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I Think Sadi Arabia Suks

A humorous, serious, compassionate look at the Gulf War from the eyes of L.A. school kids.

Retired Air Force Reserve Public Affairs Officer, Colonel Phil Johnson, has put together a book of letters he received while in Saudi Arabia from Inner-city Los Angeles school kids.

Johnson says the letters were written by the students to jack-up his spirits while he was serving in the Arabian Gulf Region. After reading them a few times, he was overwhelmed with the thought that the 4-7th grade students at St. Vincent and Resurrection Schools in Los Angeles had put into each of their letters.

He said “The compassion for their fellow man, the love and concern for our troops, the humor, the self-portraits, the boy’s knowledge of U.S. aircraft, the girl’s distaste of Saudi women’s clothing, and their disgust of war, really touched me...so much so, that I had to share them with the rest of the world.”

“Sometimes the knowledge and morals of our youth are called into questioned by adults. We think the world is going to hell in a hand basket, however, after reading these letters, I think you’ll agree, the next generation looks quite promising....on a number of important issues, especially FAMILY. Yes, when we “baby boomers” hit our rocking chairs, the future of our country looks to be in very good hands...if these kids from L.A. are any indicator.”

Johnson said he got the idea for the title of the book from one of the letters. He says “A fifth grade girl, mind you a “nice Catholic girl, in a Catholic school” started her letter: ‘Dear Lt. Col. Johnson, I think Saudi Arabia sucks.’ I almost fell out of the chair from laughter. As Art Linkletter used to say ‘Kids Say the Darndest Things.’ So, I thought it would be a great attention-getter for the book.

I Think Sadi Arabia Suks is Johnson’s third book and sells for \$7.95 plus shipping and handling. Order it through Johnson’s website: pjohnson65.com.or by calling 800-592-0304. Also, both Amazon and Barnes and Noble have the book available on their websites. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to both St. Vincent and Resurrection Schools.

Finally, Col. Johnson is available as a consultant and speaker to national/international organizations. Interested parties can contact Mr. Johnson at Effective Communication Strategies, Inc. 11293 E. Butherus Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85255; or by calling 480-425-8219 or e-mailing pjohnson65@hotmail.com.