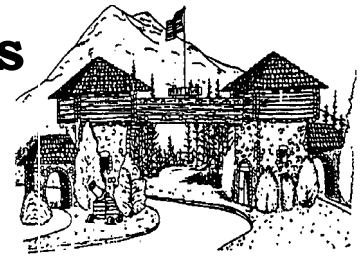




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Charge sheet lists charges and specifications

FORT LEWIS, Wash — Subsequent to this morning's news release about three charges being preferred against an officer who refused to accompany his unit to Iraq, Fort Lewis officials have released a redacted charge sheet which list the charges and specifications preferred against 1st Lt. Ehren Watada. The charge sheet accompanies this release.

In accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice, 1st Lt. Watada has been charged with one specification of Article 87: Missing Movement. The maximum punishment is dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement for two years.

1st Lt. Watada has been charged with two specifications of Article 88: Contempt toward officials. The maximum punishment for this offense is dismissal, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for one year for each specification.

1st Lt. Watada has been charged with three specifications of Article 133: Conduct unbecoming an officer. The maximum punishment for this offense includes dismissal, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement for a period not in excess of that authorized for the most similar offense for which a punishment is prescribed in the UCMJ, or, if none, than for 1 year for each specification.

If convicted of all charges and specifications contained in the charge sheet, the maximum punishment is dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and seven years confinement.

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