negative impact on the performance of his duties, the duties of those with whom he served, or the morale on the ship's officers and crew. It is also my opinion that LTJG Selland's sexual orientation would have had no adverse effect on the ship had we been placed in a combat situation.

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

Executed by me this fourteenth day of April, 1993, at Bremerton, Washington.



Warren B. Walton
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