

An Editorial from The Mid-South Tribune

Why the National Guard must come to Memphis... from sports page 1

Watch for The Mid-South Tribune’s “Charlie Kirk, Safety, Second Amendment Rights, and a Salute to the National Guard” Special Edition.

reen’s or even mom & pop stores in neighborhoods. You cannot have viable entrepreneurship such as the Elon Musk xAI Memphis venture in Boxtown, one of the poorest areas in the city, or other ventures that will take Memphis into the 21st Century. Safety and that proverbial “Law and Order” must be mandatory in any city if it is to function. Memphis,Tennessee’s largest city, is a predominantly black city where crime has run amuck. Not because it is black, but because it continues to put mostly black Democrat officeholders in charge and keeps voting them back into office! Even when the Boxtown controversy was going on, this newspaper held back because as I shall write in a later op/ed, we wanted to see what rats would emerge from the woodwork. The rats came out and they were Democ-rats who have an interest in making sure their power base remains intact, black, and po (can’t even afford the ‘or). One rat is the liberal mainly white Southern Poverty Law Center (more on this later). Mayor Young ‘s anti-National Guard rebellion came out shortly after Councilwoman and Democratic candidate for governor Jerri Green put out a fund-raising letter in which she stated: “We don’t need armed military forces occupying democratic cities and intimidating our neighbors. We need real leaders with backbone that will stand up to wannabe dictators. Bill Lee isn’t doing it now and Marsha Blackburn will be

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more of the same...” Face it, Young will follow the Democrat Party to hell and back, even if he is the son of a preacher man. So, naturally he is anti-Trump; therefore, anti-safety as long as he can trek back to his safe neighborhood with ample bodyguards. On the other hand, U.S. Senator Blackburn stated: “We are grateful for everything President Trump has already done to Make Memphis Safe Again with the help of FBI Director Patel and Attorney General Pam Bondi. Today, President Trump answered my call to do whatever it takes to Make Memphis Safe Again, and I applaud his decision to send the National Guard to Memphis following his tremendous success in reducing violent crime in Washington, D.C. Time and time again, President Trump has stepped in to restore law and order in blue cities that refuse to protect their own citizens, and I will continue working alongside the Trump administration to hold left-wing officials accountable for the consequences of soft-on-

crime agendas.” Green is running against Black-burn for Tennessee governor. Memphians and Mid-Southerners cannot allow this little itty-bitty clique of Democrat elitists to take the city into the depths of a Third World African Nation where the citizens will have to go down to the Muddy Mississippi get water while their leaders live in mansions with running water. Children, seniors, families, and everyday working citizens who want to live King’s Dream, must say: “Send in the National Guard!” Over the years, I cannot tell how many everyday working black citizens have come to me and said, “Ms. Mitchell, we want the police here. We need the police here.” Yet, it was this enclave of mostly black Democratic Party elites who preached “Defund the Police” led by a Soros-soaked Black Lives Matter (BLM), and other so-called revolutionary black elitists who believe in socialism and Marxism for everybody else and capitalism for themselves. About a year or so back, I wrote how much influence George Soros was having with what looks to be Soros-soaked mostly black Democrat officeholders, including some in the judiciary and legal realm. I wrote then that America’s sixth richest man who brags about being an atheist has stated: “I’m going to bring down the United States by funding Black hate groups. We’ll put them in a mental trap and make

them blame white people. The black community is the easiest to manipulate.” George Soros (interview with Germany’s BILD – September 2014). In that same op/ed piece, I wrote that Soros was following a “black-print” for his blueprint to take his Open Society and his Marxist-socialist political agenda into southern states with a high percentage of a black populace. Memphis is the crown jewel. Memphis is called the capital of the Mid-South. Soros’ “black-print” is to finance directly or indirectly black Democratic officeholders, and these Democrat officeholders have a strong-hold on areas where there is, of course, a predominantly black populace. Memphis has been on Soros’ map (black-print) to bring in a Marxist and socialist agenda to speed up his own ambitions. Mississippi is also on his black-print. Soros is a little man who wants to rule the world. Back in the day when I was editor-in-chief of another newspaper, we had to fight an elite black clique to break the color barrier and to give Memphis its first black mayor in the person of Dr. W.W. Herenton who was also Memphis’ first School Superintendent. The black community came together under the auspices of the African American People’s Convention which was held at the old Mid-South Coliseum. The fight was on. Our goal was to get one candidate among those candidates who would campaign to be that one and only Black

candidate. As editor-in-chief of that newspaper, I gave my word that we would back whatever candidate came out of this convention which was organized by some of the best minds with common sense that happen to be black bodies. Everybody came together, except this tiny little clique. Many of those who fought to break this barrier are now gone, but they left a legacy of true heroes. Some were fired, lost jobs, businesses when hell was breaking loose. We went against the NAACP and other black stalwarts who did not want to lose power-- among them some VIP ministers. To reiterate, no one cared about a black being Democrat or Republican, independent or having even voted for the first time to break what had been a quasi-rigged tool inside the Memphis mayoral race since time to make sure no black man would ever become mayor. We defeated this. When the battle was going on, I wrote a piece entitled “Here Am I, O’Hackett, Send Me” (referring to then Mayor Dick Hackett and his cadre of black minister supporters). This piece went against them and called out those black elites who tried to block this move and in some instances by putting in other black candidates to dilute the vote. I write this not to brag, but to say to this day, I never thought that piece would become that popular where the phones were ringing off the hook and the piece was being read over the radio. Some

people readers were coming to the office. I am grateful to those who made this piece a phenomenon. There, too, is another story behind this piece which I shall relate at some other time in the history of my life—but now, we will take on a worse clique which continues to think the hard working every day working black should not have a say in what goes on in the Memphis. This black Democratic clique is so anti-Trump that it is detrimental to Memphis being a safe city. Had it not been for us who fought back then to get a voice in the government the likes of Paul Young wouldn’t be sitting in the mayor’s seat. How we do forget. We did not endorse Young, because as I along with others asked, “Where the hell did he come from?” Sure, Young is a Memphian, but his record was nil. But Young was just as I suspected: From his policies, he is a socialist-Marxist—in the same vein as his comrade, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, and I am wondering if Young is as Soros-soaked as we suspect. Comrade Johnson is anti-National Guard as well.

The real shame, of course, will be that after the city is cleaned up and made safe by the National Guard, you might still have a mostly-black community which will go into the voting booth and hit that “d” which may very well be for “death” than Democrat if the city is not made safe!

Army 2nd Lt. Greene earns bars the hard way... from sports page 1

sion to make the Army a career, and he began chipping away at the college credits he needed to finish his degree. "I took the long route to my college graduation, right?" he said, describing years of part-time coursework that ultimately led back to West Virginia University and a completed capstone in 2023. Greene advanced from private to sergeant and served overseas in Italy before returning to the 82nd Airborne Division, where familiar leaders noticed his trajectory. He credits mentors for hammering home expectations he intends to carry into his commission. "The two biggest things that you are responsible for are yourself and the reputation of your unit," Greene said. "If you're not the standard-bearer, you can't, like, you can't expect people to follow you." Hegseth's message to the class echoed that mindset and the school's motto. "It is great to be here at Fort Benning. And it is Fort Benning," he emphasized, before praising the OCS creed of "standards, no compromise." Hegseth urged graduates to anchor their leadership in fundamentals and preparation, invoking a battlefield lesson popularized by Army Lt. Gen. Hal Moore: "There's always one more



Dept. of War Secretary Pete Hegseth congratulates 2nd Lt. Darren Greene on promotion. (Photo/Courtesy: Pentagon)

thing you can do to increase your odds of success." That preparation, he said, begins with knowing the mission, the terrain and the formation, then trusting and leveraging experienced noncommissioned officers. The secretary also emphasized decentralized deci-

sion-making in combat. "We're going to make sure that decisions are pushed down to the lowest possible level where they should be made," Hegseth said. OCS's 12-week crucible is designed to make those expectations real. The class's prior

service population — including soldiers like Greene, who had already led squads and teams — brought practical experience to land navigation, small-unit tactics and troop-leading procedures. The transition now moves from OCS to the Basic Officer Leader Course, where lieutenants learn branch-specific skills

before reporting to their first platoons. Greene understands that the work ahead will test his time-management skills as much as his tactics. He and his wife are raising two young sons, ages 3 and 1, and BOLC will mean months away from home. But he views the sacrifice as an invest-

ment in the soldiers he will soon lead and the noncommissioned officers he plans to rely on. Greene's deployment and subsequent years in airborne formations shaped a leadership philosophy that fits OCS's emphasis on standards and accountability. He talks about earning trust through preparation, showing up ready and listening hard to the NCOs who own the craft. Those habits — and his insistence that a leader's personal reputation is inseparable from the unit's — mirrored the ceremony's themes and the charge delivered from the lectern. "You have been forged and now you will forge," Hegseth told the graduates.

The line landed as both a compliment and a warning: the hard part starts next. The 12-mile rucks and field problems will give way to training calendars, maintenance meetings and the daily work of building lethal, disciplined teams that can execute under pressure.

Greene, for his part, leaves OCS clear-eyed about that responsibility. The pride of crossing the stage quickly yields to the reality of a first platoon sergeant waiting on a new lieutenant to set a tone. Standards, he knows, flow from the front — and they are contagious.

GOA & GOF mourn loss of Charlie Kirk; Condemns political violence

Gun Owners of America (GOA) and Gun Owners Foundation (GOF) are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Turning Point USA's Founder Charlie Kirk. Our prayers are with his family and all those who are affected during this difficult time. Charlie Kirk has been a leading voice for educating college students and young adults about their constitutionally-protected rights that we hold dear. Gun Owners of America's sister organization, Gun Owners Foundation, through its 2A Defenders program, has long supported Turning Point USA (TPUSA)

and Charlie Kirk's work on college campuses. The movement for freedom lost a warrior today and his loss will be felt. Erich Pratt, Senior Vice President of Gun Owners of America, issued the following statement: "Charlie Kirk founded TPUSA to inspire a generation of young leaders to fight for constitutional principles. His vision has empowered youth nationwide, and we have been honored to support that mission. The violence towards Charlie and other conservative political figures is evil and uncalled for. Now, more than ever, our right to

defend ourselves against those who would do us harm must be protected." Nico Gonzalez, Co-Chair of GOF's 2A Defenders, issued the following statement: "Charlie Kirk consistently gave a master's class in fighting against one of the largest echo chambers —our universities. His vision for the future in many ways revolutionized the way that an entire generation views politics. Today's violence is unacceptable and as a country we must call for people of all political parties to do better and condemn these atrocious acts." Please see sports page 4

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