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ReceiveDate	Subject	Message
1/4/05 8:04 AM	over seas veterans	<p>AFRTS is the American Forces Radio and Television Service My name is (b)(6) I am a U.S. Civilian living in Sicily near U.S. Naval Air Station, "Sigonella" I was Medically released from the U.S. Military with 40% disability, Not to long ago I went to N.A.S. Sigonella, only to find that their base security would not let me on base to apply for my benefits...a "U.S. Military Veteran", and yet the "Italian Carabinieri" not only have the right to enter the base at will, they can also use our PX and Commissaries, while I'm standing outside the very base I spent 3 years of my life guarding its property and personnel, unable to enter... the first term of my service was spent in the U.S. Navy, I gave 15 years of my life to my country, and was released because they gave me a vaccine that affected my heart, and various nerves controlling my blood pressure and heart rate, and yet I can not enter the base to collect on the benefits that they gave me upon the time of my release... and to rub it in I get to observe people who have never served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and aren't even American citizens enter without so much as a blink of an eye!!! Using benefits that should by all rights, be given to those who have done the deployments, completed the missions, and endured the separations from their families. I understand there's a S.O.F.A. agreement, and that's fine, however... is it fair to "our nations veteran" to consider given privileges they've earned, to the citizens of the host nation, and not to them??? The U.S. Government states it's for security reasons, they trusted us to serve, and protect the U.S. facilities when we were active, but not now... and yet they let the local nationals on base each and everyday...such as truck drivers, maint. worker's and base support personnel, and or sponsorship... all of which have not... nor have ever had, a security clearance or a background investigation done by the United States Government. While we veteran's,... who have all been ran through the process of security clearances, and have had background checks, and still have them on record or on file with our government are considered a security risk....and therefore are not considered for any employment possibilities or even allowed to enter any U.S. Military Base...this makes absolutely no sense... does it??? I can not even apply for civilian employment on base as a disabled veteran with over 30% disability (I have 40%) and yet any Italian who wishes to obtain employment on our bases is allowed to do so, infact my Italian spouse can apply, but I can not. And I cant even get a job in the civilian sector because of my medical status, that was incurred in the line of duty, scares off employers for insurance reasons ...is this what we call fair??? Is it a security issue to allow a veteran to use the commissary, PX, or continue their education, or be seen by the hospitals or even see a movie in their own language on post???? If the answer is "yes" then why is it that the local nationals can do all of the above?? and we are not given this right??? I am entitled to educational benefits under Chapter 31, Title 38 U.S.C. however there are no schools here in Sicily that I can attend, only the base educational facility accepts VA. Grants not only that, but the Italian school system is taught in Italian, I speak Italian however not at a college level and therefore I am not eligible to attend. And yet I can not attend on base, therefore that's a valuable benefit that I am prevented from using. Under the VA Rehabilitation Program I am allowed to continue my education and receive a small substance</p>
1/10/05 8:45 AM	Inappropriate Commercials/Promos (ID#11809)	<p>Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2004 4:55 AM Hi there, I have some comments from people that I thought I'd share with you: 1) A woman called very upset because she said on today's Sports Overnight America (aired today, recorded last night) there was a commercial for a sex tape. She said it was rather explicit and had an 800 number to order it. She also commented that there are a lot of Ovaline commercials... 2) Another woman called to complain that during "For Love or Money" last night, there was a promo for next week's show which gave away the ending to last night's show. I know you just love feedback!! I hope you're well and still having fun! Did you know that Herb was here for our opening ceremony? It was really nice to see him again. Sincerely, (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6)</p>

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1/26/05 6:21 AM	AFN public service commercials (ID#12071)	<p>I have a concern about the public service commercials on AFN. This concern was prompted by a question my 14 year old son asked while we were watching TV the other day. During a commercial break my son up and asked "if all adults are such losers, or only those in the military", needless to say, at first I didn't understand what he meant. Upon questioning him, his said since AFN has multiple commercials per hour about "adult problems", he wondered if adults in the military were especially troubled compared to the general population, or if all adults had so many problems. I had never given it any thought before, but in the last couple of days I've been closely watching the commercial breaks on AFN, and its true that there are several public service commercials dealing with adult dysfunctional issues each hour, its not unusual to have one each commercial break. These commercials usually deal with suicide, gambling, spouse abuse, child abuse, substance abuse, unwanted pregnancy, sexual assault, sexual harassment, improper classified handling, etc. While such public service commercials play a valid role in programming, my question is this; does AFN have so many "dysfunction" commercials that it projects an unrealistic and unhealthy view of adult behavior and issues to young children? I think a child psychologist should take a look at the programming of these commercials, and if the high volume is potentially damaging to young viewers perceptions of normal adult behavior. I would appreciate a response back on this question. Thank you. (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6)</p>
1/28/05 4:04 PM	Commercials (ID#12107)	<p>Upon being in Fallujah, Iraq and watching the Armed Forces Network, which is greatly appreciated by all of us. We have noticed a trend in your sexual harassment commercials. All of the sexual harassment commercials that we have encountered have been females being sexually harassed by men in the armed forces. We believe that this is a sexist portrayal always displaying where a female is on the receiving end. There have been numerous cases of females' sexually harassing males, although not as frequent, it still occurs. We have yet to see a commercial displaying a male that has been sexually harassed. We figured that we would bring this to your attention. Thank You.</p>

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1/29/05 8:12 PM	npr program -soundprint "vietnam blues" (ID#12113)	<p>thought you might be interested in checking this out – thanks much –vincent gabriel -point man- 1st Infantry division -vietnam –tet – 1968 Arts & Entertainment: Arts And Entertainment Maine music goes national Vince Gabriel, known behind the guitar as Blind Albert, was a year out of high school when he was drafted to Vietnam. by Dagny C. Ernest Any music lover who lives within a few hundred miles of the Midcoast has likely heard of Blind Albert, a rock/blues musician who regularly performs around the state and a bit beyond. People around the country are beginning to hear of him too, thanks to a program in National Public Radio's "Soundprint" documentary series. "Vietnam Blues," a 30-minute interview mixed with original music, will air on Maine Public Radio 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. "Vince Gabriel lives at the end of a wooded dirt road in Warren, Maine, in a trailer with a recording studio in its living room. He's better known to local residents as Blind Al, although Vince isn't actually blind and Albert is his middle name," begins the program, which was produced by Tina Antolini. Antolini, a graduate of Thomaston's Georges Valley High School, has just finished up her college degree at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass. Like Gabriel, her life revolves around music, but during her post-high school studies, which have included stints at Stanford University and Maine's Salt Institute for Documentary Studies, she has shifted her focus from singing jazz to studying ethnomusicology and American studies. At Hampshire, she designed an independent major that examined the ways class, gender, sexuality and race are woven into American music. Antolini had worked as an announcer on two local radio stations, The Classical Wave (now WBach) and The Bay, while in high school. At Portland's Salt Institute last spring, she learned how to make radio documentaries. "After my semester at Salt, I decided to make my senior project at Hampshire a series of radio documentaries about untraditional music in Maine, as it was the area I knew and loved the best," said Antolini. The series included pieces about a Christian hard rock band in rural northern Maine, a community steel drum band, a Brunswick sculptor who makes bells out of used oxygen canisters from Mt. Everest to Gabriel - specifically, his original songs about his Vietnam experience. Antolini said Gabriel quickly came to mind when she was thinking about musicians for her project. As a teen, she had frequented the record shop he ran for many years in downtown Rockland. "After our first interview, it became clear to me that Vince's stories and music about Vietnam were radio documentaries waiting to happen. He was so articulate about his experience and, when combined with the music, his stories provided an almost visceral sense of what it was like to be a soldier in Vietnam," she said. Gabriel said he agreed to be interviewed, figuring he'd get a recording out of the experience, "something to add to the archives." He and Antolini met once a week for a couple of hours over a six-week period last year. Early on, Antolini asked if they could zero in on his Vietnam experiences and how they are reflected in his music - specifically, his CD "11 Bravo A Viet Nam." Gabriel released the album in late 2000 and continues to donate half of the proceeds from its sale to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Maine. "I've reworked the packaging to say it's the companion CD and soundtrack for the program produced by Tina Antolini," Gabriel said. "Vietnam Blues," as Antolini named the</p>
1/31/05 9:58 AM	Radio Programming (ID#12123)	<p>Dear Madam or Sir: First of all I have never served in the armed forces, but I am very concerned about the lack of balanced political commentary on AFR. To have Rush Limbaugh represent "a touch of home" is in my opinion, irresponsible. Rush Limbaugh is loose with his "facts" and his opinions often promote hateful attitudes. AFR can do better. It's listeners deserve more thoughtful programming. Thank You, (b)(6)</p>
2/20/05 10:53 PM	news programming (ID#12227)	<p>I m a big fan of AFN and have been a regular viewer for 5 years. Let me first say I appreciate the service you provide. I'm writing in regards to recent changes to the news channel. I've noticed an increase in fox News coverage. You have your reasons for making the changes, be it ratings or requests from service members. Please allow me to share this with you: As I've travelled the world and spoken with people from everywhere the conversation inevitably turns to politics and many times I'm asked why Americans hate their country. I ask if they watch Fox News and the answer is always yes. AFN reminds service members and their dependants that they act as ambassadors to the world. Truth is, AFN with it's cornucopia of America programming is the biggest ambassador of all. Please keep that in mind the next time you make changes to the news channel. Thank you.</p>

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2/24/05 12:07 PM	Foundation for a Better Life advertisements (ID#12257)	According to all information that we know of, AFN does NOT support private advertisements. Thus, we are very curious as to what you believe the "FFBL" ads are, according to a website describing its purpose, etc. (see www.majklthise.typepad.com) According to our information and websites listed above and elsewhere, this -- "FFBL" -- is a bogus organization and so are its representatives. I would rather see ads for "Pampers" and colon cancer prevention research than ads for this & other similar (fake) political or religious organizations which this "FFBL" surely represents, even if it describes itself as "non profit," such as Latter Day Saints, the Mormons or whatever 501(C)(3) organization. I am a certified association executive (CAE) and I do know what all of these organizations should -- repeat should -- represent. This FFBL "ad" is for an organization that should be better reviewed by those professionals at AFN who should know what is going on with their worldwide not-for-profit advertisements. The "FFBL" ads are an abomination and a ruse against the military family society. Please stop telling us what our foundation for a better life "should be" at the expense of a non-"for" profit organization, according to these silently subversive ads. Hire a professional who knows what he/she is doing and truly knows the "product" that AFN "supports."
3/18/05 8:16 AM	GOD LOVE OUR Islamic COUNTRIES	www.farsinet.com/religion.html www.farsinet.com/radio_tv/ www.exmuslim.com www.godsavedme.com www.arabicministry.com www.messiahrevealed.org www.church4mecca.com www.born-again-christian.info/salvation_testimonies.html AND... JOIN TO THE THE CHURCHS WITH MORE GIFTS OF HOLY GHOST! IN CHRIST!
3/23/05 4:36 AM	Show Fade Out (ID#12474)	I just moved to Naples after three years in Sardinia. I listen to the Dan Patrick ESPN radio show religiously off the television's Channel 31. Over the last six months or so, the three hour show often fades out after the first hour. Sometimes the signal goes out or fades into the Tom Joyner show. The other night after the first hour, Tom Joyner's show was being broadcast over the Dan Patrick show. I realize there is a glitch of some sort. Is there anything you can do about it? Were you aware of the problem? Thank you for anything you can do. And keep up the great work.
3/24/05 3:05 AM	News programing (ID#12487)	I do not consider CNN News or FOX News as chanells that support he service member overseas in a manner to help keep them informed. All too often each of these chanells runs Special Breacking News for the entire day. I would like to see CNN International brought to AFN. Being overseas, CNN International keeps us far more informed of the geopolitical climate in which we live and visit.
3/28/05 9:47 AM	Is there an AM / news station in Iraq? (ID#12539)	I have an upper end am radio so I can pick up alot, but I could not find an AFRTS AM station. The FM station pretty much just plays music. I would like to listen to News/Opinion/polittcal/money, like Rush Limbaugh, Mike Savage, Cramer(financial), etc...
5/4/05 2:27 AM	Editing for content (ID#12844)	Why does AFN/AFRTS advertise that they "DO NOT EDIT FOR CONTENT, THEREFORE, SOME PROGRAMS MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR YOUNGER VIEWERS"; however, that is FAR FROM THE TRUTH! Several times I have tried to watch a program on the AFN MOVIE channel. I cannot sit through most movies because of your excessive editing. I remember when the movie "Rain Man" was airing (late night). There was a scene where it involved a woman's cleavage. AFRTS decided to place a grey box over the image and it followed the image until the scene was over. The following week, "Schindler's List" was airing. NOTHING WAS EDITED! There were sex scenes, very colorful/offensive language, genocide, murder, oppression, nudity, and many other forms of "No no's" for TV. I personally have no problems with that; especially late at night. Why does AFRTS/AFN "pick and choose" what movies to edit, and what not to? During the movie "Happy Gilmore", the word "Crap" was edited. Why? I understand that programs are not suitable for younger viewers; these movies should be aired during daytime hours. However, movies that are geared towards adult viewing should not be edited (as you advertise) during later hours. I think that your are making false claims by airing commercials stating that you do not edit for content. Isn't that false advertisement? Furthermore, is it even necessary to edit as much as you already do? I understand TV ratings and how that system works. Why can't AFRTS/AFN follow those same guidelines? I think that if I want to watch a movie/program (that is not supposed to be edited (as you do advertise)), I should be able to do so. You need to either edit for content or not. Please do not treat us like children by lying to us and stating during your commercials that you "DO NOT EDIT FOR CONTENT"! -Respectfully, (b)(6)

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5/9/05 5:39 AM	AFN Kids (ID#12868)	Why do you play information ads that are not targeted toward kids during AFN kids? An example of this is that spots on sexual assault, soldier hard soldier safe and suicide play during the AFN kids portion in the afternoons. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to play spots targeting kids such as taking care of your teeth, taking care of the environment, etc.
5/17/05 9:11 AM	Three Concerns: Commercials; Coverage; TU (ID#12934)	<p>Dear Sir/Ma'am: First, let's discuss your commercials. They are old, trite, and are re-run way too often. This is particular apparent with state history (I think I have "salt Lake city" and the history of Illinois down pretty well). I understand the whole concept of US stations allowing free programming in exchange for not having paid advertising. So, here is my advice: there is a random cute commerical that is ok (returning your books on time to the yongsan library--that is FUNNY, and I get the point b/c it wasn't played multiple times in the same break....some commercials are, and I know that is tough to get around, but it is nice to see different commercial breaks). The other ones that I LOVE are the cool ones from the deployed troops that show something other than technical terms (like the "navy news minute" or other spots where we show refueling ops....how about the REALLY cool one that you showed where servicemembers described where they were deployed and the impacts, with local nationals, of their deeds (I saw one awesome one on AFN Korea Prime where one marine showed his difference in Iraq when they showed all the positive impacts his unit made on the local population--made your chest swell and I couldn't wait to get back there...with family watching, it is much easier to explain to a 5 yr old daughter that you are going somewhere to do something productive, rather than explain to her the term "IED" and "Insurgent radical"....) Other ideas for commercials: the history channel and [a style='text-decoration: none; border-bottom: 3px double; href="http://www.serverlogic3.com/lm/rtl3.asp?si=22&k=discovery%20channel" onmouseover="window.status='[a style='text-decoration: none; border-bottom: 3px double; href="http://www.serverlogic3.com/lm/rtl3.asp?si=22&k=discovery%20channel" onmouseover="window.status='discovery channel'; return true;" onmouseout="window.status="; return true;"]discovery channel[/a]'; return true;" onmouseout="window.status="; return true;"]discovery channel[/a] are pretty well watched by your audience...and, although your state history stats tease the appetite, why not get more broad in your "infor-mmercials" and history perspectives? Your "this day in history...", "Little known military history...", etc segments are HUGE...could you keep going in that direction? I watched one set of commercials, and they consisted of "buckle up on post or ticket", "Depression; call your chaplain", "Child abuse must be reported", "Sexual Harrassment is everyone's problem"...I changed the channel...that is a bit much for me in a 5.5 minute commerical break without doing drastic things to myself or my guests! ("Back to the drawing board" is good, but there aren't quite enough; I can recite the "wake-up bed", "rotating table to change dishes", and the "submarine" segment...others, please?) Promised you other "ideas" for commercials: (love celebrities from the WWE and Country music adding safety tips--means two things--idols back home care, and we hear it from someone other than the "boss" at safety briefings)...what about Mr. R. Lee Ermey doing spots (trust me, Marines love him, the Navy likes him, and the Army considers him their favorite) like all those awesome ones that the [a style='text-decoration: none; border-bottom: 3px double; href="http://www.serverlogic3.com/lm/rtl3.asp?si=22&k=country%20music" onmouseover="window.status='[a style='text-decoration: none; border-bottom: 3px double;</p>
6/22/05 9:05 AM	Anti-Catholic Religious Channel (ID#13325)	<p>Since arriving in Stuttgart, Germany in Aug 04 and subscribing to AFN cable television, I have been dismayed that the one dedicated religious channel, 3ABN, routinely has extremely overt anti-Catholic programming. As recent as the program I watched on Ch. 27 on 21 Jun 05 at 1830, 3ABN's message has been dedicated to discrediting the Catholic Church and falsely accusing it as anti-Bible, and worse, as the anti-Christ. I find it difficult to believe that 3ABN has AFN's blessing to operate in this fashion. If 3ABN's message was anti-Jewish or anti-Muslim (it may be, but I have limited my viewing due to the repeated anti-Catholic programing), I would imagine it would not be tolerated at all. But, because it is anti-Catholic, I suppose that is acceptable. Double standards are hard to ignore. Is AFN aware that fundamentalist anti-Catholic programming is broadcasting extremely anti-Catholic messages? If this is allowable, I would request that AFN at least allow the Catholic program, Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) to be an option in programming so our only religious channel choice is not a Fundamentalist anti-Catholic religious channel (we had EWTN on the AFN channel in Okinawa, Japan). Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, (b)(6)</p>

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7/7/05 10:06 AM	Thank you and program request (ID#13485)	Thank you for the young children's line up in the morning. There are some good choices for my 2 and 5 year old and the addition of Lazy Town is fantastic!! The program I would like to request is the 700 Club from the Christian Broadcasting Network. I had e-mailed Chaplain Reckling last year and I believe the issue was programming slots allotted for religious programming. The 700 Club is not just a Christian program, but spotlights world events. It would be news from another perspective that I believe not only Christian people would appreciate. Thank you for your time and AFN services. (b)(6)
7/20/05 10:58 AM	Religious Programming (ID#13591)	I have a religious program that I would like considered for AFRTS television. How can I make a presentation and to whom?
8/2/05 4:15 AM	Internet access (ID#13682)	Your message To: (b)(6) Subject: Internet access to AFRTS Sent: Mon, 1 Aug 2005 07:46:55 -0400 did not reach the following recipient(s): (b)(6) on Mon, 1 Aug 2005 07:44:57 -0400 The recipient was unavailable to take delivery of the message The MTS-ID of the original message is: c=us;a= ;p=organization:TECOM02E05080111493YEW5M19 MSEXCH:MSEExchangeMTA:TECOM:TECOM03E From: (b)(6) To: (b)(6) Subject: Internet access to AFRTS Sent: Monday, August 1, 2005 7:46 AM This is my second request for information - Many years ago I listened to AFRTS while at several sites in Turkey - when my son, A US MARINE, went to Iraq for both of his tours I tried to find AFRTS that broadcasts in the middle east to listen to it so I could share with him a bit. But no luck - however I did find the BFBS Radio 1 that broadcasts to the British troops in the Middle East and is on the internet and listened to it and now that my son is back I still do. Why can't I hear AFRTS on the internet like the British have - it is nice listening to all they talk about and what is going on over there in terms of the fun stuff the Brits are doing as well as the song dedications from the folks back home to say "to Pvt.Charles of the 4th Kings Reg. - from your friends at the local pub - looking forward to having a pint when you get back" - nothing serious but it is nice to hear and helps put humanity to the troops over there. WHY CAN'T YOU DO THE SAME - you are losing public support and are doing damn little to get it back - maybe this would help in that parents could turn in and listen to what their kids are listening to Could I have an answer this time please. Thanks (b)(6)
8/8/05 11:52 AM	Religious Content (ID#13746)	From: (b)(6) Sent: Sunday, August 07, 2005 7:29 AM To: (b)(6) Subject: Preaching hatred Waking up early last Sunday and clicking on AFN, I notice a new "Televangelist" working the crowd. Pastor Duane Vander Klok on the "Walking by faith" program, did the usual Televangelist routine, mentioning scriptures and then telling us his version of what they mean. He went on to lash out at the following groups, Mormons, Freemasons, Jehovah Witnesses, Buddhists, Meditation Groups, New Age, Occult and to round out his selection, Hindus. Firstly, I have issues with AFN broadcasting programs that are geared to one specific denomination. AFN is supposed to be for the information and entertainment of the US Military and, it is funded with taxpayer monies, many of those taxpayers and many members of the US Military fall into one of the above mentioned groups. Secondly, being stationed in Japan (A nation whos two main religions are Shinto and Buddhism) is it very polite to use AFN alrways to insult our host nations religion? I'm not fond of several of AFN's shows. Predictable childish humor, laugh tracks, cars going in circles and bug eating are not my idea of education or entertainment. I turn off the TV and read a book. No problem you say? Do the same thing Sunday morning. Well..... this is more than just "I don't like this program". This is just one example of many that I see of the US Constitution (Yes, that very document that we've all taken an oath to protect and defend) being abused. Consider for a moment the first ten words to the Bill of Rights "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion". AFN is funded with "appropriated funds" and staffed by active duty military members (also paid with appropriated funds). Why is money appropriated by Congress used to fund religious programs, especially those that clearly insult members of groups that many military personnel belong to and our host nations religious practices? (b)(6)
8/16/05 2:40 PM	Commercial Bias. (ID#13850)	How come your commercials which involve some type of addiction or problem depict the men in a very negative way, but when the woman has the same addiction or problem the commercial is sympathetic or humorous? I know that you may not produce the commercials but this seems like an unfair stereotype for a sex that people are already biased against. A addiction or problem is just as serious no matter what sex the person is. Thank you for your time. (b)(6) (b)(6)

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8/19/05 11:52 PM	TV-G? (ID#13890)	Scanning the channels,came across a TV-G show that had teenagers getting homosexual dates for their friends. TV-G? Is that for gay? Is this the kind of thing we embrace in the military nowadays? Free speech or not, not for my kids.
8/20/05 1:44 AM	Not Cool (ID#13893)	We only get one channel where we live in Germany. Today my famly was forced to watch Best Friend's Date. Which had homosexuals looking for love. This is not cool for the military to show.
8/23/05 8:19 AM	AFN Radio Jim Hightower commentary (ID#13925)	I thought the Pres. Bush bashing commentary aired on 92.3 at approx. 1015 hrs on 23 Aug 05 (local time) in Baghdad was a one-sided, political rant. I can't believe those disparaging remarks were aired in Baghdad without context or a dissenting opinion. It merely repeated the diatribe that this is "Bush's War", as if the 138,000 soldiers here aren't fighting for something more. A very demoralizing piece of opinion that should never have been aired in a combat zone. I would like to get a response on why this content was allowed to air in a combat zone, right in the middle of the news shows. If there's anywhere I would expect there to be unbiased shows, it would be AFN. I am extremely dissappointed in your editorial choices. (b)(6)
8/28/05 1:04 PM	Content (ID#13966)	Hi from Korea. I have a compliment and a complaint. I enjoy alot of the informative commercials, things about Military History is extremely interesting. There was one that featured the beauty of the American Pacific States, that was great!! Combat Camera is great!! All Hands Navy Magazine. Great. But the problem is, you guys have a commercial that tells me to eat breakfast. This one makes me act sarcastic and hoot and holler and dance around the room and say, "I can't believe I made it to 37 years old and I never knew I was supposed to eat breakfast!! I am so grateful to AFN because I never would have known!!!" And the one telling me that missing a military movement is a violation of the UCMJ. Holy Mackerall!!!! I thought they WANTED ME TO MISS MOVEMENT!!!! I don't need AFN Radio Baghdad to tell me how to conduct a ground convoy, that is why we have a lieutenant. I don't need to be told that sexual harassment and sexual assault is wrong. I know it's wrong. Drinking and driving? I know it's wrong. There are countless others and they absolutely drive me nuts. It is not AFN's place to teach morality. I know there are folks who do not know right from wrong, but if they don't know right from wrong by now, they aren't going to listen to a television commercial. Please consider making some adjustments. Thanks alot. Sincerely, (b)(6)
8/30/05 5:25 AM	Movie and V-chip? (ID#13994)	I was flipping through the channels tonight at 8pm and stopped dead in my tracks when I saw a sex scene with lots of moans and groans and talk of sex going on. It was in the middle of the movie so it started at 7pm atleast. I asked my husband why the V-chip wasn't working so we messed with all our TVs and couldn't get any of the V-chips to work. Why are you airing porno type movies at early evening prime time.? We have lots of family and kids in the Pacific region. Europe is not everything. Also, what is up with our V-chip not working on AFN? Please help us with this.
9/2/05 5:41 AM	Katrina Info Spots (ID#14036)	AFN, With the horrendous images we see on TV as result of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina can you refrain from the DoD plugs on enemy capture during war and other workrelated info (like sexual harassment) spots at this time? We simply don't need to see them.
9/4/05 1:45 AM	afn prime commercial (ID#14066)	I just watched a top ten commercial on AFN and was APPAULED by one of the things on the list. My husband has delployed and will deploy again and i DO NOT appreciate the "ANY one of the opposite sex becomes appealing to you" after being in Baghdad. That needs to be removed. I am certain i am not the only spouse offended.
9/7/05 9:27 AM	Programming (ID#14111)	In my opinion, there is only one thoughtful news program on television - The News Hour on PBS. Recently, it has been replaced by "The O'Reilly Factor" which is incredibly biased pro-Bush pap. I understand the political pressures, but shame on AFN. Very Resectfully, (b)(6)
9/16/05 11:00 PM	Fox News Channel (ID#14250)	The reporting from FoxNews in regards to the Katrina disaster and it's aftermath has been appalling and sickening. It is an organization that is more concerned with political affiliation rather actual news reporting. They continue to provide viewers incorrect data and outright misinformation so it can support the incumbent WhiteHouse and Congress. Each one of their programs stays on political message throughout the day. Katrina certainly has proven that and they seem to have accelarated their misleading analysis on every issue. With that in mind is it possible for AFN to provide us with LESS FoxNews and more news from other organizations? Any other news outlet would be better than the inexcusable FoxNews. I want less politics.

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9/25/05 3:52 AM	Series-- Desperate Housewives; Martha Stewart: Th (ID#14411)	OK, so I'm a housewife and stay-at-home mother. "Sex and the City" is over and I got hooked on "Desperate Housewives." When is this show coming to AFN Pacific? You showed the entire season last year, when is it coming back? It's agonizing trying to avoid news about the latest events on any big show; I'm actually not a big TV watcher, but when I get hooked, it seems like it's impossible not to read about it or hear about the latest by accident either online or on the radio. So when's it coming back? And will you ever show "Martha Stewart-- The Apprentice"? How about the American version of "The Office"? On AFN Prime Pacific, I mean, not AFN Spectrum, which we don't get because we live off base and have Japanese satellite. Thanks (b)(6)
10/5/05 10:23 PM	Programming (ID#14662)	Please bring back Newsnight with Aaron Brown! He is a fair and accurate reporter and you have apparently replaced him with Neil Cavuto's slanted conservative program where he interviews people with opposing politic views who simply end up bashing each other! That's not news! The 7 am time slot is my favorite time of the day when I can sit down with a cup of coffee after I have sent my two children off to school and my youngest is still asleep and catch up on world/stateside events. The other time to watch the news is after my children are in bed but Neil Cavuto's on then as well. Please think about putting Newsnight back on in the morning. Thank you.
10/9/05 12:57 AM	popular shows (ID#14721)	I would like to know why two of the top rated daytime shows are not on. The Ellen Degeneres show or Regis and Kelly. I have watched The View, but when they constantly talk about being "horny", sex with significant others ;and other "hot topics". this is just not what I want on when the kids and I are eating breakfast and getting ready for school. I realize I can turn the channel (which is what I do) but it seems you can find something comparable in format without comprising your efforts to provide us with "popular" programming. The view is just plain raunchy. Thank (b)(6)
10/13/05 11:03 PM	Getting a Show Televised (ID#14803)	What are the steps someone has to take to get their show on AFN? I wanted to contact Joel Osteen of Lakewood Church (Religion) to inform him of the process to take to get his program on AFN. I know there are many people who tune in to his services back in the U.S. Thanks for your assistance.
10/17/05 1:31 PM	Why are you ditching Ed Schultz? (ID#14860)	I was very excited to hear that you were going to put Ed Schultz on AFN. But now he's getting rebuked the day after he criticizes the staged Q&A teleconference? That is ridiculous. AFN should honor the spirit of the Fairness Doctrine and give equal time to different political perspectives. Aren't the troops fighting for freedom? Shouldn't they have the choice to tune in to Ed Schultz (or tune him out)? Last week you thought they did. Amercia needs to hear a good reason for this oddly timed change of heart.
10/17/05 2:29 PM	Programming (ID#14870)	Because U.S. taxpayers underwrite AFN, it appears increasingly apparent to this former Mass Communication professor that the AFR programming carrying the political comments of, say, Rush Limbaugh need to be balanced by using those of, say, Thom Hartmann or Ed Schultz. The same is true of confining U.S. network programming chiefly to FOX. The present situation makes a mockery of fair and balanced programming to listeners and eventually, as in all American wars, service people will regard AFR as a propaganda machine instead of a network with credible news/views. I deeply resent paying one penny of my taxes to support the career of an arrogant, uninformed, loud-mouthed, drug-addicted oaf. And I am not alone. You have absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain by offsetting this kind of commentary with someone holding opposite views. As John Milton noted--and he'd been a government censor: "Though all the winds of doctrine were let loose to play upon the Earth, so Truth be in the field, we do injuriously by licensing and prohibiting to misdoubt her strength. Let her and Falsehood grapple; who ever knew Truth put to the worse, in a free and open encounter." (b)(6)
10/17/05 2:38 PM	Ed Schultz Show (ID#14873)	I would like to know why you promised to air The Ed Schultz Show starting today and it was cancelled at the last minute? The armed forces are still citizens and should know how much the country supports them by hearing from the public and hearing the facts from both sides of the political spectrum. How can they cast a vote in any election if they don't have all the information on who they have to vote for. Our people in the service are smart enough to make up their own minds whether to listen or not. Censorship is unamerican. Thank you.

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10/17/05 2:49 PM	Carry the Ed Schultz show (ID#14876)	I am a regular listener of the Ed Schultz show, America's most popular progressive talk radio program. I am writing to complain about AFN's decision to block the Ed Schultz show from being broadcast on AFN at the last minute after promising that it would be carried starting today. This decision has the appearance of politically motivated censorship. Our troops overseas are not Republican, they are American. They should have access to the same media Americans do at home. Ed Schultz may be critical of the Bush White House, but he respects the troops and they deserve the opportunity to hear the point of view of the Americans who call into his show.
10/17/05 6:36 PM	Ed Schultz Show	We Need to hear Ed BE FAIR IT IS CENSORSHIP AT THE HIGHEST DEGREE TO AIR ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE POLITICAL SPECTROM
10/18/05 3:15 PM	The Ed Shultz Show (ID#14903)	I am an army officer, and have served in the army off and on since 1974. I have depended on AFRTS in various countries and theaters around the world, and know that our service members look to you for quality service that meets their needs for information and entertainment. I was dismayed and angered yesterday to learn that, in spite of confirming emails, etc., that AFRTS was postponing the beginning of "The Ed Shultz Show." I know the Pentagon (Mr. Whitman) claims that Mr. Levy got ahead of the process, and that the whole thing is unfortunate. Come on! That is too ludicrous. Mr. Levy is reported to be the radio division chief. I certainly can't buy the idea that someone with that level of responsibility would not know what the state of the discussions were. Also, Mr. Levy's own email talked about all of the hurdles being out of the way, and gave a date/time for the beginning of the show. I'm embarrassed as a service member to see that AFRTS doesn't have the interest of the service member at heart, but it just a one sided political "yes man." Shame on you. I will contact my congressmen and congresswomen, and my senators (Dr. Frist and Dr. Alexander) in order to express my disapproval of AFRTS' actions. My request is that you recant and put Mr. Schultz' show on the air within the next few days. I have listened to his show, and also regularly listen to Rush Limbaugh. Mr. Schultz is generally LESS offensive than Rush, who regularly disparages elected officials by name. Come on, be big boys and girls, and don't let Mr. Schultz' criticism last week expose a bias in the organization. Sincerely, (b)(6)
10/18/05 7:17 PM	Fair and Balanced... (ID#14904)	As a veteran, I am deeply disturbed about the recent cancelation of the Ed Schultz show. Apparently he has some very honest views about some recently staged photo ops with Mr. Bush and the Troops and AFN doesn't want those views aired on the network. It angers me that Mr. Schultz' views can be censored but the views of drug addicted misogynist are presented every day as fact. Yes, I mean Rush Limbaugh. Are you aware that Mr. Limbaugh once said, over the air, mind you, that most women secretly yearn to be sexually harrassed at work. Now, when I was a soldier I attended several sexual harrassment classes and not one of the instructors I had would have agreed with Mr. Limbaugh. Neither, I believe, would any of the women I worked with. Mothers, daughters and sisters of America. How can you justify having Mr. Limbaugh on the air every day spewing out his hate speech when the only thing Mr. Schultz did was tell the truth about something Scott McClellan STILL lied about today? Those photo ops were staged and badly so. (b)(6)
10/19/05 5:05 AM	AFN Radio (89.1 FM) (ID#14911)	I've listened to your station's derogatory programming without complaint for the last time. Tonight on the Tom Joiner show they once again attacked our Commander in Chief. They compared him to a murder that is currently in the news and posed the question, how is he any different? They directly implied the deaths of our men and women in uniform and those of our allies and the Iraqi insurgents make President Bush a murderer. This programming is joined daily with music and other commentary that uses vulgar language, promotes racial discrimination, violence against women, sexual deviancy, promiscuity, and disrespect for authority. You have an obligation to provide radio service that enhances the morale of DOD personnel world-wide. You are failing. I don't know anyone that enjoys your broadcast and it's a shame because there is nearly an unlimited amount of music and programming available that an overwhelming majority would enjoy. I don't expect you to take my word about your poor ratings--I'm just one person--you need to hear from your audience in mass, so I am going to see if I can help make that happen--you'll be hearing more soon--perhaps by the end of the year.

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10/19/05 3:52 PM	Ed Schultz (ID#14924)	I am writing to you to ask you kindly to change your mind on rejecting the Ed Schultz Radio Show. The U.S. military represents ALL Americans and since the military and AFN are supported by tax dollars the network should have a balance between right and left radio shows. American soldiers fight for the rights of all Americans and one of the most important right is freedom of speech. Of all people soldiers should have the right to listen to a myriad of political voices on the radio as they are themselves engaged daily in the protection of said right. Sincerely, (b)(6)
10/25/05 10:49 AM	news (ID#15018)	I have been away from home travelling for many weeks. I am finally at home and tonight I wished to sit and watch the news.....Fox News to be specific as I had previous to my travels! It is always on around 6pm here in Italy. However, tonight you had on the very politically correct, anti-military station of MSNBC giving their interpretation of the news. I was getting quite perturbed at their reporting of the news. I checked the TV guide.....no change there and it said Fox News should be broadcast. It was NOT. Please return it as soon as it possible.
10/28/05 11:28 AM	CIA Leak "Breaking News" (ID#15068)	My family and I watch Survivor every Friday night. It is a family event that we look forward to. Tonight, the 28th of October, AFN Prime Atlantic broke in with CBS "Breaking News" of a press conference about the CIA leak. I put this in quotations because this is not breaking news. It is also not worth breaking into programming for a lesson by a special prosecutor what "an indictment means" or what "special prosecution process" is. This may have been worth a special ticker across the bottom of the screen and maybe full coverage on AFN News. This is politically motivated drivel and not breaking news. Thank you for your time. (b)(6)
10/28/05 12:07 PM	Breaking News Story (ID#15076)	Terrorist Attacks. Death of a President. Unexpected, cataclysmic natural disaster. All examples of things that I would gladly give up 45 minutes of my prime time programming to see a news update of. A special prosecutor's indictments from a politically charged partisan battle? Okay, maybe a quick line across the bottom to say that I can tune in to AFN-News for the Special Prosecutor's news conference, but not on par with the earlier examples. I know that you guys are trying to provide the best service possible to a wide audience, and I may be completely unique in expressing my disappointment in the news break tonight on AFN Prime Atlantic, but I figure that we have to give you our feedback for you to know how we feel. Thanks, and I do really appreciate the fact that at least you guys picked up where you left off on Survivor when it did come back on.
10/29/05 5:54 AM	Interruptions to Scheduled Programming	Gentlemen: I needed to express my dissatisfaction with the interruption last night of the programming on AFN-Atlantic. The scheduled program, Survivor, was interrupted for a 45-min Justice press conference regarding the Scooter Libby indictment. A. Noone watching the highly educational content of Survivor cares about a very small piece of the Democratic/Republican war to dominate headlines on a two year old blamefinding mission. B. The Justice press conference was carried Live in its appropriate place on AFN-News. C. No other program (Spectrum, AFN Korea, AFN Pacific, Movies, Family, etc) was interrupted for the worthless talking heads discussing 18 more times the intelligence leak. In the future, please confine your interruptions to a banner running across the bottom of the screen so that viewers with a mild intellectual interest in the making of American politics through exploitation of the news media can turn to the appropriate AFN-News channel to catch the "breaking" news. Please do not feel you need to respond to the email. I have pointed out both the problem and the action you need to take to correct it. Thank you for your attention to this matter. (b)(6)
11/2/05 11:44 AM	AFN Movie 20 Oct 05/1700 Japan/Korea time (ID#15153)	Sent: Monday, October 31, 2005 8:18 PM To: (b)(6) I returned off of leave to the attached article. ([Torii Teller Article October 2005.doc]) We met with (b)(6) 1 Nov 05/1000. Things went well, and we seem to be on the same sheet of music. We are researching a particular incident where (b)(6) claims there was frontal nudity (adult female) on the AFN Movie channel. Below is the request I forwarded through MyAFN.net: We are attempting to research what the movie played on the AFN Movie channel 20 Oct 05 at about 1700 Pacific/Korean time. A viewer claims there was frontal nudity and simulated sex acts during this program. Please provide a listing of movies for that day and let us know if, in fact, this could have happened. Also, please send a link/copy or direction on your policy for these type of movies. (b)(6) We will hopefully have this resolved very soon. Your time and consideration are appreciated. r/s (b)(6)

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11/4/05 1:53 AM	AFN Family Concern From a Third Grader (ID#15186)	Hello. My name is (b)(6) I am in 3rd at Sollars Elementary School. I don't like what's on AFN Family. Well, I got freaked out on some shows on AFN Family. Also, I have seen sexual stuff on the channel. So can you please change what you are showing? Lizzie McGuire is okay but Spongebob has violence in it, especially the "Rip Your Pants" one. Lots of things on AFN Family little kids shouldn't watch. I'm not saying this stuff just for me, but for all kids. Change the violence, scariness, and sexual stuff, please. Please don't show PG, PG13, R, or X on TV. I think of myself very strongly and gifted for saying this. Please change AFN family so that it is good stuff all the time, not just in the morning. If it is called AFN family, then everyone in the family should be able to watch it, even the little kids. Very Concerned, (b)(6)
11/8/05 3:32 PM	Can AFR offer more diversified programming? (ID#15267)	As a U.S. Navy veteran, I listened to AFR quite frequently when I served, especially when we where underway or on overseas deployment. I enjoyed news updates, the music, and sports updates, etc... I was pleased with the content at the time. And, I felt AFR offered a relatively balanced schedule. However, all of this was before, I began to hear Rush Limbaugh and FOX News take to the air on AFR, with a very right wing political slant, and begin to dominate the political content of AFR. I am very upset over the fact that divergent opinion or more moderate and liberal views are not given equal time on the air over AFR. Especially, in light of the continued lies that seem to spew from the mouths chicken hawks, such as Rush, who dodged their service to our country! I'd rather hear an Air America Radio broadcast of Randi Rhodes (US Air Force veteran) or Al Franken (U.S.O. Tour entertainer in Afghanistan & Iraq) or Morning Sedition w/ Mark Maron/Mark Riley (true patriots). At the very least, their content is factually based and closer to the mark when it comes to accuracy in reporting on topical issues!!! In addition, I believe their honesty and sense humor and wit are welcome in a time when our men and women are on the ground on hostile foreign soil, serving for what they believe is the common good of our country! I believe AFR should offer a more balanced view of the world to it's listeners around the globe, our men and women in uniform, who swore as I did to protect and defend this nation and to stand by the constitution. For AFR, to offer anything less than at least equal air time to other more moderate and liberal talk show hosts and media programs for our troops to listen to is unbalanced, and unfair and lastly a disservice to the cause of winning the hearts and minds of it's listeners and to the morale of our fighting men and women struggling for personal answers to why they should continue to believe and serve our country. Our nation was founded on it's free press and liberty to speak freely. Our military should be able to listen freely to divergent opinions and insights into all that America is expressing! Thanks for your time, Sincerely, (b)(6)
11/9/05 3:41 PM	Armed Forces Radion programming (ID#15284)	I am writing because you didn't keep your agreement to put the Ed Scultz radio program on your line up. You currently have over 62 hours per week of definitely conservative talk radio. You currently have 0 hours per week of any talk radio that is not overtly conservative. (And if James Dobson, Dr Laura, and Rush Limbaugh aren't overtly conservative then nothing is). You are tax payer funded. My taxes support programming to our servicemen and women. (I grew up in the service and know that this programming does reach people). I want you to not only keep your agreement to put on some truly progressive talk shows but also to fulfill your MANDATE to provide balanced programming. You are not doing either. Keeping the agreement, OR fulfilling your mandate. It is time for you to start presenting some programming from the progressive side of the spectrum. If not the Ed Schultz show then the Al Franken show, the Randi Rhodes Show (She did her time in the service--maybe you should take that into consideration), or Laura Flanders. There is also Amy Goodman of DemocracyNow. There are plenty of already very successful shows for you to choose from. But it HAS to be from progressive talk radio and news. It can't be mainstream news, or it won't balance the very very conservative shows you currently run. You should put three on to balance the three you have. And you can't count Dobson as a Non partisan Religious program; he has been too open nationally with his political views to do that truthfully. Thank you (b)(6)

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11/10/05 6:57 AM	AFR to the troops (ID#15290)	<p>To whom it may concern, Hello, my name is (b)(6). I served the United States of America in the Navy. I may have only done four years, worked as a personnelman, but I served! All of my family served. My husband served the United States military for 16 years. I feel my opinion on this subject is valid because of my experience with my fellow enlisted. What I heard on the St. Louis radio station I listen to every morning made me so very angry. I cannot believe that of the radio programs meeting the criteria of the NFRTS, Rush Limbaugh broadcasts to the troops instead of something they would prefer. Our troops are a majority of young men and women, not middle-aged Republicans. The troops, men and women, would prefer to listen to Howard Stern. Yes, he does get very raunchy where a woman like me would have to turn him off for 5-10 minutes to get past an obnoxious interview with a woman with little self-esteem. After those interviews, which are not infrequent but short, and not the entire show, Howard Stern and his crew, especially Artie Lange, Robin, and Fred Norris, discuss in-depth issues that are important to people protecting their rights to freedom in a land frightening and strange. The troops, some of whom are serving for over a year, would like to hear about what goes on in America from someone entertaining and intelligent because they cannot be here to observe themselves. That person is not Rush Limbaugh. Howard Stern describes movies, television shows, other radio hosts in other states, religion, politics, the troops themselves and Robin reads the news everyday. Every day you can almost guarantee, Howard or his crew will mention how proud of our troops they are. How, without the troops in the Middle East today, nor the troops from the beginning of America, Howard would not be where he is today. None of us would be here without the proud, brave, honored military. I know this, its time you learned to respect their needs and give the military three hours of Howard Stern's show. As busy with defending your life as they are, I am positive from experience, that they will appreciate even a minute of Howard Stern while watching their backs protecting yours. One last argument, I am not a Stern follower. I listen to him at the end of his show while I am driving to work or school because I need those 20 minutes of entertainment. I am not telling you this because I am a Stern follower. I am telling you this as someone who, when I served to protect your rights, was far from home and needed something to take my mind off my worries and loneliness. Thank you for listening to me, if you did not just erase this when you saw the words "Howard Stern". If you did, and though I will not know, I will send this again until I hear word back confirming that you hear me, and acknowledge that I am right. Sincerely, (b)(6)</p>
11/14/05 3:16 PM	Programming (ID#15351)	<p>In Iraq, we don't have many options on the radio other than AFN, and me and my democrat friends (and there are quite a few of us) won't listen to that moron Limbaugh. I am so tired of people assuming all soldiers are brain-washed republicans who worship limbaugh and bush. Many of us hate them both, and we hate that our voices are ignored and the commanders try to cover us up, speaking on our behalf. AFN needs a more liberal voice, for balance if nothing else. Like you said, 100% to 0% balance right now. There are many liberal, democrat or independent soldiers in Iraq, and we would like a voice. If you are going to bother programming for soldiers, then program for ALL soldiers. You program different music for different soldiers, why not political talk shows? You guys have NO excuses for not putting Randi Rhodes or Al Franken on AFN for an hour or so. It is just because the guys who make the decisions are all republicans, I'll bet. Get Franken or Randi Rhodes on AFN. (b)(6)</p>
11/19/05 9:17 AM	Religious Programming (ID#15410)	<p>Religious Programming Coordinator Defense Media Center 1363 2 Street, Bldg 2730 March ARB, CA 92518-2017 Hi! Could You please answer a few basic questions regarding Religious Programming for Service Personnel. I will be asking both the Pentagon and White House similar questions, but, would appreciate Your input before speaking with them. 1. Why is such programming free? 2. Do Personnel have to request such programming or is it automatically supplied? 3. Can such programming be had from Armed Services Programming unpaid, while all other programming or much of it, is 'paid' for by a recipient? 4. Does the US (that's US) pay for Religious Programming out of the National Budget? Thanks for Your time and input. (b)(6)</p>
11/19/05 8:47 PM	Hour of Power (ID#15416)	<p>Seeing as though it seems we do not have a lot of choices to watch on AFN, I was flipping through the channels and I noticed "Hour of Power" was on AFN Atlantic. I'm Catholic and have no animosity towards other denominations of Christianity or other religions at all, but I do feel as an American, religious programming should not be played on a media that is federally funded.</p>

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11/29/05 12:11 AM	removal of rush limbaugh for sports (ID#15544)	Have been here in Iraq 2 1/2 years and like to keep up with whats going on at home In politice that isnt filtered by sucking head wound [the Media] and have noted that limbaugh is off the air and we are treated to a steady diet of sports the question is when can we get limbaugh back ???(b)(6)but
12/2/05 7:26 AM	Radio Program (ID#15582)	AFRTS features Rush Limbaugh and in effect, uses taxpayer dollars to espouse a particular political slant. In the Interest of fairness, balance, and free speech, AFRTS should allow equivalent air time to a program from Air America, namely a show from Ed Schultz, Al Franken, or Randi Rhodes.
12/5/05 1:39 PM	Ed Schultz on AFR (ID#15616)	THANKS for carrying Ed Schultz on AFR. (I hope that's right!) I'm not in the military, and I don't listen to AFR. BUT I'm a loyal Big Eddie listener on regular Radio. Ed Schultz is a great broadcasting talent, he does a great show, and I'm sure your audience will enjoy his program. There was a bunch of political hullabaloo about whether Eddie would ever get on AFR. I think it's just hilarious that the Pentagon was supposedly trying to "protect" the troops from this "radical dissident". Schultz is a middle-aged, middle-class middle-American, with middle-of-the-road politics. He's actually a moderate - NOWHERE near as far to the left as for instance Rush Limbaugh is to the right (I listen to Rush too!). Schultz has never said anything, to my knowledge, that was disrespectful of the troops or the military. In fact, he's a leading moderate voice for supporting the troops, for the V.A., and for finding a road to a positive outcome in Iraq. I don't always agree with him, but I think every reasonable person can agree that he's honest, earnest and entertaining, and I think he's a great fit for AFR. THANKS AGAIN for weathering the political flak and getting Big Eddie on AFR. It speaks to who we are as Americans that we can sometimes agree to disagree, and still work together. P.S. I have heard that Sean Hannity was also interested in being on AFR. I sometimes listen to him too, but just for laughs. Hannity is less talented, less honest and less earnest than Schultz. Whatever Hannity supposedly has to say, usually Rush says it first, and better. Whatever you do, don't cut away from Rush's time to make room for Hannity at least until he gets his own material! THANKS AGAIN! (b)(6)
12/7/05 5:15 AM	Al Franken and Our Heroes (ID#15643)	Why in the world would you make such an arrogant and inhumane decision to air Al Franken and his, obviously, disrespectful, anti-American, non-truth views to our heroes who are fighting daily for our freedom? I believe in free speech but some speech by Mr. Al and some of our Senators and Congress "men" are traitorous and dangerous to our freedom. Please be more objective and do not let your political correctness beliefs fall into the hands of our real enemies (the ones who object to our founding father's and our country's belief, GOD). thanks.(b)(6)
12/7/05 10:16 AM	Al Franklin Liberal talk show (ID#15660)	Why do you send them something they do not want.? He is against them and the mission. If this is to be PC then you should have Al-Qaida on also. This should be for the troops not the politicians.
12/12/05 1:43 AM	Sexual Harassment Infomercials (ID#15703)	Sir/Ma'am, i'm currently deployed in the AOR and enjoy watching. I'm active duty Air Force and my job is Military Equal Opportunity. I find you commercials on sexual harassment to be very informative and in a format that would greatly enhance my equal opportunity classes and briefs. Would it be possible to get copies of your sexual harassment infomercials so I can use them during my classes?
12/12/05 9:14 PM	NFL Promotional Ad (ID#15711)	Your NFL promotional ad featuring nothing but cheerleading "T and A" is offensive to women..service members and mothers of girls(and I would hope fathers). i've seen many "spots" about reporting sexual harassment. Maybe if you didn't promote women as sexual objects, you would have less need for all those public service announcements...mixed signals??

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12/13/05 4:02 AM	Rush Limbaugh Show (ID#15717)	<p>Why is Rush Limbaugh on during prime drive time? I realize that Rush Limbaugh is very popular with the politically conservative (many of whom serve in the armed forces) however; with those of us of the "family" mindset it is very offensive. I have four children that I traditionally am ferrying to piano, Irish Dance, sports etc. during the prime (4-7 p.m.) drive hours. Always, I have to turn off the radio because it is so alarming to hear a constant prattle of angry, offensive, sometimes profane, hate-filled, negativity on a constant basis. Listen, I like a political debate as much as the next person but 1) his is the only opinion that is offered during drive time so that negates any opportunity for sharing or friendly debate; 2) my children shouldn't have to listen to a constant dose of negativity, rudeness and name-calling of our elected officials - no matter the political slant; and 3) Limbaugh is a self-confessed drug addict with criminal charges pending on drug offenses - isn't that a bit ironic when the commercial aired during his show is often a PSA on making good moral choices? This wasn't even lost on my 10-year-old! I understand that AFN gets programming for free and often airs popular programs that may not always be popular with everyone. But even my husband, a dye-hard conservative, can't stomach Rush Limbaugh's constant negative, hate-filled diatribe. However, isn't there some value-laden judgements that should go along with this process? You certainly wouldn't expect to see shows such as "Sex in the City" on Saturday morning programming, right? Well, I'm sick of having no choice as to what to listen to during evening drive time except Rush Limbaugh. So, how about putting Rush on during the day so those of like minds can listen at work or wherever they may be and our kids are safely at school learning about the responsibilities that accompany our democratic principles of free speech and how important it is to respect others' opinions. Thank you - A concerned parent</p>
12/14/05 7:45 AM	AFRN Hosts (ID#15732)	<p>http://www.afbionmonitor.com/0512a/sy-milleriraq.html Dear Armed Forces Radio& TV Network, How are you? I am fine. Thought you handled the whole hubbub over bringing balance to the military airwaves quite well. Ed Schultz and Al Franken should shore up the Limbaugh, Dobson, Dr. Laura parity. At least it will politically. Then you had to go and add conservative pin-up Hannity. Not that Sean's presence over on AFRN isn't called for, but bunk checks revealing a cluster of wallet-size Hannitys could throw "don't ask, don't tell" for a devastating loop. Some would say that this has created a gorgeous gap, politically speaking. Obviously, Sean's comeliness would be hard put to be balanced by the likes of anyone on the left. But there is an even more egregious void on the military dial (remember dials?). I'm talking about the pizzazz gap. And I say that, the gap can be filled quite handsomely, and pizzazzingly, with... Stephanie Miller. If you've kept up with my column, you know that a few weeks ago I had said that the winsome syndicated talker could be the next Edward R. Murrow. From the deluge of the lovely hate mail I received, some seem to think that I might have thrown away sixteen years of sobriety in making that argument. While there was a certain sense to my supposition, I have come to realize that Stephanie could play a much more important role in the fight for hearts and minds than by chain-smoking cigarettes and interviewing Liberace. I'm talking about putting a smile on the face of our boys in battle. No, not that way. In the way they can actually write home about, salt peter or not. Let me draw a bit of a picture that, unfortunately, you guys are all too familiar with. You're out on patrol with enough equipment on your back to double your body weight. You're bitterly cold or hell-fire hot. Trepidation accompanies your every step. Your stomach hasn't been your friend for weeks. Even if you were hungry, no ration would have a chance to hit the digestive tract before being thrown back up into your dust mask. You have no idea what danger you might face, but the all too real knowledge that you or your best bud might not come back to camp alive or with all limbs in tact, rolls around your head like a marble with no hole to fill. Other than that, it's really cool being in a war. You come back to camp with a pass, not having to see the medic, chaplain or that way-too-cranky grim reaper. You need relief. Pictures of ex-girlfriends won't work (see "Jarhead"). Listening to some one-noter, preaching dark apocalyptic talking points, are worse. You want comfort, not pontificating. But if you like politics, news, and would like it presented with the same comic energy of "The Daily Show," there's no one on AFRN to listen to. What you could use is pizzazz, with a capital PIZ. In radio, pizzazz spells Stephanie Miller. Not exactly, but other than the z's, Stephanie's got all the right letters. More than that she's got the type of thing that Robin Williams's performance recounted in "Good Morning Viet Nam," with his depiction of A2C Adrian Cronauer, the military DJ who brought a bit of fun to the soldiers holed up in that shit-hole. Not that Iraq is anything like Viet Nam. I mean there's a totally different language and...well, that language thing is big. Our guys deserve some laughs, bad. Not bad laughs. Of course, there are some who think that Hannity's hysterical impressions of Bill Clinton and litany of Kerry flip-flops repeated incessantly are satirical gold. I know that there's nothing funnier to me than the unremitting repetition of Sean hic-cuping his way through his Ted Kennedy impression (that the uncorruptable</p>

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12/19/05 3:46 AM	Copies of sexual harassment commercials (ID#15785)	Sir/Ma'am, I recently e-mailed you about get a copy of your sexual harassment commercials that are broadcasted on AFN. I was told I had to pay for the videos. I would greatly appreciate if we could work something out. How much are the commercials? I'm the E.O. /MEO representative for my unit and can use the commercial as part of my sexual harassment training. Since the commercial would be used for training it might be possible to pay for them with my unit funds. (b)(6)
12/20/05 4:29 AM	Radio talk shows (ID#15797)	In your most recent radio bulleting, you mention that you're adding two talk shows to balance the political talk. So if you are going to balance Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity with alfranken and edschultz, does that mean your're going to remove ALL of NPR? Honestly, NPR and Newsweek radio "balance" Rush and Sean, by themselves. Isn't it about time the MAJORITY of the population are recognized, instead of the ANTI-MILITARY media?
12/26/05 4:18 PM	AFN Radio Programing (ID#15873)	Dear Sir, I used to religiously listen to NPR radio in the morning at 0600 to 0800 on AFN AM radio. Now the programing has changed to the Clark Howard show from 0600 to 0700. At first I was upset, however, I soon fell in love with the show. The guy really knows how to talk financial managment down to the level of the average joe. Please keep him on the air.
12/27/05 7:35 AM	The Ed Schultz Show (ID#15880)	Question - What was the decision process to put this person on the air? I have a hard time understanding how he even remotely airs the views of the listneing public. My friends and I beleive that this is political correctness run amok. In the last survey of what percentage of responders wished that liberal talk radio be put on the air? Regards
1/3/06 1:13 AM	Comercials (ID#15967)	My Soldiers ask why and I have no other answer, so i am reaching out and asking for your help! Why does AFN ALWAYS show comercials with men sexually harrasing ur men being the cause of domestic violence? Never Woman doing the wrong! I tell them statistics but they find it hard to believe, do you have another answer i can give them? Thanks
1/20/06 5:04 AM	Sexual Assault Response Team Training Program 2006 (ID#16236)	Do you advertise continuing education courses on AFN? If you do I included a course sponsored by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING PROGRAM (Open to Civilians and Military) Date: April 3 - 7, 2006 Location: Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, Maryland Website: http://www.afip.org/Departments/edu/upcoming.htm Course Description: This program is designed for health care personnel (officer, enlisted and civilian) desiring education and training in performing sexual assault examinations. In addition, chaplains, investigators, law enforcement, mental health care workers, sexual assault victim advocates, and persons from other disciplines who wish to have an increased understanding of the sexual assault examination, and to provide a multidisciplinary approach to sexual assault care and the medicolegal process may attend. This course will include laboratory sessions to introduce sexual assault forensic examination techniques, forensic photography, documentation and physical evidence collection. For further information please contact: Course Coordinator: Ricky Giles Department of Medical Education Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Washington, DC 20306-6000 Tel: (202) 782-2637 Toll-Free Tel: (800) 577-3749 (within the US) Fax: (202) 782-5020 Toll-Free Fax: (800) 441-0094 E-mail: came@afip.osd.mil
1/23/06 1:16 AM	Anti - president commentaries (ID#16256)	Hello I am an American ex-pat working in the middle east on a US State Department project. I often enjoy listening to AFN on the radio. I particularly dislike anti-Bush commentaries like the one given today by Jim Hightower. He referenced President Bush's dishonesty. I would like to say that I actively keep pace with the political scene and there has never been one trace of evidence leading to the President being dishonest. I totally agree with the President that dissidents such as Congressman Murtha severely hurt our credibility here. While I think it is fantastic that our country's citizens have the right to voice their opinion, I don't like the message we are sending to the people of the middle east and our Armed Forces people here. Can I have equal air time to rebut Jim Hightower? Thank you! (b)(6)
2/5/06 6:27 PM	Super bowl "commercials" (ID#16446)	Whoever wrote the "cute" little commercials for the upcoming AFN channel needs to be counseled on sexual comments. How rude to think everyone that doesn't like football is an ex-girl friend, likes "Steel Magnolias" or any of the other ideas your commercials put forth. These commercials perpetrate typical stereotypes that only men enjoy football and if your don't you must be a woman. If I made those comments I would be court-martialed.