

The Citadel

Thank you to Ethan for the introduction.

Five boys joke.

ROTC story.

State of the U.S. economy.

America created a Navy to protect her economy. First covert action/war.

South China Sea.

National debt and unemployment.

Nations that score better than the U.S. in math and reading.

Universities graduate kids with Medieval Studies or Art History degrees.

Everyone gets a trophy.

You're competing against countries like China and South Korea.

The military is great about bringing you down to earth – basic training story.

So many innovations came from the U.S. – automobile, microwave, Twitter.

Our military as a force for good - World War I, World War II, 300 girls, foreign aid, HIV/Aids in Africa.

That shining city on a hill was born.

“No better friend, no worse enemy.”

Our strategy is starkly underfunded.

Blind man's ax/sequester.

Last time the Pentagon budgeted for the strategy, it called for \$600 billion this year. \$100 billion less than President Obama's most recent budget.

Budget doesn't fund force levels – Army, Marines. Carriers. Fewest ships since

WWI, soldiers fewest since WWII.

With all the threats, no time to slash spending.

We can find savings in defense budget – I did at the Intelligence Committee.

Savings in personnel, operations and management.

More people collect stamps than serve in the military, no sacrifice.

Military gets restricted like in Vietnam. When we fight we succeed.

Military is used for sociological experiments or political correctness.

Seeing TV ads with a soldier missing a leg – isolationism.

Bastogne.

We have to believe in ourselves again.

Tora Bora Story and close.