

"READ HIS LIPS" - active and retired military personnel
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Your Commander in Chief called the men and women who served in Operation Desert Field/Desert Storm " k i d s " during his State of the Union address. According to his budgetproposals this is his way of thanking "his kids" - all military personnel (active and/or retired) for a job well done and risking limb and/or life - in order to protect his job and to get re-elected. These are just a few examples:

- 1) Veteran benefits will be cut by 2.8 billion dollars (C-SPAN budget discussions 01/30/92).
- 2) Veterans buying homes will be subject to a hefty increase in VA home loan guaranty fees (Union Leader, Manchester,NH 01/30/92).
- 3) 138 000 active duty military personnel will be released by September 1992; by 1997 close to 1 million active military jobs will be eliminated (New Hampshire Sunday News, Manchester,NH 02/02/92).

The first cut anticipated by September 1992 will mean the loss of over 200 000 jobs, since most dependents are forced to hold jobs in order to provide their families with decent living conditions. We have at present time about 1/4 of military personnel who depend on and receive food stamps. This will add to an already staggering number of people who will be unemployed and also who will need some kind of assistance in order to survive. My husband (CMSGT - USAF ret.) is a Korean and Vietnam veteran; my son (SSGT - USAF) served with Desert Storm. It infuriates me when George Bush addresses my loved ones as "kids" - since I am convinced that he did not shed one tear for them. Saddam Hussein is still in power - why then does the president insist, that the United States "won" the Gulf war.

All veterans including the men and women who participated in Operation Desert Storm do not receive adequate medical care and/or benefits - yet we designated in the budget proposal over 20 billion dollars for foreign aid - knowing that most of this monies end up in the pockets of politicians in these countries.

Please consider these facts when it is time to cast your vote. **Your** vote will help to decide who will occupy the White House in January of 1993.

I only addressed a small segment of our population but I felt that their plight needed to be brought out.

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