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Dear Major General Lehnert:

I read in the San Diego Union Tribune that you were getting ready to retire from military service. You have had a great military career with many notable accomplishments, which I am sure you are very proud of. However, I wanted to make sure to acknowledge your support of our efforts to increase the postsecondary opportunities to your Marines. Our MECEP numbers keep going up, so I know the word has gotten out to the Marines about the importance of pursuing a postsecondary degree. This kind of message has to be brought down from the very top and I know it started with you.

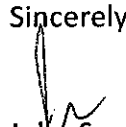
I have had the opportunity to hear you speak on three occasions. The first was at one of our Troops To College meetings at MCRD. I had the opportunity to talk to you after you presented and you were kind enough to give me one of your military coins for my son.

The second opportunity was at a SDSU Student Veterans Organization Dinner where you made a great presentation about the importance of seeking a postsecondary degree and the need for all political parties to come together to support our veterans and active duty personnel.

The third and final opportunity I had to hear you speak was at California State University San Marcos during one of our Memorial Day events. Again, the message of the importance of pursuing a college degree was a very clear one.

I know the Marines hold you in the highest regard and it is well earned. You have truly accomplished so much in your military tenure. Thank you for always making the time to talk to me during the events which we both attended. I know that the demands for your time and attention were always great. I truly hope you have a long and happy retirement. You will have plenty of time to reflect on all that you accomplished. Enjoy your family and the free time that you so richly deserve.

Sincerely,


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