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'It's Time to Expand KanCare' We Can't Afford to Wait Another Year

by David Jordan

Kansas, like most other states, is facing a sharp loss of state revenue due to the economic impact of COVID-19. Yet, now more than ever, Kansas can't afford not to expand Medicaid.

Despite facing a budget shortfall, Kansas forfeits \$1.8 million in federal funds each day by choosing not to expand eligibility for KanCare, the state's Medicaid program. In total, Kansas has lost out on \$4.24 billion dollars in federal aid since 2014.

We can't claim to be fiscally responsible and forfeit hundreds of millions of dollars annually. The economic impact of bringing those funds back to Kansas will speed our recovery and create new jobs.

Given the state's budget constraints, fiscally responsible policy maximizes state general fund dollars by drawing down federal funds and generating new tax revenue.

Over next two budget years, expanding Medicaid would cost the state just \$20.74 million in state general funds but would leverage \$1.53 billion from the federal government. After accounting for upfront investments, cost savings and funds generated from a new hospital assessment,

expanding Medicaid will only cost Kansas \$2.08 million for fiscal year 2022.

Those numbers don't tell the whole story, because these budget estimates don't account for the economic impact, job growth and new tax revenue seen by states that have expanded Medicaid. New tax revenue created through expanding KanCare will pay for the annual cost — and then some.

How? The \$1.53 billion dollars in federal funds Kansas would gain over the next two budget years would stimulate economic activity, boosting our struggling economy and creating more than 13,000 new jobs. The extra tax revenue from increased economic activity will more than cover the state's costs to expand Medicaid.

We know this because over three dozen states have expanded Medicaid and benefited financially. For instance, Michigan's new tax revenue associated with expanding Medicaid is projected to exceed costs by \$162 million in 2021. In Louisiana, expansion created \$178 million in new state and local tax revenue annually.

In Kansas, poll after poll shows overwhelming sup-

port for expanding Medicaid, not only because it makes economic sense, but also because it would improve the health of Kansans and protect hospitals. Its why, for the last seven years, tens of thousands of Kansans have urged the Legislature to expand KanCare.

Rural hospitals in non-expansion states are six times more likely to close than those in states that have expanded Medicaid and the pandemic will only amplify the problems facing vulnerable hospitals, making expanding KanCare more important now than ever.

Right now, uninsured Kansans, hospitals and health care providers, businesses and our state budget are struggling because of COVID-19 and the state's failure to expand Medicaid. Bringing our tax dollars back will provide health coverage and economic security to our hardworking neighbors, protect our vulnerable hospitals and boost our economy, benefitting our state budget.

It's time to expand KanCare. We can't afford to wait another year.

David Jordan is the president of the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund in Hutchinson.

AAA: Driver-Assist System Marketing May Cause Consumer Misunderstanding

Motorists using new in-vehicle technologies with names like AutoPilot or ProPilot, may believe the driving assist systems are more capable than they actually are, according to new research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. AAA is urging automakers to err on the side of caution when it comes to naming and marketing the new technology, encouraging car dealers not to overhype vehicle capabilities and reminding drivers that they, too, play a role in understanding the limitations of the technology and always remaining engaged when behind the wheel.

"As exciting as these new technologies may be, they are not as fully capable as some of their names might suggest," says Shawn Steward, AAA Kansas spokesman. "It is critical that drivers understand that there are limitations and always remain engaged when behind the wheel."

Active driving assistance systems (ADAS) combine vehicle acceleration with braking and steering. Researchers found consumer information that stresses convenience and capabilities while minimizing limitations can inflate expectations regarding what the system can do and the situations that it can handle. AAA warns that a false sense of system capabilities created by marketing campaigns can lead to dangerous scenarios on the road.

"Based on data collected from our research, subtle differences in tone and emphasis significantly influenced people's understanding of the technology and their expectations of its capability," said Dr. David Yang, executive director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "These systems assist the driver and take some of the stress out of driving, but they don't eliminate the need for drivers to pay attention."

In this latest AAA Foundation study, 90 research participants received a brief overview of an active driving assistance system with a realistic but fictitious name. Before driving the same vehicle, half of the participants were told their system was called "AutonoDrive" and were given an upbeat training that emphasized the system's capabilities and driver convenience. The other half of the participants were told their system was named "DriveAssist," and their training placed greater emphasis on the system's limitations and driver responsibility. Participants trained on AutonoDrive came away with greater confidence — and in some cases, overconfidence — in the system.

After completing the training and driving the test vehicle, 42% of the participants using AutonoDrive, said its name made the system sound more capable than it is, while only 11% of DriveAssist users felt the same.

"From our research, it's clear that education and training can influence users' expectations, how they will interact with and their behaviors when using new vehicle technologies," added Yang.

Potential consumer misunderstanding of new vehicle technology needs to be addressed. In a previous survey, 40 percent of Americans told AAA they expect active driving assistance systems, with names like Autopilot and ProPILOT, to have the ability to drive the car by itself.

AAA recommends that automakers provide consumers with information that is not only technically accurate but also balanced in terms of setting expectations that match what consumers will ultimately experience on the road. For consumers, there must be an emphasis on driver engagement and understanding the limitations of these technologies. Car dealers have a responsibility to educate car buyers on these technologies, but not to oversell a vehicle's bells and whistles.

"Automakers are in the business of selling vehicles. Understandably, they will emphasize convenience and system capabilities in their marketing campaigns. But, their marketing campaigns, materials and consumer information should not mislead motorists," said Jake Nelson, AAA director of traffic safety advocacy and research. "Words matter. We can do better by taking care to be more realistic in setting expectations for

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Kinda cold out today wasn't it? First time I wore a jean jacket and real shoes. Usually I just wear flip flops, but I wanted my toes warm. Mr. Ed and I needed some pills refilled so we went to CVS on Shawnee Drive and then drove around a bit looking at houses. They sure are hard to find anymore. Usually around schools starting there are some, but they go pretty fast. Seems like the Turner area goes fast.

I still am going through things and have to get rid of a lot of stuff. Probably won't be able to move until next Spring. My wonderful son and his gorgeous wife have really been helping me a lot as I have stated before. Did an article on John (graduated from THS) of all the great things he has done. Of course, I put Matilda in the article. She is my life support. Her great-aunt Carol Adcox and great-uncle Johnny Adcox were my playmates when I was a kid and we all went to Franklin. Matilda was an Adcox. The Adcox, Carol and Johnny, I mentioned went to AHS.

Remember Steve Yates? He is the cameraman that is at all the events that was at TRC, the Old Parish house, you remember the old Parish House, it is a new something or another now. Joe Amayo center? Steve and I text back and forth. I invited him to our Domino Dottes get together in several days. He wants something to take pictures of so hopefully he will show up with his wife. I invited Fred Broski too and bring his wife Jane. We all just miss each other and have to get together again or go nutso. Which I already have. duh. Did you ever feel like you are going in circles? Boy, I sure am. Have too much to do and so little time. No it isn't the time, it is the stuff I have to

do. Just too much. My kids try to help me as much as possible, but they live clear over in Missouri. So I just try to do a dab at a time.

Had the Gas Service company over this morning to check out a possible gas leak. They were the nicest two gentlemen and came in two different trucks. They were here almost an hour checking out every nook and cranny in the yard and in the house, upstairs and downstairs. Couldn't find anything. Checked the meter, just EVERYTHING. I had been smelling that odor about 2 weeks. Couldn't figure it out. So, a couple hours later, I went to the broom closet to get a broom. Yikes!!!! There is was. Omgosh, a bag of rotten onions. Holy Moley. Can you believe that? I usually don't buy them by the bag and used one and hung them in the broom closet in the kitchen. I called Peggy, my neighbor and told her. She about died laughing. I did too. Could not, I say could not believe it. Here those poor gasmen worked their tails off. Had to call my favorite daughter in law and told her. She said that happened to her one time with rotten potatoes. Oh my. What to do when we have too much to do and stuff like that happens. I guess I am not as efficient as I thought I was. lol.

Well my dear people, I lvyaa all, gotta go. Got things to do, like get some sleep. I was awake until 4 a.m. the other morning. I think too much about stuff and more stuff, oh yeah and other stuff. Take care, mind your p's and q's. Your little 4'10" gal from Argentine. Sue

"When I was young, there was no respect for the youth. Now that I am older, there is no respect for the aged. I missed it coming and going."

"You know you are getting old when you realize that 75 years ago doctors who looked at people your age were called coroners." Old Jokes for Old folks

Mom and Roy Rogers

By: Sue Reich

This is a short but true story that happened back in the mid 1930's. My mom was a very good musician. She played the piano, the organ and the accordion back

then and at that time, she had her accordion and her 3 or 4 year old little daughter, Gayle with her. There was going to be entertainment at the theater that was having a talent show. Mom and Gayle were part of the show. Gayle started singing when she was very young. A young handsome man saw mom and Gayle and really fell for mom. He told her his name was Roy Rogers and he was just starting out. Roy wanted mom to go to California with him. (Before Dale Evans) She told him she was married and couldn't leave her husband like that. He really wanted her to go with him, but she was flattered and told him no but thank you. But as the story goes, he went back to California, became VERY popular and married his Happy Trails sweetheart that he met after he became popular.

At first I had my doubts about her story, then the Kansan newspaper came out with a story about Roy Rogers coming to Kansas City to do a show. Mom had told me the truth. She was a good singer, a beautiful lady with big brown eyes and had a great personality. But she was in love with my dad, (I wasn't even thought of yet.) Hmm, I wonder if mom had gone with Roy if he would be my dad. lol. I still have that Kansan paper.

Here is another short story: I was in Las Vegas in the 1970's and went with a group from Reich's. I wasn't a Reich yet. Didn't even know them. Anyway about 6 or 8 of us went there and stayed at the MGM Grand Hotel. I was wandering around by myself at one point and was in a hallway and here coming towards me was a cute little old white-haired man in a white suit looking puzzled. "Well, hello, Colonel". Yes, it was Colonel Sanders. But anyway, he told me he was lost and had to go speak at a meeting and couldn't find the banquet hall. I told him that I would help him. I put my arm in his and we walked and talked and finally found the banquet hall he wanted. We talked a few more minutes and I told him I had worked at a couple of KFC's. He pulled out a business card of his and signed his name. He said to call him anytime. I still have that business card and it is 44 years old. That ol' guy is gone now, but now I see him on TV and it always reminds

me when I helped him find his banquet hall where he was going to speak.

Twin Towers

By: Sue Reich

Cannot believe it has been 19 years since the Twin Towers were brought down. I worked at Harmon and my sister Carolyn called us and asked if we had our TV on, it was an emergency. We quickly turned it on. Oh my god, a plane crashed right into one of the towers. Everyone in the plane killed. As we all watched in awe, another plane crashed into the other tower. What in the world?

As the news went on, we began to realize what was happening. The news of the dastardly deed spread all over

the world. The Pentagon had also been crashed into. Won't go into detail because we all know the outcome. The ones that were killed that were in the planes, the towers, the Pentagon. I heard the Statue of Liberty was on the list to be destroyed too. Who would have thought something like that would happen on our grounds? But it did. We were caught off guard. Could it happen again?

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Grandfather clock: needs balanced \$20. Maple dining room set: Buffet, \$200.00, matching china cabinet. \$200.00, matching table with 6 chairs, \$400.00. Email Sue if interested. Imadotte76@gmail.com. more to come later. Have to downsize.



Jim and Lana Jarsulic at the garden produce sale on 55th street. This is the parking lot in front of the newly purchased building that use to be Dr. G's.



Mary is working at the new Porkies. She worked at Reich's for quite some time. Porkie's took over Reich's and was remodeled. They had their Grand Opening on the 5th of September.



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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Can one support two separate causes, though diametrically opposite and still be considered unbiased? I hope so. Herein lies the tale.

Members of my extended family have been and are now in law enforcement in Kansas City, Kansas. I support the police. Before I moved to Kansas City and integration, I attended school with black kids whose school had been closed. I have attended school with several different minorities. My grandson-in-law is black. I support "Black Lives Matter."

I got a call from a friend

who asked if I wanted to put a sign in my yard saying, "Back the Blue". I said "Sure." But we wanted a "Black lives Matter" sign also. We ordered one online but found out it would take almost two weeks. In the meantime, Calvin made a sign from an old political campaign. He put both in the front yard side by side.

Two days later, I noticed the "Back the Blue" sign was not there. I figured someone might have taken it. Pranks do happen. Calvin discovered the sign on the ground, having been almost completely burned up. I feel angry and violated that someone would deliberately destroy something they because don't agree. We will still try to get another sign but in the meantime, I'll keep my new "Black Lives Matter" "on the porch."

Peaceful protest is one thing, the destruction of personal property is something else. I feel those who deface, burn, and loot are only hurting the cause. My impression is that the agitators are from outside groups who wish to stir up trouble.

Time to get off the soap-box.

I hope you have read "Orphan Train" published in 2015. I lent my copy to someone and never got it back. The author is Christina Baker Kline who has written several other historical novels. Her latest being "The Exiles" about the convict transports from England to Australia in the 1860's. Not only were men sent but women prisoners who after serving their time stayed to begin to create a society of their own. It tells the history of the forced relocation and reeducation of the indigenous population. (America was not the only guilty country who committed this offense.)

My public service announcements: Be sure to participate in the U.S. Census if you have not done so already. Register to vote and if you have registered, consider mail-in voting. Applications for ballots can be downloaded, the deadline for applications is October 13.

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consumers such that the sale of a new vehicle does not come at the expense of safety.”

Drivers have a role to play, too. They are responsible for taking the time to understand the technology in their vehicle. New features, functions, and limitations should be understood before leaving the lot. Additional AAA Foundation research examined active driving assistance in on-road driving with research participants and found that when motorists receive detailed, comprehensive training on the system, they initially pay more attention to the overall driving task.

To reduce misuse or over-reliance on the systems, AAA recommends that new vehicle owners follow this PLAN:

- Purpose – Learn the purpose of active driving technology by reading the vehicle’s owner’s manual and visiting the manufacturer’s website.

- Limitations – Understand what the technology cannot do; do not make any assumptions about automation. An active driving system should not be confused with a self-driving one.

- Allow Time for Testing – Allow time for safe on-road testing, so drivers know exactly how this technology works in real driving situations.

- Never Rely On It – Do not rely on this technology; instead, act as if the vehicle does not have it with the driver always prepared to retake control if needed.

For more information, visit AAAFoundation.org and Newsroom.AAA.com.

About AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Established in 1947 by AAA, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety is a nonprofit, publicly funded, 501(c)(3) charitable research and educational organization. The AAA Foundation’s mission is to prevent traffic deaths and injuries by researching their causes and by educating the public about strategies to prevent crashes and reduce injuries when they do occur. This research develops educational materials for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and other road users.

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KDHE Amends Travel Quarantine List

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has amended its travel quarantine list to no longer include travel to Aruba and to also remove mandatory quarantine following attendance at out-of-state mass gatherings of 500 or more provided people wear masks and maintain social distancing (6 feet). Those who do not wear masks or who do not maintain social distancing, as well as anyone notified by public health they are a close contact, still are mandated to quarantine.

“We do not recommend attendance at any type of mass gathering event but

recognize that some larger events may take appropriate precautions,” Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE Secretary, said. “If choosing to attend, people must practice social distancing and wear masks.”

Mass gatherings are defined as any event or convening that brings together 500 or more persons in a single room or space at the same time such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. This includes parades, fairs and festivals. Mass gatherings does not include normal operations of airports, bus

and train stations, medical facilities, libraries, shopping malls and centers, or other spaces where 500 or more persons may be in transit. It also does not include typical office environments, schools, restaurants, factories or retail/grocery stores where large numbers of people are present, but it is unusual for them to be within 6 feet of one another for more than 10 minutes.

A comprehensive list of those individuals needing to quarantine for 14 days includes visitors and Kansans who have:

- Attendance at any out-of-state mass gatherings of 500

or more where individuals do not socially distance (6 feet) and wear a mask.

- Traveled to Aruba August 27-September 10.

- Traveled July 14 – August 27 to countries with a CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice and restrictions on entry into the United States, including China, Iran, European Schengen area, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, and Brazil.

- Been on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the KDHE website at www.kdhe.ks.gov/coronavirus.

AG urges President to support funds for National Child ID Program

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is seeking the President’s support for federal funding to support state efforts to protect children from exploitation, abduction and human trafficking.

Schmidt joined 19 other state attorneys general in asking the president to support funding to purchase kits utilized by the National Child ID Program. More than 800,000 children go missing nationally each year including runaways and those who are abducted.

“This low-cost effort takes minutes for parents to complete but can be vital in helping to locate a missing child and bring them home to their families,” Schmidt said. “Expanding use of child ID kits is an effective way to give parents and law enforcement the tools necessary to safeguard our most precious resources.”

Since 1997, the National Child ID Program has distributed more than 54 million kits, allowing parents to collect and maintain physical characteristics, fingerprints and DNA of their children. No outside group collects, monitors or has access to the data unless parents choose to share it during an emergency when a child is missing. During his tenure, Schmidt has distributed Child ID Kits across Kansas at events including the Kansas State Fair, county fairs and other community organizations.

Bipartisan legislation was led by Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pennsylvania, and Donald Norcross, D-New Jersey, in 2019 in the U.S. House of Representatives establishing the National Child ID Act. It would amend federal law to allow state attorneys general to request federal grant funds to purchase kits for children in grades kindergarten through sixth. Each kit costs \$1.76 per child. The National Child ID Program has asked Congress to set aside nearly \$52 million in the next COVID-19 stimulus package to fund the purchase of 30 million kits.

“The threat of our kids being victims is more immediate than ever,” the attorneys general wrote. “Every time we receive an amber alert for a missing 1-year-old, it illustrates the critical need for this program.”

Governor Kelly and DCF Announce Additional Child Care Benefit

Governor Laura Kelly and the Kansas Department for Children and Families today announced an additional benefit in September for those receiving child care assistance to support families as they adapt to delayed school openings across the state.

“The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our state, and many families and child care providers are in need of additional resources,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “As parents and kids adjust to virtual, remote, and hybrid learning environments, DCF is providing the support Kansas families need right now.”

“We know a large number of districts have moved the beginning of the school year to September,” DCF Secretary Laura Howard said. “This means many families are needing child care during a time when their kids would normally be in school.”

DCF is supplementing September child care plans to equal the benefit issued in August. In a typical year, the benefit would be reduced in September to account for children being in school. Those families eligible for the extra benefit include those with existing child care plans with DCF that have school-aged children. Additionally, families who apply by September 30, 2020 also will receive these additional September benefits, prorated based on the date of application.

DCF also is expanding eligibility criteria for its Hero Relief Program. The program expands DCF’s child care assistance subsidies for families by making them available to essential workers who financially qualify. Effective Sept. 1, school personnel will be added to the list of eligible workers.

The expansion will include:

- Educators and select other school personnel including teachers, para-professionals and their substitutes
- Workers providing bus or other transportation services, food services, and custodial services for public and private schools, including those employed by contractors
- Workers providing other essential services within public and private schools may be determined eligible with the approval of regional administrators

To qualify, families must have countable gross income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level. For an average family of four that equals a monthly income of \$5,458. Families will receive the full DCF subsidy amount based on their family size, with no family-share deduction.

“We know teachers and other school personnel are dealing with difficult situations involving the care of their own children,” Howard said. “By expanding the Hero Relief Program, we hope to relieve some of the financial burden many of these families now face.”

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Guest Editorial

Trump Hates the U.S. Military, In Spite of His Lies to the Contrary

By: Tom Valverde

Let's begin with this lie by Trump, "One of my greatest honors was getting CHOICE approved for our great veterans. Others have tried for decades and failed!" President Trump, December 31, 2019. Since that date, Trump has told that lie more than 100 times! Delusion in anyone can be bad, but it's a threat to our national security, when a president to be so out of touch with reality. President Obama signed the VETERAN'S CHOICE bill in 2014, the bill was written by Senators McCain and Sanders.

On September 3, a disturbing account of this president's scorn for the Military, was written by the Editor in Chief of The Atlantic Magazine, Mr. Geoffrey Goldberg. In his article, he tells of Trump's referring to fallen U.S. troops as "suckers" on a postponed trip that was to be made to honor the U.S. Marines who had given their all in WWI. "Other World Leaders drove to the cemetery, but the President just didn't want to go, for fear that in the windy and rainy weather, that Trump's hair would be messed up!" It gives the account of what happened on a trip made by President Trump in 2018, to Paris, France. So, these brave Marines, 18,000 laid to rest at Belleau Wood are just suckers to Trump. Soldiers missing in action are "losers". Trump said, "I don't understand why so much effort is made into finding soldiers missing in action!" "They performed poorly and deserved what they got!" The Atlantic article said that Trump scorned guys who went to serve in Vietnam, Trump saying, "they were too dumb to get out of it!"

President Trump lies when he brags about his being responsible for rebuilding the U.S. Military. First, there was no depleted Military we outspend other countries in supporting the armed Forces! Trump wants credit for Military pay raises, which come in each year's Annual Budget-from the Congress. Former Vice-president Joseph R. Biden, Trump's democratic opponent, held a press conference to address Trump's hateful words about our Military in the Atlantic Magazine article. "My son, wasn't a sucker for serving in the army in Iraq." Mr. Biden speech was stern, forceful, but

always composed. When he was questioned about how he felt, after hearing what President Trump had said, Mr. Biden response was to throw the question back to the reporters. Mr. Biden asked, "How would you feel if you had a kid in Afghanistan right now? How would you feel, if you lost a son, a daughter, husband or wife? How would you feel, right now?" Mr. Biden called Trump's words, "sick, deplorable, un-American, and absolutely damnable." He said that he was closer to losing his temper, than at any other point during the campaign. "But I won't sink to Trump's level, the American people expect more from their President."

Trump has lost support from his troops. In the latest poll by Military Times Magazine, Mr. Biden's support among active-duty troops stood at 41%, versus Trump's 37%. Mr. Will Goodwin, director of Governmental Relations at Vote Vet* provided his thoughts. "The strength of the U.S. Military comes from the men and women who fill its ranks, and their families. People who would give literally everything in defense of this country!" "And they are not "suckers" they are not "losers" Donald Trump is the "loser!" "That's the message coming from Veteran's across the country." "The suckers are the people defending Trump, and maligning Gold Star families, to curry favor with the man who dodged the draft, 5 times, himself in Vietnam. We know that Donald Trump is a liar with no principals. There is No reason we should believe the President who has told more than 20,000 documented and fact checked Lies during his Administration."

*VoteVet.com efforts are to defeat President Trump with many online ads, many with Gold Star family members and Veterans expressing their disdain for Trump.

Chuck Hagel, former Secretary of Defense was visibly upset at having to comment on what Trump said about our Military. Mr. Hagel said, "The issue in 2018, of his going to the American Military cemetery in France, that's B.S.! Every one of the leaders who were there, the leader of Germany, the leader of France, the leader of Canada, and other leaders, They drove to honor U.S. Marines for what they did; they sacrificed their

last lives!" "President Trump's taking almost \$4 Billion dollars out of defense contracting monies that were going to build new schools, hospitals and facilities for American troops and their families." Mr. Hagel was being interviewed by CNN's, Jim Acosta. Hagel went on: "A whole list of things that Trump has done to debase our Military, and watching this, day after day, if it weren't so serious, Jim, you'd be like a clown show, a daily clown show" "This Atlantic story focuses on the debasement of our men and women who give of themselves, to this country--I mean, it's really astounding!" Mr. Acosta asked for his personal reaction to what was printed in the Atlantic magazine. "My reaction to this is based on the fact that I am a Veteran myself. My brother Tom, and I served in Vietnam in 1968. We served with the finest people we've ever known in our lives. Their families, everything they represent, that's where I start." "Trump has used the Military for 3 1/2 years, he's used them as props in his campaigns." "Every time Trump announces something, he'll use them as props." "Everything he uses, he uses our Military, he uses our people, and he uses our tradition, the Military tradition of service." "I say this about those who made those anonymous comments to Mr. Goldberg, who is a respected journalist, and I know him. It is their time now to use their names. Quit enabling this guy, come on, show some courage!" "Now is the time to step out in front. Or I fear another 4 years, of not only what Trump's doing to our Military, but what he is doing to this country!"

President Trump's words have been confirmed by top Pentagon officials. In a statement, "All quotes in the Atlantic article, which were attributed to President Trump, are accurate," Associated Press' Investigative reporter James Laporta also confirmed all the details of the Atlantic magazine report. Mr. Laporta consulted with former Department of Defense officials from the U.S. Marine Corps, he too is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. One of the more disturbing episodes presented by Goldberg was a visit made to Arlington cemetery with John Kelly, then Secretary of Homeland Security. The two men were set to visit Section 60, the area in Arlington cemetery set aside for those killed in America's most recent Wars. A First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, Robert Kelly was killed in 2010 in Afghanistan, he was 29 years old. According to sources with knowledge of

this visit, President Trump, while standing by Robert Kelly's grave, turned directly to John Kelly, and said, "I don't get it. What's in it for them!" General McGaffrey said, "President Trump has been a disaster! Trump is a man of many fears, I think; fear of service, fear of disfigurement, and fear of death." "And, he literally cannot understand, the Millions of Veterans who would step forward, to defend this country, without reward, monetary reward, or for medals. But, to simply protect our Constitution and our way of life."

Contempt for our Men and Women in the Military, what a piece of work is Donald Trump! In one of the earliest of these writings for The Record, I recall stating that Trump was unfit for the Office of the United States President. Many said at that time, Trump will change, but with only a few weeks in office, it was clear to me that my own beliefs were, reinforced by Trump's every word and corrupt action and there was never any sign of change, of his growing into the office. Trump is an un-indicted co-conspirator and has been under investigation by city, state, and federal authorities since the very start of his time in office. And, rightly so! Trump's final years will be bleak with the scores of lawsuits that await him!

President Trump's open scorn for the Military is documented in the book, "A Very Stable Genius," by Philip Rucker and Carol Leonnig. During the first weeks in 2017, a meeting was organized by top Generals at the Pentagon. They wanted to inform the new president of the latest news from around the world that the US and he should consider for our best safety and security. The Generals welcomed Trump to a secure room in the Pentagon, and began their lecture, planned especially for him. Trump was bored by all the detailed information, and after only half an hour, he gets up to leave. This wasn't sufficiently rude enough, so Trump turns to the Generals and said, "I wouldn't go to war with you people; you're all a bunch of dopes and babies!" Yet, he still tried to make amends to the Military. He had called for the discontinuation of the 150+ year old, venerable Military newspaper, Stars and Stripes, by this month's end. And though, the Secretary of Defense told Congress that the cut was made to "save money," this move would have allowed Trump and his administration's constant flow of disinformation to go out, unimpeded by facts. But, with all the reporting by 24-hour cable news stations with details from

this Atlantic magazine article, and outrage expressed by current and former Military officials, President Trump had no choice but to reverse course that same day. Trump announced on Twitter that his Administration would not be closing Stars and Stripes after all. It will continue to be a wonderful source of information to our great Military!" Nice try, but, it's too little, too late. And, as Trump would have said, The President has performed poorly, and he deserves what he gets! Or in this case, what he won't be getting: votes from U.S. Military and their families! With deepest gratitude and honor to all our men and women who serve in the United States Military and also, with much respect and pride for all of our Veterans! Many sincere thanks to you all!



Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Johnnie Lee Barker, age 90. Passed away on September 2, 2020. Raised in Armourdale.

Melvin Eugene Routh, age 83. Passed away September 2, 2020. Turner High School graduate, 1955.

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