

Friday's letters: Kerry served valiantly

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I will submit some facts. Dick Cheney is considered to be a patriot by many in this area. Yet he had five deferrals to avoid serving in Vietnam. A recent letter writer cited a book to read about John Kerry that was written by people who did not even serve with Kerry. That's right, the book he referenced was not even written by people who actually spent time "in country" with Kerry. Fact.

Kerry, while you are allowed to disagree with his politics, served his country valiantly. Purple Hearts and other awards are not thrown out there to the likes of Cheney; sorry, maybe one day. But many people around here would somehow consider Dick Cheney a patriot when he, in fact, avoided serving his country when his country needed him the most.

To allow "letters to the editor" to simply spout untruths and outright lies about Americans like Kerry, who in fact served his country and served it well, is a great disservice to your readers. I don't anticipate any changes in the usual input of letters, but I would appreciate some facts from time to time.

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AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING

If you did not attend the Valentine's Day POPS Concert by the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra in Twichell Auditorium at Converse College, you missed a treat for the eyes and ears.

The orchestra, conducted by the beautiful and talented Sarah Ioannides, performed selections from Ellington, Gilliland, Gershwin and other popular jazz favorites. Guest artist Jens Lindemann, a celebrated trumpet soloist, was amazing with his artistry. The end of an unforgettable evening was the dueling of the saxophonist from the Spartanburg Jazz Ensemble with the guest trumpet soloist.

Don't miss the Spartanburg Philharmonic's concert on May 4, the 100-year anniversary of Igor Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring."

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