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Garry Trudeau  
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Dear Mr. Trudeau:

I received the following correspondence from Universal Press Syndicate.

Mr. Blaschko at Mr. Trudeau's request all correspondence is sent here and then forwarded to him. Two copies of your book have been sent to Mr. Trudeau so there is really no need to keep sending multiple copies. Should we receive any more we will dispose of them.

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*Laura Jordan*  
*Executive Assistant*  
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I can understand their frustration at receiving multiple copies of Eric Newhouse's book, *Faces of Combat, PTSD and TBI*. As you know, it is nothing compared to the frustration of veterans with PTSD, especially with less than honorable discharges, trying to get health care. I responded:

Dear Ms. Jordan:

Thank you for letting us know that copies of Eric Newhouse's book have been sent on to Mr. Trudeau. I will be happy to stop sending additional copies of the book if one of the following three conditions is met:

1. President Barack Obama holds up a copy of the book and tells the American people they need to read it to understand why our returning servicemen and servicewomen need vastly improved health care.
2. Mr. Trudeau uses the book in *Doonesbury* with the message that the book shows current health care conditions and offers useful suggestions for improving health care.
3. And my preferred outcome: All veterans, regardless of discharge status, all American military personnel, and all contract military personnel receive appropriate treatment for the damage they suffered fighting for our country.

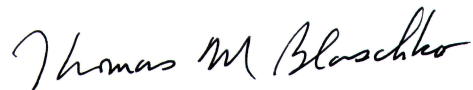
None of these conditions, and certainly not the last one, have been met.

In the meantime I will continue to send copies of Mr. Newhouse's book in the hope that it will make a difference. If you must dispose of the books, please consider the possibility of sending the accompanying letter on to Mr. Trudeau and donating the book to a Vets Center or to a public library.

All the best,  
Tom Blaschko  
President, Idyll Arbor

I am confident that Ms. Jordan and others at United Press Syndicate will be able to carry on with their jobs, even if another copy of *Faces of Combat* shows up every week. I hope that we can find a way to help our veterans carry on with their lives as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas M. Blaschko". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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