

Billy R. Sierra

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City of Stamford
Stamford Government Center
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Good evening, my Name is Billy R. Sierra and I would first like to thank you for taking the time to address my concerns. I wish I could be there tonight in support of the Stamford's Dealey Division Sea Cadets but I am currently engaged in a military training exercise.

I am a United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 currently serving as a Sikorsky UH-60 Blackhawk Instructor Pilot with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion at Joint Base Maguire Dix Lakehurst. I have proudly served in the Armed Forces for over 16 years which include 10 years in the United States Marine Corps and six years and counting in the United States Army. I am very proud to have claimed the titles of a United State Marine and Army Aviator in the same lifetime. I have been all over the world and I have participated in a full spectrum of operations at home and abroad. I have conducted combat operations in the mountains of Afghanistan, saved lives in New Orleans following hurricane Katrina, and stopped drugs from entering the United States in the Florida straits. I have dedicated my entire life in the service of my country and community. As Nathan Hale said, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country".

My call to duty did not begin when I stepped on the "yellow footprints" at Marine Corp Recruit Depot Parris Island in 1997, it began the day I walked into the Stamford Marine Center and joined the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps' Dealey Division. I have been associated with the Stamford's Dealey Division for over 20 years and I am a product of this amazing program. I honestly do not know where I would be without The Sea Cadet program and I hope the city understands the impact this program has on the community.

Dealey Division has served the community for many decades and is an integral part of producing quality citizens and patriots for the city of Stamford and neighboring towns. Dealey Division is one of the largest and highest rated Sea Cadet programs in the country and has proudly called Stamford their home for over 50 years. I am concerned that if the Sea Cadets don't receive the adequate facility it needs to run the program will be lost and will no longer be able contribute to the community. The Sea Cadets have earned their place in Stamford and it is important that they are not forgotten by the City's leadership. I hope that the decisions following this meeting are in the BEST interest of the community which includes it's youth. Please give the program what they need to continue doing what they do best, producing quality youth, citizens, and patriots to this great city and country. Thank you for your time and please contact me if I can be of any assistance

Sincerely,

Billy R. Sierra