

Green Beret Gold Star Husband Responds to Allegations Against President

Last week, President Donald Trump was met with nameless allegations that he has mocked our military service members. One Gold Star husband has responded, though, crying foul over the claims against the commander-in-chief.

“When I read the anonymous allegations this week that President Trump spoke disparagingly of our troops, I knew they simply weren’t true—or were taken completely out of context in order to hurt him before the election,” wrote Joe Kent, a Green Beret and combat veteran whose wife, Shannon, was killed by a suicide bomber during a mission fighting ISIS in Syria in January 2019.

Since 9/11, America’s all-volunteer force has served under two presidents who were quick to ceremoniously praise our sacrifices without taking any real action to change the grinding status quo that has become the hallmark of the Global War on Terror.

– Joe Kent (@joekent16jan19) September 5, 2020

In a column published Saturday by NBC News, Kent recalled the moment he met and spoke with the president at Dover Air Force Base, where he awaited his wife’s remains.

“I’d never met a president before Donald Trump. His empathy and thoughtfulness on one of the worst days of my life won my gratitude.”

During their time together, Kent said Trump told him, “Shannon was the real deal, we are lucky to have people like her willing to go out there and face evil for us,” all the while

hold his arm on the grieving husband's shoulder. Kent also remembered the president "held eye contact" the entire time, adding he "could see—unmistakably—the pain I'd seen in the eyes of other senior leaders who ultimately bear the responsibility for sending men and women to their deaths in combat."

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