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### ***UPDATE: What We Said Would Happen, Happened – How the DoD'S PAO Machine Poisons Jury Pools***

In December 2024, DoD Times (Redacted) published an exposé titled “[What the Army Isn't Telling You About Its Case Against MAJ Jon Batt](#).” One of the damning takeaways? That the DoD's vast public affairs (PAO) apparatus—armed with ready access to reporters, headlines, and clickbait graphics—is one of the most effective tools the prosecution has in sabotaging the presumption of innocence.

Now, just a few months later, new developments confirm [the phenomenon we warned you about](#).

Meet Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) X, an Army officer who was selected for court-martial jury duty in MAJ Batt's case. How do we know that LTC X was selected? And what did LTC X do when he learned of his selection?

He posted about it on Facebook.

In that post, he expressed frustration over being selected and linked into the comments section a sensational news article about the very case he would be judging. Predictably, the comments section lit up with inflammatory takes—labeling the accused a “sociopath,” “dangerous,” and “guilty.” Not once did LTC X remind commenters that the accused was entitled to the presumption of innocence. Instead, after a concerned reader raised objections, LTC X simply deleted the post.

### **An Army That Weaponizes Narrative—Then Walks Away**

Just like in the Batt case, where the Army's JAG team attempted pre-trial confinement in another attempt to remove the presumption of innocence, brought flawed binders to the hearing, downplayed exculpatory statements, and coached unsteady CID agents with blatantly leading questions, the DoD once again showed its cards: it's less interested in justice and more interested in conviction optics. And the PAO? They play along.



When stories about accused service members drop, the headlines are loud. Names are bolded. Charges are broadcast with finality. But when those charges fall apart or when misconduct by prosecutors, investigators, or commander's surfaces, the silence is predictably deafening.

There was no PAO follow-up correcting the record in MAJ Batt's case—even after a judge found no grounds to keep him confined. There will be no headline calling out LTC X's wildly inappropriate social media either. Why? Because DoD doesn't do retractions. It does reputational execution.

### **A Culture of Bias, Not Justice**

LTC X wasn't just some random officer popping off on social media. He was selected to serve as a juror in one of the most consequential decisions of a service member's life—and he still used social media to carelessly inflame public opinion. This says a lot about the officer's decision making, but it also says a lot about the DoD's processes.

The DoD knows that though LTC X may receive a slap on the wrist, but increased damage to MAJ Batt's defense is—conveniently for the prosecution—predictably helped along.

Accountability? For prosecutors? For commanders? For compromised jurors? The gears of accountability are rusted shut.

### **The Call Is Still Coming from Inside the House**

If you're a service member under investigation, here's what you're up against:

- ▶ Your chain of command controls the charges.
- ▶ Your prosecution team has office space down the hall from the convening authority.
- ▶ Your jury might read about your case in the news *before* hearing it in court.
- ▶ Even if a jury finds you not guilty, the chances are (very) high that the DoD will still remove you from service via a kangaroo court, [\*Board of Inquiry or Administrative Separation Board\*](#).
- ▶ Oh, and good luck winning a scrubbing your name off Google.



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