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Walz's Past Resurfaces in Viral Letter About Guard Service, Daughter's Twitter Posts, Wife's Interview

As soon as Vice President Kamala Harris picked Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as a running mate against former President Donald Trump and Senator J.D. Vance, some forgotten history about Walz resurfaced.

A paid letter to a newspaper in 2018 alleged that Walz suddenly retired from the Minnesota National Guard to avoid a deployment to Iraq. As well, daughter Hope leaked National Guard plans on Twitter during the Floyd Hoax Riots in 2020. Also going viral are Minnesota First Lady Gwen Walz's comments about the riots. Governor Walz let the rioters burn down 1,000 businesses and a police station.



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Aside from all that, he is a typically modern crackpot Democrat. Last year, he signed a bill that made Minnesota a "sanctuary" for kids who are brainwashed into believing they need "gender-affirming health care."

The Letter

The paid letter to the *West Central Tribune* is frank. It accused Walz of cowardice, dereliction of duty, and aggrandizing his military service record.

Two command sergeant majors, Thomas Behrends and Paul Herr, <u>wrote that</u> Walz, after his return on a deployment to Italy in 2004, was selected to become a command sergeant major.

Walz "was photographed holding a sign at a protest outside a President Bush campaign rally in southern Minnesota" on August 5 that year, the two men wrote, and "conditionally promoted to Command Sergeant Major" on September 17. If the selectee doesn't meet the conditions of the promotion, he loses the rank.

Walz did lose that rank, and with good reason:

In early 2005, a warning order was issued to the 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion, which included the position he was serving in, to prepare to be mobilized for active duty for a deployment to Iraq.

On May 16th, 2005 he quit, leaving the 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion and its Soldiers hanging; without its senior Non-Commissioned Officer, as the battalion prepared for war. His excuse to other leaders was that he needed to retire in order to run for congress. Which is false, according to a Department of Defense Directive, he could have run and requested permission from the Secretary of Defense before entering active duty; as many reservists have. If he had retired normally and respectfully, you would think he would have ensured



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his retirement documents were correctly filled out and signed, and that he would have ensured he was reduced to Master Sergeant for dropping out of the academy. Instead he waited for the paperwork to catch up to him. His official retirement document states, SOLDIER NOT AVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE.

Walz's rank was reduced to master sergeant.

"The bottom line in all of this is gut wrenching and sad to explain," the <u>two men wrote</u>. "When the nation called, he quit.... He failed his country. He failed his state. He failed the Minnesota Army National Guard, the 1-125th Field Artillery Battalion, and his fellow Soldiers. And he failed to lead by example. Shameful."

The governor's website biography <u>suggests that</u> he retired as a command sergeant major.

No Worries, the Guard Isn't Coming

Adding to that bad news are daughter Hope's Twitter posts during the riots that ensued after <u>George</u> <u>Floyd died</u> of a fentanyl overdose as Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin restrained him.

On May 27, a Twitter user posted this message:

URGENT: if you're at the protest GET OUT NOW. National Guard and SWAT en route. They're almost here and will be using city buses to arrest everyone / as many people as possible. Get everyone out.

Being the governor's daughter, Hope knew something the user didn't. Guardsmen were not on the way.

"There is a lot of misinformation that is further spreading fear and chaos at the scene of the protests," she wrote:

the guard can not be sent in within minutes. it takes time for them to deploy because they come from all over the state. to be clear, the national guard will not be present tonight.

just because someone asked for something doesn't mean it's happening right away or even happening at all. i don't know about swat but what i do know is the guard will not be present arresting people tonight.

As the <u>New York Post observed</u>, rioters burned down a police precinct after Hope wrote those words.

The state Senate committee report duly noted the breach of secrecy. Walz "allowed his adult daughter to access confidential information that she then disseminated to the general public and rioters."

The governor's wife was quite at peace with the widespread destruction that cost \$500 million.

"With Mr. Floyd's death, it was the entire country and the whole world looking at and watching what we did here in Minnesota in response to that," <u>Gwen Walz said</u> during interview with the ABC affiliate, KTSP5:

Again we had more sleepless nights during the riots. I could smell the burning tires, and that was a very real thing. I kept the windows open as long as I could because I felt like that



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was such a touchstone of what was happening.

Gender Surgery Tourism

But the governor's <u>refusal to stop</u> the rioters and watch them burn down a police station won't be the only campaign issue for Trump and Vance.

In April last year, Walz signed the so-called Trans Refuge bill that would "protect the rights" of "transgender" kids to get "gender-affirming care." That's leftist code for poisoning kids with hormones of the opposite sex, then mutilating them with "gender reassignment" surgery.

If a kid shows up in Minnesota from a sane state where poisoning and mutilation are forbidden, the law permits doctors to poison and mutilate the child.

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