Ted J. Sebastianelli, first in his family to attend college, earned a football scholarship to Penn State and was a member of Coach Paterno's first three teams, including the undefeated, "fabled" 1968 squad. Ted played an early role in Coach Paterno's vision of developing outstanding football teams with young men of strong character who also were committed to academics. In Penn State lore this became known as "The Grand Experiment".

Following graduation, Ted joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. As an Air Weapons Director, he controlled more than 3000 live air-to-air events and over 500 live aerial refueling missions. Ted was made an honorary member of the 8th Tactical Fighter Squadron, The Black Sheep. He served in positions as Weapons and Tactics Officer, Chief of Standardization/Evaluation, Director of Operations, and Commander. Ted participated in Counter Drug Operations in Columbia and multiple operations from Italy in support of the air war in the Balkans. He completed Air War College in 1999. Lieutenant Colonel Sebastianelli retired militarily in 2004 as commander of the 112th Air Operations Squadron, State College. He then served as Deputy Human Resources Director for the Military District of Washington, Fort McNair, DC, before retiring in 2007.

Ted is a member of the Alumni Association, past president of the Football Letterman's Club, and a 30-year member of the Nittany Lion Club. He comes from a Penn State family; his sister, niece, and both stepdaughters are Penn State grads. Ted and his wife, Margaret, reside in State College, PA.

When do we rise up, plant our feet, and take a stand? It's been 16 months since the child sexual abuse scandal broke and, sadly, we have yet to defend our University.

Instead, we are simply asked to "move on". Well, it's not that simple. We need due process for our University and our beloved Coach Paterno. We need to set the record straight. We must begin a deliberate process to disprove and invalidate the Presentment and Freeh Report. This fight will take time, but it must be done carefully by the Board of Trustees and University leadership. And, of course, we must apologize to the Paterno family.

Penn State needs trustees who possess a genuine sense of duty and a fiduciary responsibility to their constituents. The board needs drastic change. I would remove the president and governor, reduce the size to 21, set quorum at simple majority, establish 9-year term limits, stop the cronyism, enforce transparency, and comply with the Right-to-Know Law and Ethics Act. The board also must firmly deal with the rising cost of education. We must examine current practices and spending in order to make college more affordable for every qualified student.

I am uniquely qualified to be a trustee. My Penn State roots are well-established. My military career is indicative of strong, decisive leadership. As a long time State College resident, I have a great appreciation for the University neighborhood. I'm anxious to help revitalize our image. I ask for your vote.