

Palzewicz: Concerned for U.S. troop safety in Afghanistan

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Brookfield, WI – U.S. Navy veteran Tom Palzewicz, the Democratic candidate for Wisconsin's Fifth Congressional District seat, is concerned by President Donald Trump's reaction to the story alleging Russia paid bounties to Taliban militants to kill U.S. Soldiers.

"The Russia Bounty story is just another made up by Fake News tale that is told only to damage me and the Republican Party," Trump tweeted. "The secret source probably does not even exist, just like the story itself. If the discredited @nytimes has a source, reveal it. Just another HOAX!"

Palzewicz, who served aboard a nuclear submarine during his six-year enlistment, was confused by Trump's lack of response when the story broke, but was even more perplexed by the president's tweet.

"The President has a solemn, moral responsibility to protect and support our men and women in the armed forces," said Palzewicz. "His statement suggests that he will not do or say anything to achieve that end. Even if the reports of the Russian activity are not completely accurate, the Commander-in-Chief must step up and defend our military."

"Acting in the best interest of our military should not be a political issue, but an American issue," Palzewicz continued. "We are all together in protecting our interests, our values and our security. When I am in Congress, protecting our military will be a high priority, regardless of political pressures."