

Alex McMillan Veterans'

Chairman Demands Apology

Calling it "a slap in the face to those of us who served during the Vietnam War," a former POW in Vietnam and Chairman of Veterans for Alex McMillan, a Republican Congressional candidate, Quincy Collins, has called upon Congressional candidate Carl "Buddy" Horn "to publicly apologize to Vietnam veterans for his insulting remarks about joining the anti-war movement to protect his own hide."

"Buddy Horn came right out and admitted that he joined the anti-war movement because he didn't want to be 'sacrificed,'" Collins said. "What an insult to our boys who fought so bravely in Vietnam and to the families of those who sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom. If every American took Mr. Horn's approach, we wouldn't have a national defense at all."

Horn, in an interview published April 26, said, "The anti-war movement, face it, had a lot of self-interest. I didn't want to be a sacrifice for a political contest in Southeast Asia, and I'm still not sure I would."

Collins was a prisoner of war for seven and one-half years in Vietnam, and retired from the Air Force in 1974 after a 21-year career. Collins pointed out that McMillan, a life long Republican served two years with Army Intelligence in Europe.

Horn has no military experience.

"This is only the latest evidence that Horn is a man who changes his phi-

losophical stripes like a chameleon—to suit his personal objectives at any given moment," Collins said, recalling that Horn had voted for George McGovern and Jimmy Carter and had never been active in the North Carolina Republican Party. "Any man who puts himself before his country is not fit to sit in the United States Congress. His attitude was—and apparently remains—self-serving."

"Buddy Horn's questioning of the Vietnam War is not the issue here today. I, too, question the war and very nearly paid the ultimate price. While Carl Horn was experimenting with transcendental meditation and protesting the war in Vietnam, I was a prisoner of war in Vietnam and was paying the price for experimenting with pa-

triotism, love of country and the principles this nation stands for."

"As a former POW, I always suspected that the anti-war movement was based less on principles and more on self-interest," Collins added. "Buddy Horn helps prove my point. I think Carl Horn owes an apology to every American who has ever made a personal sacrifice to serve his country."

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