

Mr. Woods,

I will see what we can do for you. The only question I have before I coordinate to see if we can honor your request is "Do you intend to self-publish this book or do you have a publisher lined up?" It's a minor point but I know it will come up as I talk with other PAOs and commanders. I appreciate your approach. It is often works that tell the individual story within the big story that offer the best insight.

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Subject: Katrina book project interview request

Greetings USArmy PAOs,

I was referred to you by Robert Purtiman at US Army North. I am seeking approval to interview Col. Joanne McGovern (US Army North) and Col. Victor Petrenko & Lt. Ken Noack (82nd Airborne); for an independent book project paying homage to the Katrina emergency responders.

Even today, I am not sure how this unique version of the biggest story since 2001 landed in my lap. I have received cooperation from USCG, USFWS, USAF, FEMA, CBP, FAA, State of Louisiana, LA Natl Guard, Armstrong Airport, NOPD, NOFD and hundreds of evacuees.

What makes my book project different from all the others? I do not attach any blame. I do not attack the President, Governor nor Mayor. Rather, I just tell a story (third person narrative format) as told directly to me by those who were there; and not just from a Black/Afro-Creole point of view.

I have attached a Word file which should give you a good idea about what I am up to. If interviews are granted, they would be my last; for I have already passed my deadline. I hope you can let me know something one way or the other soon. I am trying to launch this book in April 2008.

Thank you,

Michael Woods