

Press Troll Niles claims Army Sgt. Major Gregory A. Proft should thank Spencer

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" proftga... 1st it is nice to have your input on this issue. It is welcome. Yes, you did become an involuntary focal point in this debate. But I do think you may have confused as to why that happened. Larry Spencer did not want to take any anyones right to vote. In fact I am certain that Larry would want everyone registered to vote to exercise their right and vote.

His question evolved from concerns that the absentee ballots to our overseas military personnel may not have gone out on time. While investigating that he discovered your name and the CdA address you used that was not a residence but as you note, is the courthouse. He was confused by that and looked further. What he learned were the rules of how this state requires our military to vote.

Essentially that boils down to this. All of the military votes are set up to vote on the candidates and issues in the city where the Registrar is located and NOT the city where their home is located. So every military personnel in this region who did vote in this local election voted on CdA candidates and issues because CdA is where our Registrar, Dan English, is located.

So you are correct. You did nothing wrong and nobody is accusing you of doing anything wrong. But I ask you this. As I recall you live in Post Falls. You were not allowed to vote on Post Falls candidates and other local PF issues. Your vote did not count in your home town and that is how the state rules are set-up. THAT is what Larry is upset about. You have been deprived of a voice in the election that most impacts you and your family personally. That should bother you and I think you owe Larry Spencer thanks for bringing this situation to light.

BTW I want to personally thank you for your decades of duty. I did mine long ago and respect anyone and everyone who does theirs and selflessly serves our country.
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