[SCENE - SHOW WELCOME]

WELCOME BACK TO NONCOMMISSIONED NEWS, YOUR SOURCE OF MILITARY NEWS, UNBIASED COMMENTARY, AND NEARLY RETIREMENT ELIGIBLE HOSTS... I'M YOUR RESIDENT GERIATRIC MIKE LAVIGNE.

[Introduce yourself]

GREAT SHOW TODAY AS USUAL!

TWO IDIOTS PLEAD GUILTY TO SCAMMING THE VA OUT OF MORE THAN 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN A GI BILL FRAUD CASE...

...US AFRICA COMMAND TOOK OUT AN AL SHABAB LEADER WITH A 3 MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON HIS HEAD...

...AND A VIDEO OF TROOPS TRAINING AGAINST SWARMS OF DRONES GIVES US A LOOK INTO THE HARROWING FUTURE OF WARFARE.

AND WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH THE SITTING SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY, SMA MICHAEL GRINSTON - WE'RE GONNA TALK ABOUT A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS, AND YOU'RE NOT GONNA MISS WHAT HE HAS TO SAY!

LET'S STEP OFF...

[OPENING SEGMENT]

IN WHAT SEEMS LIKE AN ONGOING EPIDEMIC OF GI BILL FRAUD, TWO SWINDLERS MANAGED TO

SOAK A WHOPPING \$104 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

MICHAEL AND ERIC BOSTOCK WORKED FOR CALIFORNIA TECHNICAL ACADEMY, A VA-APPROVED FOR-PROFIT SCHOOL THEY FOUNDED THAT OFFERED VARIOUS CERTIFICATIONS AT THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ACROSS THE STATE.

FOR TEN YEARS, FROM 2012 TO 2022, THE PAIR USED FAKE ENROLLMENTS AND FALSIFIED COURSE COMPLETIONS TO STEAL THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF MONEY EVER FROM THE VA.

THEY EVEN SENT BOGUS CONTACT
INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT SO THAT
WHEN REGULATORS CALLED TO INVESTIGATE
FURTHER, THEY COULD PRETEND TO BE THE
FAKE STUDENTS!

SO FEEL FREE TO TACK ON A BIT OF STOLEN VALOR AND SHITTY THEATER CLASSES TO THESE GUYS' RAP SHEET.

BOTH MEN HAVE PLEADED GUILTY AND ARE FACING UP TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON AND HOPEFULLY A LIFETIME OF ASS-KICKINGS FROM VETERANS EVERYWHERE.

[TAC PAUSE]

IN A MOVE THAT HAS BUMMED OUT AFRICAN BOUNTY HUNTERS, AMERICAN FORCES CONDUCTED AN AIRSTRIKE THAT KILLED A TERRORIST LEADER WITH A MASSIVE 3 MILLION DOLLAR PRICE ON HIS HEAD.

ABDULLAHI NADIR WAS A HIGH VALUE TARGET IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE, WITH THE WANTED MAN OPERATING AS AL SHABAB'S 2ND IN COMMAND IN SOMALIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN NATION ALSO HELPED US FORCES WITH THE STRIKE, WHICH MAY COME AS A SURPRISE...

...TO EVERYONE WHO HAD NO IDEA THAT SOMALIA EVEN HAD A GOVERNMENT.

NADIR WAS A FORMIDABLE LEADER IN AL SHABAB, A TERRORIST GROUP THAT HAS SINCE EMERGED AS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS OFF-SHOOTS OF AL-QAEDA TO DATE.

AMERICAN AND SOMALI OFFICIALS DECLARING HIS DEATH AS A VICTORY.... AND AS A MISSED OPPORTUNITY BY ALL THE AFRICAN BOBA FETTS LOOKING FOR A PAYDAY.

BUT HEY, FELLAS, KILLING WARLORDS IS MINOR LEAGUE SHIT. YOU WANT THE BIG BUCKS? OPEN A SCHOOL AND DEFRAUD THE VA WITH IT! THAT'S WHERE THE MONEYS AT!