

## Military Resistance 10E2



## **Afghan Soldier Kills US Marine And Wounds Another In Latest Attacks Against Foreign Troops:**

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# “Doesn't Report The Wounding Of Troops Who Were Attacked Alongside Those Who Were Killed”

07 May 2012 Telegraph Media Group Limited

An Afghan soldier killed one US marine and wounded another before being shot to death in return fire in southern Afghanistan, the latest in a series of attacks against foreigners blamed on government forces within their own ranks.

Nearly 20 such attacks this year have raised the level of mistrust between the US-led coalition and their Afghan partners as Nato gears up to hand over security to local forces ahead of a 2014 deadline for the withdrawal of combat troops.

The Afghan soldier opened fire on international troops in the Tarekh Naver in the Marjah district, a former Taliban stronghold that was the site of a major offensive by coalition forces in 2010, said a spokesman for the governor of Helmand province.

A senior US defence official in Washington said Sunday that the victim was a U.S. Marine in Helmand province, and that one other Marine was wounded.

The US-led coalition routinely reports each time an American or other foreign soldier is killed by an Afghan in uniform, but the military is under-reporting the number of overall attacks.

The Associated Press reported earlier this month that the coalition does not report attacks in which the Afghan wounds – or misses – his US or allied target.

It also doesn't report the wounding of troops who were attacked alongside those who were killed.

## **Troops Invited:**

**Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or email [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org): Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.**

## **ACTION REPORTS**

# Outreach to New York National Guard: 5/4/12

From: Alan Stolzer, Military Resistance Organization  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: Outreach to New York National Guard  
Date: May 8, 2012

Armory Outreach (5/4/12)

Although ominous reports of thunderstorms were forecast, our outreach survived the morning thanks to two volunteers (one a non-member, the other a former member which made three of us) who showed up in rainy conditions for a successful occasion that distributed 56 lit handouts (of 120 Military Resistance Newsletter reprints prepared, a copy of which was recently sent to the group, GI Rights pamphlet and introductory cards [see *below*], 47 DVDs of Sir! No Sir! (of 51 on hand) and 25 brownie packets of 50 generously provided by a friend of Military Resistance.

We discovered one of the two companies using the armory was the only unit represented today (the other most likely assembling another day as yet unknown) and we approximated 75-85 soldiers arriving by 8:15 (when we left) in what, we thought, leisurely fashion, strolling to the gates (starting at 6:30) without any clear urgency and friendlier than usual.

Even turndowns were more pleasant than times previous.

I don't believe a soldier didn't say thank you whether they accepted offerings or not. This included officers as well as enlisted. The same was reported by the other two outreachers as well. We were told some troops were to remain at the armory while others would travel elsewhere for drill. It wasn't clear where the group leaving was going.

A recently worked on and repaved sidewalk in front of the armory has now been cleared of cars (by order of command) so all 3 gates are visible from points of distribution. Consequently, two of us posted at one gate and one was enough at the other. There is another entrance I saw used for the first time today, that being alongside the armory and up the block. One soldier, having parked his car, walked straight up to the mentioned entrance. This needs to be kept in mind next time.

There were also attempts to find a troop who might provide us a schedule for future outreaches. This proved futile. Consequently, we'll continue relying on word of mouth from those in and outside the armory.

Outreach expenses were:  
\$21 cab fare to reach the armory (including tip)  
\$10 breakfast for two of us (including tip)

\$4.50 carfare reimbursement  
Total: \$35.50

Respectfully submitted,  
A. Stolzer

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## **ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!**

An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

NOTE WELL:

**Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.**

**Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.**

**Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.**

**If accidentally included, that information will not be published.**

**The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.**

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## **MILITARY RESISTANCE TEN POINTS**

### **Military Resistance Mission Statement:**

**1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the war of empire in Afghanistan. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.**

**2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.**

**However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.**

**3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Afghanistan.**

**Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.**

**4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.**

**Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.**

**This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.**

**5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.**

**This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels.**

**Any member may run for any job in the organization. All persons elected are subject to immediate recall, by majority vote of the membership.**

**Coordinating bodies report their actions, decisions and votes to the membership who elected them, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.**

**6. It is not necessary for Military Resistance to be in political agreement with other organizations in order to work together towards specific common objectives.**

**It is productive for organizations working together on common projects to discuss differences about the best way forward for the movement.**

**Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.**

## **Membership Requirements:**

**7. It is a condition of membership that each member prioritize and participate in organized action to reach out to active duty armed forces, Reserve and/or National Guard units.**

**8. Military Resistance or individual members may choose to support candidates for elective office who are for immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan, but do not support a candidate opposed to immediate, unconditional withdrawal.**

**9. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.**

**10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.**

-----**(Signed)**

**(Date)**

----- (Application taken by)

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Union: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Students/Unemployed	@	\$10
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NOTE: Civilian applicants will be interviewed, in person if possible, or by phone.

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# **“People Need Not Be Helpless Before The Power Of Illegitimate Authority”**

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*[Based on a statement by David Cortright, Vietnam Veteran and armed forces resistance organizer.]*

**In the final analysis the stationing of American forces abroad serves not the national interest but the class interest of the corporate and political elite.**

**The maintenance of a massive, interventionist-oriented military establishment is based on the need to protect multinational investment and preserve regimes friendly to American capital.**

**Imperialism is at the heart of the national-security system and is the force fundamentally responsible for the counterrevolutionary, repressive aims of U.S. policy.**

**Only if we confront this reality and challenge it throughout society and within the ranks can we restore democratic control of the military.**

**Of course nothing can be accomplished without citizen involvement and active political struggle.**

**During the Vietnam era enlisted servicemen created massive pressures for change, despite severe repression, and significantly altered the course of the war and subsequent military policy.**

**To sustain and strengthen this challenge we must continue to build political opposition to interventionism and support those within the armed services, including national guard and reserves, who defy the goals and program of Empire.**



The central lesson of the GI movement is that people need not be helpless before the power of illegitimate authority, that by getting together and acting upon their convictions people can change society and, in effect, make their own history.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Three Foreign Occupation “Servicemembers” Killed By IED Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced**

May 7, 2012 AP

Three foreign servicemembers died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

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### **Family Of Franklin Fallen Soldier Remembers Their Hero**



Apr 29, 2012 NewsChannel5

**FRANKLIN, Tenn. - Jason Edens is the 27th soldier deployed to Afghanistan to die in a month.**

The Franklin High School Graduate passed away on Friday, two weeks after his injury in Afghanistan. His family just returned from Walter Reed Hospital where they had to make the difficult decision to take Edens off life support.

The 22-year-old enlisted three years ago, but the decision to do so came as a shock to family and friends. He didn't come from a long line of military service, but his wife Ashley Edens said it's something he felt he needed to do.

"He wanted to do something on his own; he didn't want to follow in family footsteps or family business he was like, 'I make a name for myself,'" said Edens.

So Edens, a Franklin High graduate, dropped out of Eastern Tennessee and enlisted in the army.

"I thought originally he made the wrong decision, but after he went to Basic Training and came out and graduated, I saw that the Army made him a man," said his father, Jim Edens.

That man soon became a devoted husband.

"He was the love of my life, and I was the love of his life. And he always will be, and I always will be to him," said Ashley Edens.

But now she's had to learn how to live without her love.

Two weeks ago, Edens received a phone call from the military informing them that Jason Edens was shot in the head while out on patrol in Afghanistan. It was his first deployment overseas, and he was just a few months from returning home to Tennessee.

"They knew the basics. He had been injured, a gunshot wound to the head, the end," recalled Ashley.

But this close knit family held out hope. Edens was, after all, still alive. But it wasn't until a transport to Walter Reed that their hope dwindled and reality set in.

"It still seems like the worst nightmare of my life. I still wake up in the middle of the night and think, 'God, I'm glad that nightmare is over with,' and it's not," said Jim Edens.

On Friday, 22-year-old Jason Edens died from his injury. He earned a purple heart, a proud wife and his father's respect.

They hope their community and country will also remember Edens service and sacrifice. "True American hero, Jason was a true American hero. He sacrificed his life for this country," said Jim Edens.

The family said going to Walter Reed was difficult but also inspirational. Jim Edens said if every American would take a tour of that hospital they would know more about the sacrifice young men and women are making every day.

The family does not have any funeral plans yet, but plan to keep arrangements private when they're made.

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## Friends, Family Say Goodbye To Guardsman Killed In Afghanistan



Members of a United States Army Honor Guard leave the graveside after the funeral of Ohio National Guard Master Sgt. Jeffrey Rieck at Union Cemetery. Rieck was among three killed by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan.

April 16, 2012 By Randy Ludlow, The Columbus Dispatch

Family and friends bid farewell to Ohio Army National Guard Master Sgt. Jeffrey J. Rieck this morning, stepping forward to touch his silver casket before it was lowered into the ground at Union Cemetery.

Rieck, 46, of the Northwest Side, was the first of three Guardsmen killed by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan on April 4 to be laid to rest.

His 15-year-old son, Joel, accepted the American flag from Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst, the Ohio guard's commanding officer who knelt before him on one knee. The flag had draped Rieck's casket.

Seven riflemen each fired three shots, a bugler played taps and a bagpiper played Amazing Grace before mourners were asked to file by Rieck's casket.

He was borne in a miles-long funeral procession from Downtown to the Clinton Township cemetery following an hour-long service attended by about 600 mourners at Franklin County Veterans Memorial.

Tim Dohrer described his cousin as quick with a “half-smile grin ... and a dry sarcastic wit,” a man comfortable with history books as well as comic books.

Dohrer recounted the extended family’s close upbringing, an environment that “shaped him into the hero we honor today.”

A parade of speakers and fellow soldiers lauded Rieck as mentor and friend, describing him as a sterling example of “people who are put here for a reason ... someone who stood strong for what he believed in.”

Soldiers in the audience stood at attention as Rieck formally was promoted to master sergeant, with Ashenhurst and Brig. Gen. John C. Harris, assistant Army adjutant general, presenting Joel Rieck with his father’s Bronze Star and Purple Heart, among other medals. “He chose a lifestyle of honor and values,” Ashenhurst told the mourners. “He earned the trust and respect of all who knew him. “

Two other funerals remain. Services for Master Sgt. Shawn T. Hannon, 44, of Grove City, are this afternoon at Grove City United Methodist Church.

A service for Capt. Nicholas J. Rozanski, 36, of Dublin, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Powell.

Hannon was chief legal officer for the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, Rieck was a full-time employee of the Guard’s family readiness group and Rozanski worked at the Defense Logistics Agency at the Defense Supply Center in Whitehall.

All of the soldiers hurt and killed in the attack deployed late last year as members of the Guard’s 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, made up of 2,500 Ohio troops and several hundred from Michigan. They are training Afghans for duties that include border patrol and law enforcement.

A suicide bomber on a motorcycle struck in a park in the northern province of Faryab on April 4, critically injuring four other Guardsmen.

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## **Family Remembers Dyer Soldier As Giving, Fun**

April 18, 2012 By Vanessa Renderman, North West Indiana Times

**DYER:** When 22-month-old Kiley Nowaczyk hears a phone ring, she thinks it's her daddy finally calling.

Deployed in March to Afghanistan for his third tour, Army Staff Sgt. David Nowaczyk checked in with his family every chance he could.

"He Skyped me every morning before Kylie took her nap," said his wife, Rachel Nowaczyk.

The soldier died Sunday at age 32 in Kunar province, Afghanistan, when his vehicle was struck by an enemy improvised explosive device.

Based out of Fort Carson in Colorado, David Nowaczyk had region roots. A 1997 graduate of Lake Central High School, he worked construction jobs before enlisting in the Army.

The street leading to his parents' Dyer home is lined with small American flags. A framed picture of him sits on the front lawn, in a wreath of red, white and blue.

It was the work of neighbors and students from Lake Central schools. They did it while Nowaczyk's parents and wife were in Delaware, awaiting the arrival of his body on U.S. soil, in what is called a dignified transfer ceremony.

A memorial service is planned for next week in Colorado, but local arrangements are not firm because his body has not been turned over to his family.

Gathered at their Dyer home Wednesday, his family shared memories and stories of Nowaczyk.

"He was a good son, a great daddy," said his mother, Patti Nowaczyk.

He was the only blood match for a sick infant relative. During the baby's three weeks of life, David Nowaczyk was there for him.

"He'd be at work, he'd drop everything to give Jack blood," his mother said.

And he was fun. His sister, Megan Smart, remembered when he surprised everyone by showing up at her daughter's first birthday party. Her brother always had her back.

"He's been my protector since Day One," Smart said.

Rachel Nowaczyk talked about the future they were supposed to have. A trip to Walt Disney World. Maybe more scuba diving in Mexico.

"This was going to be his last tour, and we were going to be done," his wife said.

He wanted to take a PGA golf class. In one of their last conversations, he asked his wife to send a wedge, patch of artificial turf and golf balls so he could practice his swing during downtime.

The couple marked four years of marriage March 20. Aside from Kiley, the couple have a 7-year-old son, Conner Reese, from a previous marriage.

The family has numerous military involvements, including his uncle, Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Nowaczyk, who attended the dignified transfer ceremony. At the funeral for his

maternal grandfather, Thomas Weddington, several years ago, David Nowaczyk wore his uniform and played a role beyond grandson. His grandfather was a veteran.

"He presented the flag to me at my husband's funeral," his grandmother Delilah Weddington said.

Aside from being the youngest member inducted into McKinley Lodge No. 712, a Freemasons lodge, Nowaczyk was the first and youngest shriner in Orak, said his father, Andrew Nowaczyk.

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## Family Remembers Fallen Sulphur Springs Soldier

April 15, 2012 Reporting: Andrea Lucia; CBSDFW.COM

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Twenty-three-year-old Sgt. Tanner Higgins grew up wanting to be a soldier.

"We'd be camping. And he'd put his camos on and paint his face up. We're sitting around the camp fire, and he'd be real low, crawling through the woods, sneaking up on us," says his father, Danny Higgins.

Right out of high school, Tanner joined the U.S. Army.

Two years later, he became one of the youngest members accepted into the elite Army Rangers, enduring some of the toughest training a soldier can.

"He wanted to be in the Army and he wanted to be the best," said his grandfather, Gerald Higgins, who recalls hearing of one exercise his grandson finished, despite having several broken toes.

"He toughed it out. Run 30 miles with three busted toes. That's determination," he said.

Back at home, he proposed to his girlfriend, Shelby, and married her this past October. His grandparents, though, say the Army beckoned yet again, deploying him on his fifth tour of duty.

"He was all excited about going back," his grandfather said.

The Department of Defense reports Higgins died Saturday morning from injuries he suffered while under enemy fire.

"They just said he went out on foot patrol, got in a fire fight, and was killed," Gerald Higgins said.

"I knew there was a chance of this, but you never can quite prepare for it," Danny Higgins said.

In 2009, Tanner's mother quoted him in an article for the Sulphur Springs News Telegram.

"It's not like the movies at all... It's actually very scary getting shot at and not knowing whether to stay put or move," he reportedly said.

The experience changed him.

"It taught me I wasn't nearly as tough as I acted, but that I was a lot tougher than I thought," he said in the article.

The loss has overwhelmed his father.

"Every few minutes I just start crying thinking I'm never gonna see him again," he said.

But Danny Higgins believes, serving his country is the only way his son would have wanted to go.

He plans to leave for Maryland Monday morning to receive his son's coffin at the Dover Air Force base, along with Tanner's mother, who now lives in Georgia.

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## Valley Marine Dies In Afghanistan

April 24, 2012 By Lynn Brezosky; San Antonio Express News

McALLEN — A U.S. Marine from McAllen has died while serving in Afghanistan, the Department of Defense said Monday.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Henry Fankhauser, 30, died Sunday while conducting combat operations in Helmand province.

He was assigned to 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Mary Wyscarver, his mother, said she was informed her son, an ordnance specialist, was handling a roadside bomb that went off, wounding him despite his protective gear. He was airlifted to Camp Bastion field hospital, where he died from his injuries.

Staff Sgt. Fankhauser attended high school in both the Rio Grande Valley and the Hill Country. He graduated from Mason High School in 2000 and promptly joined the Marines.

Wyscarver wasn't surprised at the enlistment. As a kid he was all about G.I. Joes, she said, later immersed himself in the Boy Scouts and Junior ROTC. He was outgoing and protective toward other children, she said, driven and likeable.

"And, of course, I'm very proud of him as a mother," she said. "I didn't want him going over there, but I love him, so I love the Marines. I've got Marine stickers all over my car; I'm always flying the Marine flag."

He lost his life doing what he believed he was meant to do, his father, Henry Fankhauser said during a brief interview outside his rural home. "He loved the Marine Corps and he loved doing what he was doing," Henry Fankhauser said.

He left behind a wife, Heather, who posted a Facebook page in his honor. Postings on the page remembered him by nickname "Fank," by all accounts a consummate Marine and loving husband.

He was no stranger to deployments; he'd served four tours in Iraq and had been awarded a Purple Heart after being wounded in Fallujah. He was about three weeks into his second tour in Afghanistan. He will be awarded a second Purple Heart posthumously, Wyscarver said.

Asked to characterize his son, Fankhauser said, "very giving."

"He put others' concerns over his own," he said. "That's what made him a Marine."

The two were close, Henry Fankhauser said, and did a lot of hiking and camping together, he said.

"Father and son stuff," he remembered. "Those were very special times."

Wyscarver's voice broke after she spoke of the letters and care package she had waiting to send him, which included a hibachi and Spam so he could cook for his men. She'd often sent him things: sheets for their cots, socks for the whole battalion, small candies for the local children.

She said it was a shame so many Americans seemed to want to forget that service members were still fighting overseas, and voluntarily. "You want your child to be remembered for their service and the person they were," she said. "Are you tired of living in a free country? He did the supreme sacrifice."

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**“Ten Children And Four Women  
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Bombardments Of The Foreign  
Forces In Western Badghis And  
Southern Helmand”  
“Some Parliamentarians Are Already  
Against The US-Afghanistan**



# **Strategic Partnership Agreement, And That Such Incidents Would Make Their Stance Stronger” “Foreign Forces Kill Civilians In Their Attacks While The Parliament Is Approving Agreement With Them”**

08 May, 2012 PakTribune

KABUL: Ten children and four women were killed in recent bombardments of the foreign forces in western Badghis and southern Helmand provinces of Afghanistan, officials and area residents said Monday.

Abdul Rauf, a resident of Nawbar area, Balamurghab district, Badghis province told the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) the foreign forces conducted bombardment in Shahri village yesterday, leaving eight persons dead and nine more injured.

"ISAF aircrafts conducted bombed on few houses in Shahri village at around 11 AM yesterday. Five minors and three women were killed and nine more, all of them women and children, injured in the blitz.

**“All the men of the houses had gone to bazaars. That's the reason all the dead and injured were women and children," he said.**

"Right now I am attending their condolence reference," he maintained.

He said the local authorities and an ISAF commander visited the area where the people told them that the dead, all of them women and children, were civilians.

An elderly man of the area condemned the incident and told the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) the bombardment was conducted on houses of Ahmad Shah, Abdullah, Abdul Qudoos, Muhammad Ameer and Mirza Gul, adding all the dead and injured belonged to these families.

He said the injured had been taken to a hospital for treatment.

**Meanwhile, the district chief of Sangin, Muhammad Shairf Tuesday told the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) aircrafts of the foreign forces bombed a house in Payan Kaily area in Sangin district, leaving a woman and her five children dead. He said the dead children included three girls and two boys.**

The fresh incidents of civilian casualties as a result of bombardment by the foreign forces came at a time when on one side the Afghan President Hamid Karzai has repeatedly urged the foreign forces to protect lives of civilians in their operations while

on the other hand the US-Afghan strategic partnership agreement has reached the Afghan parliament for discussions.

Such incidents can increase reaction against the US among the parliamentarians.

Meanwhile, the first secretary of the Wolesi Jirga, Abdul Sattar Khawasi, while talking about the recent bombardments in Helmand and Badghis provinces, said some parliamentarians are already against the US-Afghanistan strategic partnership agreement, and that such incidents would make their stance stronger.

A parliamentarian, Engineer Sahib Jan told the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) such incidents would increase problems for the parliamentarians when they will hold discussions on the US-Afghanistan strategic partnership agreement.

He said people would not appreciate their representatives at that time, and would say the foreign forces kill civilians in their attacks while the parliament is approving agreement with them.

It's pertinent to mention here that women and children have several times suffered casualties in such bombardments in the past.

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT  
THE BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE  
WAR**

**“In Another Sign Of Deteriorating  
Security, The United States Is  
Considering Abandoning Plans For A  
Consulate In The Country's North”  
“The Building Chosen Was Deemed Too  
Dangerous To Occupy”**

07 May 2012 Telegraph Media Group Limited

In another sign of deteriorating security, the United States is considering abandoning plans for a consulate in the country's north because the building chosen was deemed too dangerous to occupy. The US spent \$80 million on the project despite glaring

security deficiencies in the former hotel, according to a copy of a document drafted by the US Embassy in Kabul.

Those problems – including shoddy construction that would lead to a "catastrophic failure" of the building in a car-bomb attack – were overlooked and waivers to strict State Department building rules were granted as officials rushed to open the consulate in Mazar-i-Sharif as a sign of America's long-term commitment to Afghanistan, the diplomatic memo shows.

While Mazar-i-Sharif was considered relatively safe when the project was approved in 2009, the memo said, a number of incidents in the city indicate that is no longer the case, including an attack last April on a nearby United Nations compound in which a mob stormed the facility and killed seven foreigners – three workers and their guards.

Winning over the ethnic Tajik and Uzbek minorities who dominate the north, was one of the reasons the US wanted a consulate there.

But the site picked was doomed from the start, the embassy documents show.

The compound shared a perimeter wall with local shopkeepers and was surrounded by tall buildings that could be used for an attack, the memo said. The distance between the compound's buildings and the outer wall also was not up to US standards, it added.

In the event of an emergency, there wasn't even enough space to land a single helicopter, so one would have to land on a nearby street, the memo said.

Neighbourhood security also was in question.

The compound was near a large mosque that is often the centre of large protests in the city, and a nearby truck stop and pickup spot for day labourers provided easy cover for surveillance or attack, it said.

The memo, which was first reported in the Washington Post, said the "security vulnerabilities" at the site and increased threats in Mazar-i-Sharif were overwhelming.

"Consequently, establishing a diplomatic presence at the current location is no longer believed to be tenable and the search for an alternative site has been initiated," it said.

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**“Heads Of The House And Senate Intelligence Committees Claimed Sunday That The Taliban Has Actually Grown Stronger Since 33,000 More U.S. Troops Were Deployed To Afghanistan In 2010”**

The heads of the House and Senate intelligence committees claimed Sunday that the Taliban has actually grown stronger since 33,000 more U.S. troops were deployed to Afghanistan in 2010.

Sen Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, and Rep Mike Rogers, a Republican, offered the pessimistic report on CNN's "State of the Union" after a fact-finding trip to the region where they met with President Hamid Karzai.

When asked if the Taliban's capabilities have been degraded, Feinstein said: "I think we'd both say that what we've found is that the Taliban is stronger."

More than 1,800 US troops have been killed in the decade-long war. About 90,000 service members remain deployed, down from a peak of more than 100,000 last year.

## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN MILITARY SERVICE?**

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **Deadly Fight Erupts On The Outskirt Of Beledweyne Town**

May, 07 2012 Sunatimes

A fierce fighting has reportedly erupted between Somali troops and Al-Shabaab militant group in Beledweyne town on Sunday night.

The fighting occurred when heavily armed militants launched attacks on a government military base on the outskirts of the city.

Hiran deputy regional governor Ahmed Osman Abdalle told Sunatimes that Al-Shabaab militants attacked their base prompting a deadly gunfire in the area. He said their forces repelled the attackers.

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



**“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.**

**“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.**

**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

**The past year – every single day of it – has had its consequences. In the obscure depths of society, an imperceptible molecular process has been occurring irreversibly, like the flow of time, a process of accumulating discontent, bitterness, and revolutionary energy.**

**-- Leon Trotsky, “Up To The Ninth Of January”**

# Blasphemy



From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: April 18, 2012  
Subject: Blasphemy

## Blasphemy

**There was not one single day during the Vietnam War that the United States of America did not commit an atrocity against the Vietnamese people. Not one single day...**

**Mike Hastie  
Army Medic Vietnam  
April 18, 2012**

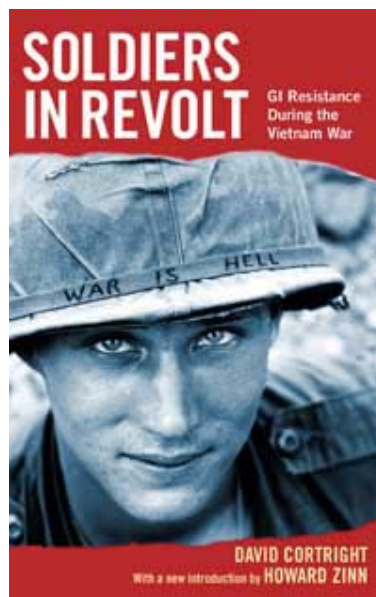
**The most revolutionary  
act is to name reality.  
Paulo Freire**

Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: [hastiemike@earthlink.net](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net)) T)

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004

**“GI Activists Should Remain On Base  
And Work Directly With People At Their  
Jobs And In The Barracks”**  
**“This Should Be Part Of A General Shift  
In The Locus Of GI Action Away From  
Off-Base Coffeehouses, Back To The  
Barracks”**



From: SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT, Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975. Now available in paperback from Haymarket Books. [Excerpts]

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[By activists with the paper *Fight Back* in Germany, 1973. Excerpts]

## **Radicals Must Join The Army.**

The role of radicals who purposely join the services to organize has been important throughout the GI movement and remains so today. Within the Fight bAck grOup, in the GI Alliance in Tacoma, and at numerous other projects, former civilian activists, some of whom gave up deferments to join, have been a vital force in sustaining GI dissent.

The presence of even a few hundred committed activists could have great impact on the level of servicemen's dissent.

## **Civilian Support Is Crucial:**

As we have seen throughout the history of the GI movement, such support has been a crucial ingredient of successful organizing. Civilian activists are most needed as political workers and counselors at local projects.

Peace organizations should adopt programs for training civilians in military counseling and supporting them during a tour of duty working directly with servicemen at major bases.

## **A Newspaper Or Newsletter Is Necessary:**

Nearly every servicemen's organization has coalesced around a newspaper as the best means available for communicating with other GIs.

An important variation of this is unit newsletters, pioneered at Fort Lewis, to expose abuses within individual units and mobilize political pressure at the local level. Unit newsletters appearing on a biweekly basis could then be supplemented by a monthly or bimonthly base-wide newspaper.

**This should be part of a general shift in the locus of GI action away from off-base coffeehouses, back to the barracks.**

**Off-base locations are still needed for printing and counseling activities by civilian staffers, but GI activists should remain on base and work directly with people at their jobs and in the barracks**

Regardless of what form it takes, though, citizen action must continue.

Continued work is necessary to establish democratic control over the institutions of war and to secure independence and dignity for people in the ranks.

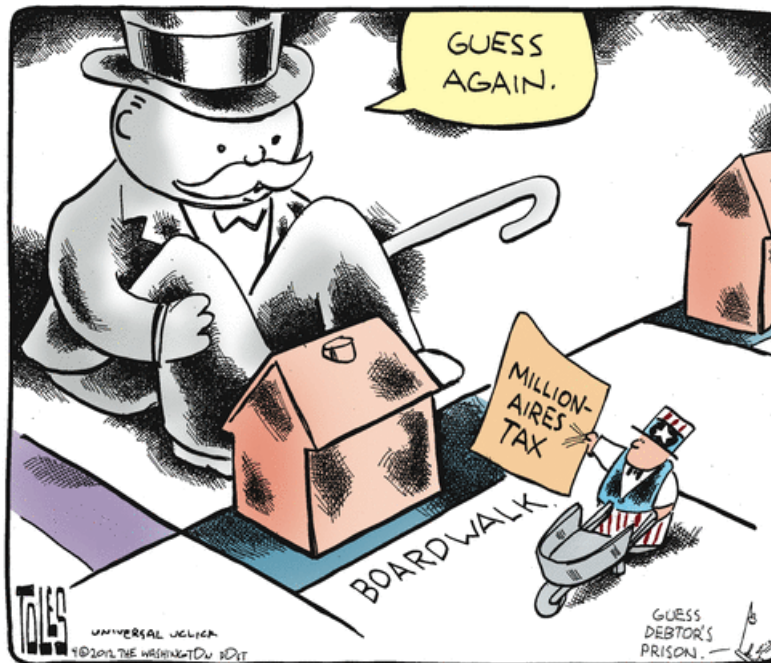
**“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.”**  
**Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War**



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## CLASS WAR REPORTS



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