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Dear Sir or Madam:

Military-Veterans Advocacy® (MVA) is a 501c3 non-profit corporation dedicated to benefiting veterans of military service. Specifically, our mission is to litigate, legislate, and educate on behalf of members of the armed forces and veterans. At this time, we find it pertinent to educate you on proper military customs and courtesies.

Our organization was formed ten years ago and is based in Slidell, Louisiana. We have been successful in obtaining benefits for hundreds of thousands of veterans. Most of our members and our board of directors are military veterans who are proud to have served.

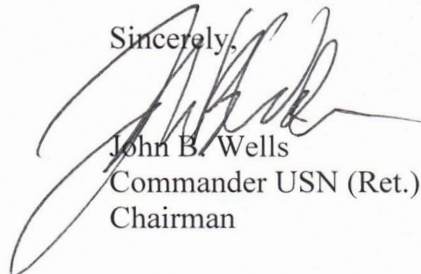
We here at the Military-Veterans Advocacy®, take great offense at the listing of “harmful” words promulgated by Stanford’s Elimination of Harmful Language Initiative. The list includes terms such as “Chief” and “Master.” These terms are part of the rank structure of the armed forces. You might understand this if you had the decency to include an ROTC unit of any branch of service on your campus. For example, we have Chief Warrant Officers, Chief Petty Officers, Master Chief Petty Officers, Chief of Naval Operations, Master Sergeant, Chief Master Sergeant, Senior Master Sergeant and even the Constitutionally mandated Commander-in-Chief.

This list is an insult to the military rank structure. Attaining these ranks is not an easy process and I object to your attempt to denigrate our members. If you are seriously trying to avoid provoking or triggering language, perhaps you should consider the impact your uneducated and irresponsible statements have on those who have fought to preserve your right to be stupid.

In addition, we are proud Americans and will continue to use that all-inclusive term. Many immigrants who have fought bravely in our military consider themselves Americans - even if they are not U. S. Citizens.

On behalf of our organization, its members, and supporters, I hereby demand a formal written apology from Stanford.

Sincerely,



John B. Wells  
Commander USN (Ret.)  
Chairman