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Mr. Jan Scruggs
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Dear Jan:

Received your little missive today. Truly, it is indeed pathetic the way you seem to focus on me as the subject of all your ills. I did not seek this exchange of correspondence, but since you mentioned it:

1. I was neither the source nor the encourager of your "V-device" problem. Quite frankly, whether or not you received the Army's lowest award for valor is of absolutely no interest to me.

2. I would not have "cost" VVMF anything to remove my name from the letterhead if I had been dealt with honestly as we sought a compromise. Since you would not do this, the removal of my name was consistent with my withdrawal of support. Ask yourself how much money you made in the early days from the use of my name.

3. I paid for my "attack dog" out of my own pocket. You used the donations of well-meaning Americans to unleash yours, including using at least one of them to attempt to block my appointment to this position.

4. The additions may have been costly, but of course you raised much more than your announced amount, and most importantly they were needed and were well received.

The memorial is built, Jan. Why don't you get on with the rest of your life?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim".

James H. Webb, Jr.