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To Whom It May Concern,

I met Graydon Lewis on December 20th of 1973, when I was assigned too the 82nd Airborne Division, and was further assigned as Graydon's ammo bearer on an M-60 machine gun crew. I quickly became friends with Graydon, not because I had to, but rather because he was the type of guy, that most people naturally take a liking to. Graydon was, and still is, a true friend that stands by his friends, is a kind and considerate man towards all people, and especially helpful to someone one when they are in need of a friend.

During the year of 1974, our unit had the privilege to work with underprivileged, abused, handicapped, and mentally impaired children at Ft. Bragg, NC, where we were stationed. We instructed the children and provided them safety from the hardships that they faced in their daily lives, and while spending a sort of summer camp for three weeks with us at the lodge at Ft. Bragg.

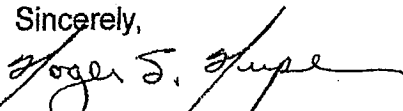
We taught the children how to setup medium sized general purpose tents, set up their bunks, held cookouts, go boating and canoeing, archery, volley ball, and many other fun-filled activities which gave them a recreational relief from their normal lives.

To say that the children had all of the fun, would be inaccurate, as we had just as much fun working with these children. It furthered reminded us, why our job as professional soldiers was so important. As far as Graydon was concerned, I still wonder about whether or not he was just one of the kids out there during those weeks. Watching Graydon work with these kids, I saw a side of Graydon that most impressed me. Graydon displayed a natural ability of teaching, unusual patience, love, and dynamic protector towards not only the children of our group...but towards all of the children....including those of us who wore military uniforms.

To say that Graydon is an excellent instructor in martial arts would be an understatement, as his Martial Arts instructor (sensei), is also a good army buddy of mine as well, and I know first hand, how dedicated Mr. Savetassi and Graydon Lewis are in the Martial Arts.

I am not trying to make Graydon Lewis sound like a Saint, but he is a man of character, dedication, honesty (beyond belief to say the least), moral fiber, patience, and too many more attributes to name. No, Mr. Lewis is no Saint, but he should be.

Sincerely,



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