

Previous Correspondence

Subj: **Query-submission: Military-Civilian Teamwork in Suicide Prevention/cy
3.30.05**
Date: Saturday, April 9, 2005 9:43:29 AM
To: Mikemvn8, hart@pglaf.org

I am Meyer Moldeven, author of *A Grandpa's Notebook* now generally accessible in Project Gutenberg at <http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/2737>

Several months ago I wrote to you enquiring about possible PG interest in another project I had underway. Since the early 1970s I've compiled, self-published and marketed several updated collections of U S Armed Forces studies, plans, directives, etc., most of which were provided to me gratis by military major comand hqs and field installations in the U S and overseas and a few from the American Association of Suicidology. I included copies of my own writings and a memoir of my involvement as a volunteer in a suicide prevention service. I regret that our correspondence has not survived the several computer crashes experienced since my original contact.

Your reply to my query was agreement with my proposal and you suggested that I send my material in to PG when it was ready for your consideration. I'm 87 years old now (and I feel it) and anxious to complete this project. I'm now about 3 weeks from having the package ready for submission. The proposed Gutenberg edition includes materials from editions that I published in 1970, 1972, 1985 and 1994 to which I've added more recent items which, I believe, are relevant and deserve to be accessible to the general public. The material may be useful for suicide prevention programs in other countries as well. I have 'permission to use' letters from organizations that provided copyright documents to me and will include copies. I'm still waiting for a reply from the American Association of Suicidology re clearance on a couple of articles in their early 1990s journal.

If PG is still interested, please provide me with the surface-mail address and name to which the package should be mailed. If some sort of ID for the package is required, please let me know.

Thanks.

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Subj: **Re: Query-submission: Military-Civilian Teamwork in Suicide Prevention (fwd)**
 Date: Monday, April 4, 2005 10:51:34 AM
 From: Mikemvn8
 To: gbnewby@pglaf.org
 cc: hart@pobox.com

In a message dated 4/3/05 7:44:36 PM, gbnewby@pglaf.org writes:

> Are these all digitized (i.e., scanned and typed), or are you including photocopies of source documents? I'm not sure how complex it might be to create text from printed documents....this is something that Project Gutenberg does a lot of, but there's a perpetual backlog of items. <

The materials that I am submitting are all photocopies of previously published source documents e.g., Dept of Defense and Armed Forces directives, policies, plans, studies, guides, etc. The years in which they were first published are 1970 (about a dozen pages, all printed dot matrix), the remainder are photocopies of selected pages from the 1988 and 1994 editions and more recent. The front matter includes a Table of Contents by Section and titles of Contents that follow the same sequence as the inserted stuff.

I'm working on the final papers that remain to be included and the total will be about 300 pages. The book is set up in sections: Armed Forces in General (pages 1 to (expected) 15, Section 1: US Army, pages 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, etc. Section 2: US Navy, pages 2-1, 2-2, etc., and Section 3. US Air Force, pages 3-1, 3-2, etc. The several pages that remain to be added are in MS Word. I inserted a colored blank sheet between sections for production convenience. For front and back covers I removed the covers from 1994 edition and they are included in the package. All of the 'Permissions' are included in a separate 9X12 envelope and accompany the package. If you prefer them to be sent to another address, please advise.

As a matter of information, I sent copies of the 1970 edition (printed by the base printer) to line and staff entities within the Air Force and the other Services, including with my responses to often urgent requests from Southeast Asia. On subsequent editions (post-retirement) I contracted with a commercial printer in batches of 1,000. The word had got around by then, and post-Viet Nam all copies were sold or donated to Dept of Defense Hqs and field commands and military base-levels, plus civilian-side suicide prevention/hotline activities, and other government (federal, state and local) and quite a few private sector NGO and private industry activities that had become interested.

I'm an 87 year old civilian layman. I dread both the immediate and long-term effects of military service in the Middle East. The Armed Forces are far ahead in health care than where they were during and after VN, but a lot more needs doing, especially in dealing with depression and 'confidentially' issues. My objective was/remains to pass along information that makes people more aware that 'suicide prevention is everybody's business.'

I'm sorry that I couldn't provide you with a package that would have been easier to for you folks to produce. I have an age problem, and I have another book project that I consider a priority.