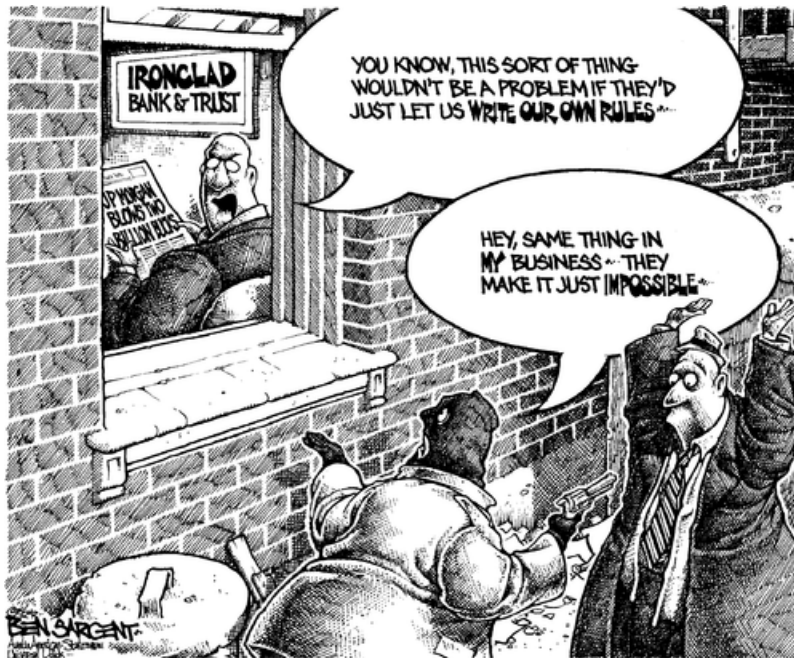


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Letters To The Editor
Army Times
June 4, 2012

I am repulsed by some of the new regulations that are being put into place.

I understand the normal regulations with hair and appearance and such.

But what I do not understand is how you can tell someone on their leave, on their weekends or vacations with their families, that they have to be clean-shaven 24/7.

Yes, that’s what every soldier wants to do is leave the desert after months of fighting to come home on rest and recuperation and worry about the hair on his face every single morning when (he) only wants to hold (his) spouse or children possibly.

I can promise you that the captains, sergeants and anyone else who gives these regs a big “Hoo-ah” are going to find themselves too busy one weekend to shave and be a hypocrite to everything they are saying should be changed.

The other thing is the tattoos.

I cannot begin to comprehend why it is OK to go die and fight for your country with these tattoos but not OK to be seen within the country you just fought for and watched your friends die for with these same tattoos.

My husband has tattoos visible on his hands and on his neck.

He’s fought two tours in Afghanistan and watched his friends die in front of him.

He has been in the Army infantry with the MOS of 11 Bravo since he was 17.

Because he has these tattoos, you’re going to kick my husband out of his career?

Why be so judgmental against soldiers with tattoos who have already been in and given their lives to you?

Brittany Pernell
Fort Richardson, Alaska

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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Butler County Soldier Killed In Afghanistan Remembered As ‘A Protector’



Fairfield High School graduate Nicholas Olivas, an infantryman with the 82nd Army Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. Photo from Nicholas Olivas' facebook web page

May 31, 2012 By Hannah Poturalski, Staff Writer; Dayton Daily News

FAIRFIELD — The family of a 20-year-old man killed while serving in Afghanistan is headed to Delaware today to collect his remains.

Fairfield High School graduate Nicholas Olivas, an infantryman with the 82nd Army Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, had been serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan since February, according to his father, former Hamilton mayor Adolfo Olivas.

Olivas told the JournalNews on Wednesday night his son had been killed in Afghanistan, and his remains are at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

The Department of Defense did not confirm the soldier's death and no official release has been issued.

Nicholas Olivas enlisted in the military after graduating in 2010.

Adolfo Olivas, who served as mayor and vice mayor of Hamilton from 1984 to 2002, said his son is the youngest of four children. He has three older sisters.

"Deep inside he viewed himself as a protector," Adolfo Olivas said.

Nicholas Olivas married fellow Fairfield graduate, Faith, last year, and the couple welcomed baby Connor in January, his father said.

Adolfo Olivas said his son was an avid fisherman and loved hunting.

"It was his quiet time; he liked doing it on his own and with friends," Adolfo Olivas said.

At Fairfield High School, Nicholas Olivas was on the wrestling team. Ronald Masanek, the longtime wrestling coach at Fairfield, described Olivas as an "unselfish wrestler" with better than average skill.

"He was very responsible, dependable and accountable," Masanek said, who added Olivas bordered between the varsity and reserve squads. Masanek said the news of his death was a shock. "I wish I had more time to talk to him but you bow your head and say a prayer for him," Masanek said.

Fairfield High School Principal Billy Smith said Olivas was known to his teachers for having a positive attitude.

"He was the type of student who would stay after class just to talk," Smith said. "He consistently talked about his excitement to serve the country."

Adolfo Olivas said his son enlisted in the military in part because of having family members who also served. His mother, Marian Olivas, is a Butler County Sheriff's deputy.

"We're all very proud of his dedication to his country and family," Adolfo Olivas said. "He was quiet about it, but he was trained to be an interpreter and translate."

Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones said the death has hit the department hard.

“We are a family here,” Jones said. “Marian is a wonderful employee and a perfect mother.”

Jones said he knew Nicholas in his youth when he attended department events with his mother. Marian Olivas has been with the sheriff’s office from more than 20 years and has also been a Hamilton police officer, Jones said. She is currently the sheriff’s office training specialist.

The sheriff and others were with Marian Olivas Wednesday just after she received the news from soldiers at her Butler Tech office.

“It just tears you up,” Jones said. “I’m still choked up talking about it.”

Jones noted his son also served in Afghanistan and Chief Deputy Anthony Dwyer’s son is currently stationed there.

“It scares you to death when it hits close to home,” Jones said. “Just a terrible tragedy.”

Former Hamilton police Chief Neil Ferdelman has known the Olivas family for many years and said his daughters went to school with Olivas’ sisters. He recalls seeing Nicholas and the rest of his family at sporting and other school events.

“He had a typical all-American upbringing and it wasn’t surprising to me that he wanted to serve his country,” Ferdelman said. “It’s a terrible loss to our community.” Ferdelman said he worked with Marian Olivas during her time with Hamilton police before joining the sheriff’s office.

“He had wonderful parents and it’s an unfathomable loss for both of them,” Ferdelman said.

Richard Holzberger, a former Butler County sheriff and Hamilton councilman, served on council with former Mayor Olivas and remembered Nicholas attending St. Julie Billiard Elementary School.

“It cut right down to my heart when I heard the news today,” Holzberger said Thursday. “It’s just a real tragedy; he was always energetic and athletic. And he was the apple in the eyes of both his parents.”

Katherine Becker, a former Hamilton councilwoman, said the news of Nicholas Olivas’ death hit her hard and that she had spoken with the former mayor and said her “heart and prayers were with the family.”

“You have to really feel for that family,” she said. “I knew all the children. Those children were the products of their parents and are good-hearted, intelligent and the best people in the world.”

The mother of two sons, Becker said, “If I had a daughter and she brought Nicholas home and said ‘this is who I want to marry,’ I would have been excited. He was the type of young man you’d want to be your son in law.”

"I'm at a loss for words and I start to tear up when I talk about it ... The community lost a good soul," she said. "I want the community of Butler County to reach out to this family and let them know how much we love them."

Wheaton Soldier 'Fought All The Way To The End'



Spc. Samuel Watts

May 21 By Melissa Jenco, Chicago Tribune

Even as a freshman entering Wheaton North High School, Samuel Watts had his heart set on joining the military.

"He just wanted to serve," his guidance counselor Wendy Biggs said. "He was just really proud of our country. He just wanted to help people, and that was the way he felt he could best help."

Army Spc. Samuel Watts, 20, died Saturday, nearly a month after being injured by the blast of an improvised explosive device during his first deployment to Afghanistan.

"Sam was a guy you wanted on your team; he was a fighter," Capt. Mike Kelvington, Bravo Company Commander with 1-508th PIR said in a written statement. "From being an expert on the M240 Range with his assigned weapon to defying the odds when all the doctors said he shouldn't have lived this long, he fought all the way to the end."

Watts' work ethic and character were evident to Scott Lilly when he coached the teen on the Wheaton North freshman volleyball team.

"Nothing ever bothered him," Lilly said. "He was just great to have around because everybody seemed to like him."

Later in high school, Watts attended the fire science and paramedic program at the Technology Center of DuPage part-time, knowing he would be headed toward a hands-on career, according to Biggs.

He joined the Army in July 2010, shortly after high school graduation, and attended airborne school at Fort Benning, Ga., before eventually being deployed to Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division.

It was there in the Zharay district of the Kandahar Province that Watts was injured by an IED blast on April 25. He died Saturday at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Maryland.

During his service, Watts earned the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

"This was a kid who was going to serve his country and no matter what he did whether paramedic or fireman he was going to be a good adult and he would have been a good neighbor," Biggs said. "Somebody you wanted to have in your community."

Fort Bliss Soldier From Las Cruces Killed In Afghanistan



Staff Sgt. Israel Nuanes (Courtesy of Fort Bliss)

05/16/2012 By Brian Fraga, Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES -- For more than two hours Friday night, Army Staff Sgt. Israel P. Nuañes spoke with ex-wife Rosina Nuañes Rodriguez on a Skype chat from Afghanistan.

They laughed and joked. Rosina teased him about his "combat mustache." Just before ending their conversation, he told Rosina something she will never forget.

"Just know, if I die tomorrow, I die a happy man because I had you to love, and I had you to love me," he said, before closing with: "Good night, my everything."

That was the last conversation they would have.

Nuañes, 38, of Las Cruces, died the next day of wounds caused by an enemy bomb in Kandahar province.

Nuañes, an explosive ordnance disposal specialist, was assigned to the 741st Ordnance Company, part of the 84th Ordnance Battalion, 71st Ordnance Group, at Fort Bliss.

Rodriguez said Nuañes, who was her husband for more than five years, had "a strong passion" for the Army. He first enlisted in 1992 as a heavy-truck mechanic.

"I used to tease him that the military was his first love. He had such passion and motivation for it," said Rodriguez, who had divorced Nuañes but had recently reunited with him.

"I'm heartbroken and devastated. I've never experienced so much pain," said Rodriguez, who learned of his death from two Army officers who went to her house in Las Cruces on Saturday night. She said family and close friends have offered support. She added that she is still receiving messages from people who knew and worked with Nuañes. "If he knew how many lives he touched, he'd be in awe," Rodriguez said.

Nuañes was born in Silver City and graduated from Casa Grande Union High School in Arizona. He left the active-duty Army for a while and earned an associate degree in computer network technology in 1999. He also loved the outdoors, spending time in the mountains, exercising and working on his motorcycles.

Rodriguez said Nuañes also had a big sweet tooth, enjoyed music and was known for his spontaneity. Instead of traditional wedding rings, the couple got corresponding finger tattoos.

Rodriguez's ring finger still has a heart tattoo with a matching space for the key tattoo on Nuañes' finger.

"He was just a lover of life," Rodriguez said.

Nuañes is survived by two children from a previous marriage: Israel J. Juan Nuañes, 17, and Laurissa M. Nuañes, 15.

"He was an amazing father. He was understanding, compassionate and a great communicator," said Rodriguez, a speech-language pathologist who met Nuañes in 2005 while both worked for Hatch Public Schools.

Nuañes, a systems administrator for the school district, had just returned from a tour in Iraq with the National Guard. The couple immediately hit it off, and a year later, Nuañes returned to the active duty in the Army.

Nuañes joined the infantry and completed airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga. He and Rodriguez married, and the couple moved to their first duty station at Fort Polk, La.

Soon after, the ambitious noncommissioned officer took his wife to Fort Bragg, N.C., to try out for special forces. He was not accepted. Rodriguez said her husband was "devastated," but that did not stop him from pursuing a new job as an Army explosive ordnance disposal specialist.

"He was a detailed, skillful EOT technician. He was a master of his craft," Rodriguez said.

Nuañes completed a second tour in Iraq while stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y. After returning from Iraq in 2010, he re-enlisted for six years, and was assigned to Fort Bliss to be near his children in Las Cruces, Rodriguez said.

On March 2, Nuañes' unit deployed to Afghanistan. Before leaving, Rodriguez said, he told her and his children: "I love you all. I'll see you in December. I'll see you soon."

On Monday, Rodriguez traveled to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware with Nuañes' children to welcome his casket to the United States.

After an autopsy, his body will be returned home, and funeral services with full military honors will take place. The arrangements are pending.

Rodriguez said she will also get a new tattoo with Nuañes' name and the dates of his birth and death. Meanwhile, she is still learning new things about him from people who knew the dynamic staff sergeant.

"He was a surprise to me every day," Rodriguez said. "I'm going to miss him."

Indiana Soldier Badly Hurt In Afghanistan Blast

May 30, 2012 Associated Press

MISHAWAKA, Ind. — Relatives of a soldier from northern Indiana say he is recovering after being badly wounded by an explosion in Afghanistan.

Family members of Army Spc. Lucas Oppelt say the Mishawaka High School graduate had a leg amputated below the knee.

Hannah Mapa tells WSBT-TV that her brother was injured Saturday when he stepped on an improvised explosive device.

Oppelt was on his second deployment to Afghanistan, where he was a medic with the 82nd Airborne Division. He and his wife live in North Carolina with their 5-year-old son.

Mapa says Oppelt is being brought back to the United States and that the family spent Memorial Day grateful that he is alive.

Australian Soldier Wounded In Afghanistan

May 31, 2012 Australian News Channel

An Australian soldier wounded in an insurgent bomb blast dragged a wounded Afghan soldier away from a burning truck and to safety as the truck's cargo of ammunition started to explode.

As flames erupted from the damaged vehicle, other soldiers screamed at him to get away and abandon attempts to rescue the wounded Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier, the vehicle's driver.

Private TJ Findlay, 21, a father of two from Brisbane, is now recovering from the effects of the improvised explosive device (IED) at the Australian base at Tarin Kowt and is tipped to make a full recovery.

This incident occurred on Wednesday as Australian troops escorted an ANA supply convoy to a remote patrol base 40 kilometres north-west of the main base at Tarin Kowt.

Private Findlay was patrolling about 10 metres from an ANA vehicle which hit the IED.

'I just got picked up and thrown back,' he told reporters.

Amid the swirling dust, he saw the driver trying to climb out the truck window.

'You don't really think about it. You know that there's another person and that the car is on fire and you know there's stuff in the back,' he said. 'He was falling in and out of consciousness.

Next thing I know the ammunition in the back of the Ford Ranger started cooking off, popping, exploding and shooting out bits and pieces.'

As he moved him away, other soldiers were screaming at him to get away as there could be more IEDs.

Private Findlay said he had sort of expected something like this to occur.

'We had been encountering IEDs for the last three days.

We had been finding every one of them. That one just caught us,' he said.

'If you're still around to think about it, you know you are OK.'

Private Findlay and the ANA soldier, who had shared chai and stories of their young children, were both evacuated by helicopter to the medical facility at Tarin Kowt.

Both suffered from minor abrasions and mild concussions.

Both were conscious during the hour-long examination and after a comprehensive check over plus some X-rays, both walked out of the treatment room, albeit unsteadily.

After some more tests and some rest and barring any adverse developments, both are set to make a full recovery.

Private Findlay doesn't see himself as any sort of hero.

'I wouldn't really label it as a hero act or anything like that.

Anyone seeing a car accident on the freeway would have done the same.

It's just what you do,' he said.

Captain Anthony Sayce, the regimental medical officer for the Australian Mentoring Task Force, said he had placed himself in harm's way to save the ANA soldier.

'It's definitely a heroic act,' he said.

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

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

Resistance Action

May 30, 2012 Associated Press & May 31, 2012 Agence France-Presse

A roadside bomb killed three district government employees on their way to work Wednesday in eastern Nangarhar province's Deh Bala district, said district chief Asrarullah.

In the north, meanwhile, Taliban attacked a hilltop police post in Badakhshan's Warduj district late Tuesday, triggering heavy fighting that killed eight policemen. Two policemen. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement sent to reporters by the group's spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid. Badakhshan province is relatively peaceful but has experienced periodic attacks.

A bomber rammed an Afghan police checkpost killing at least five policemen and wounding six others in the southern province of Kandahar, an official said. The attacker drove his explosives-laden car into the checkpoint at the district police headquarters of Arghistan district.

In the second incident, an explosion at a police checkpost in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province killed at least two policemen.

**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO COMPREHENSIBLE
REASON TO BE IN THIS EXTREMELY HIGH RISK
LOCATION AT THIS TIME, EXCEPT THAT THE
PACK OF TRAITORS THAT RUN THE
GOVERNMENT IN D.C. WANT YOU THERE COVER
THEIR ASS:**

That is not a good enough reason.



A U.S. Army soldier from 4-73 Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division fires his M203 grenade launcher during a firefight with the Taliban during a mission in Zhary district of Kandahar province, April 18, 2012. REUTERS/Baz Ratner

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATION**

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Deadly Conspiracy By Terrorist Puntland Hairdressers: “Among The Injured Was Puntland’s Police Commissioner For Mudug”

May, 30 2012 SUNATIMES

At least four security personnel from Puntland administration and two civilians have reportedly been killed while three others sustained injuries in a landmine explosion in Garsor neighborhood, Galkayo.

The explosion occurred earlier hours of Wednesday after security forces attempted to diffuse an abandoned landmine in Garsor neighborhood.

A man suspected of intending to detonate the bomb was shot dead by the Puntland police forces before the explosion occurred.

Reports indicate that among the injured was Puntland’s police commissioner for Mudug region, Jama Mohamed Ahmed.

The injured have been rushed to the main hospital to receive medical attention.

Meanwhile, Puntland officials in Galkayo claimed that the identity of the man security personnel shot dead earlier on Wednesday has been established.

Farhan Ali Had, Puntland’s deputy commissioner for Mudug region, told the media that the man has been identified as one of the city’s hairdressers.

He added that after establishing the identity of the dead body, Puntland police launched security operations at hairdressers’ shops detaining several suspects in connection with the Wednesday blast.

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MILITARY NEWS

“I Guess The Only Photos We Will Now Have Of This (Afghanistan) War Are Those That The Military Propaganda Machine Wants You To See”

“(The General’s) Actions Speak Of Censorship Of The Highest Order”

Army Times
FORUMS
June 4, 2012

I guess the only photos we will now have of this (Afghanistan) war are those that the military propaganda machine wants you to see, and those that the press are allowed to publish, each decidedly with its own agenda, both of which are on opposite extremes (“Marine general bans soldiers in Afghanistan from taking photos outside the wire,” Forums, May 20).

Way to go, military.

I guess we will get the neat little sanitized version of your wars, where everything is going swell and we are meeting all objectives.

(The general’s) actions speak of censorship of the highest order.

Since the Civil War and invention of the camera, soldiers have taken photos staged and otherwise, just like the military and press, of their experiences.

— RONALD45

GOT AN OPINION?

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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”**

“Especially After The 1968 Tet Offensive, Antiwar Sentiment Spread Widely Among The Combat Troops In Vietnam”

“The Main Activities Of Antiwar U.S. Servicepeople In Vietnam Were Not Peaceful Demonstrations”

“A 1975 Survey Revealed That 75% Of Vietnam Veterans Were Opposed To The War”

“There Is No Contemporaneous Evidence Of Any Antiwar Activists Spitting On Veterans”

Excerpts from *Vietnam And Other American Fantasies*; H. Bruce Franklin; University Of Massachusetts Press; Amherst, 2000

The most serious occurred on April 14 at the base of Dau Tieng (east of Tay Ninh, north of Cu Chi), when a unit of the Third Brigade of the Fourth Infantry Division defied orders to proceed on a search-and-destroy mission near where another unit had been badly cut up.

The commanding officer ordered other soldiers to fire on the rebels, who returned the fire. One report indicated dozens of men killed or wounded and three helicopters destroyed.

As the Vietnam veteran and sociologist Jerry Lembcke has demonstrated in his invaluable 1998 book *The Spitting Image: Myth, Memory, and the Legacy of Vietnam*, the vast majority of returning veterans characterized their reception as friendly.

There is no contemporaneous evidence of any antiwar activists spitting on veterans.

The first allegations of such behavior did not appear until the late 1970s. The spat-upon veteran then became a mythic figure used to build support for military fervor and, later on, the Gulf War, but the myth has become so powerful that many veterans have now come to believe, despite all evidence to the contrary, that it actually happened to them personally.

Of course it is possible that isolated instances may have occurred. But if antiwar activists were frequently spitting on veterans or otherwise abusing them, why has nobody ever produced even the tiniest scrap of contemporaneous evidence? According to the myth, spitting on veterans was a regular custom as they arrived from Vietnam at the San Francisco and Los Angeles airports.

We are supposed to believe that these men just back from combat then meekly walked away without attacking or even reporting their persecutors, and that nobody else, including airport security officers, ever noticed what was going on.

For there is not one press report, airport security report, police report, court record, diary entry, video shot, or photograph of a single incident at these airports or anywhere else.

How then to explain the belief now held by many veterans that they were indeed spat upon as they arrived from Vietnam at the San Francisco and Los Angeles airports?

The answer lies in the transformative power of collective national myth over individual memory.

The myth is so strong that it has even determined their memory of where they arrived, for they were flown back not to these civilian airports but to military bases closed to outsiders.

And a 1975 survey revealed that 75 percent of Vietnam veterans were opposed to the war.

Especially after the 1968 Tet offensive, antiwar sentiment spread widely among the combat troops in Vietnam, where peace symbols and antiwar salutes became commonplace.

Some units even organized their own antiwar demonstrations to link up with the movement at home.

For example, to join the November 1969 antiwar Mobilization, a unit stationed at Pleiku fasted against the war and boycotted the Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Of the 141 soldiers classified below the rank of specialist fifth class, only eight showed up for the traditional meal; this "John Turkey Movement" spread to units all over Vietnam.

When Bob Hope introduced General Creighton Abrams, commander of all U.S. forces in Vietnam, to the 30,000 troops assembled for a Christmas show at the sprawling Long

Binh base, the entire throng leaped to their feet and held their hands high in the “V” salute of the peace movement.

“The Main Activities Of Antiwar U.S. Servicepeople In Vietnam Were Not Peaceful Demonstrations”.

But the main activities of antiwar U.S. servicepeople in Vietnam were not peaceful demonstrations.

An ongoing dilemma for the antiwar movement back home was the difficulty of finding ways to move beyond verbal protest and symbolic acts to deeds that would actually interfere with the conduct of the war.

The soldiers in Vietnam had no such problem.

Individual acts of rebellion, ranging from desertion and sabotage to injuring and even killing officers who ordered hazardous search-and-destroy missions, merged into mutinies and large-scale resistance.

As early as the spring of 1967, sporadic small-scale mutinies were being reported in the French press but not in the U.S. media — except for the movement’s own press.

The most serious occurred on April 14 at the base of Dau Tieng (east of Tay Ninh, north of Cu Chi), when a unit of the Third Brigade of the Fourth Infantry Division defied orders to proceed on a search-and-destroy mission near where another unit had been badly cut up.

The commanding officer ordered other soldiers to fire on the rebels, who returned the fire.

One report indicated dozens of men killed or wounded and three helicopters destroyed.

The base was sealed off and no outside personnel were admitted for three days.

Combat refusal and outright mutinies spread rapidly after the Tet offensive in 1968.

But news about this form of growing GI resistance was kept rather efficiently from most of the American public until August 1969, when correspondents reported firsthand on the unanimous battlefield refusal of a badly mauled infantry company to go back into combat.

During the next two years, the press published numerous reports of entire units refusing direct combat orders, and the public actually got to see two incidents of rebellion on network television.

**“A Common And Less Conspicuous Method Of Killing Unpopular Officers:
Rifle Fire Often In The Midst Of Combat”**

Resistance took another form so widespread that it brought a new word into the English language: “fragging.”

Originally taking its name from fragmentation grenades but soon applied to any means of killing commissioned or noncommissioned officers, fragging developed its own generally understood customs, usages, and ethos.

Officers who aggressively risked or otherwise offended their men were customarily warned once or twice by a nonlethal grenade before being attacked with a booby-trapped or hurled grenade.

By mid-1972, the Pentagon was officially acknowledging 551 incidents of fragging with explosive devices, which had left 86 dead and more than 700 wounded. These figures were no doubt understated, and they did not include a common and less conspicuous method of killing unpopular officers: rifle fire often in the midst of combat.

**U.S. Senator Calls For Military
Defeat Of Invading U.S. Army:
Supporting Resistance, Corwin Says “If I
Were A Mexican I Would Tell You, ‘Have
You Not Room In Your Own Country To
Bury Your Dead Men? If You Come Into
Mine We Will Greet You With Bloody
Hands, And Welcome You To Hospitable
Graves”**

[Corwin, along with many others, understood the war on Mexico was initiated by slaveholders controlling the U.S. government to grab more territory for slavery. Therefore, he, along with many others, made very clear which side he was on, as in this speech. The biographical information below is based on data from Wikipedia. He and this speech deserve to be well remembered.

[Thanks to Fabian Bouthillette, Iraq Veterans Against The War & Military Resistance Organization, for copying from a very old book. T]

By THOMAS CORWIN, of Ohio. Speech opposing the U.S. war on Mexico delivered February 11, 1847.

Corwin served in the U.S. Senate from March 4, 1845 to July 20, 1850. He was again elected to the House of Representatives in 1858, and returned to that body as a Republican and served from March 4, 1859 to March 12, 1861.

He resigned only a few days into the 37th Congress after being appointed by the newly inaugurated President Abraham Lincoln to become Minister to Mexico, where he served until 1864.

Corwin, well-regarded among the Mexican public for his opposition to the Mexican War while in the Senate, helped keep relations with the Mexicans friendly throughout the course of the Civil War, despite Confederate efforts to sway their allegiances.

Born 1794. Died 1865.

What is the territory, Mr. President, which you propose to wrest from Mexico?

It is consecrated to the heart of the Mexican by many a well-fought battle, with his old Castilian master.

His Bunker Hills, and Saratogas, and Yorktowns are there. The Mexican can say, "There I bled for liberty! and shall I surrender that consecrated home of my affections to the Anglo-Saxon invaders?"

What do they want with it? They have Texas already. They have possessed themselves of the territory between the Nueces and the Rio Grande.

What else do they want? To what shall I point my children as memorials, of that independence which I bequeath to them, when those battlefields shall have passed from my possession?

Sir, had one come and demanded Bunker Hill of the people of Massachusetts, had England's lion ever showed himself there, is there a man over thirteen, and under ninety, who would not have been ready to meet him — is there a river on this continent that would not have run red with blood — is there a field but would have been piled high with the unburied bones of slaughtered Americans before these consecrated battlefields of liberty should have been wrested from us?

But this same American goes into a sister republic, and says to poor, weak Mexico, "Give up your territory — you are unworthy to possess it — I have got one-half already — all I ask you is to give up the other!"

England might as well, in the circumstances I have described, have come and demanded of us "Give up the Atlantic slope — give up this trifling territory from the

Allegheny mountains to the sea; it is only from Maine to St. Mary's — only about one-third of your Republic, and the least interesting portion of it."

What would be the response?

They would say, "We must give this up to John Bull." Why?

"He wants room."

The Senator from Michigan says he must have this. Why, my worthy Christian brother, on what principle of justice?

"I want room!"

Sir, look at this pretense of want of room.

With twenty millions of people, you have about one thousand millions of acres of land, inviting settlement by every conceivable argument — bringing them down to a quarter of a dollar an acre, and allowing every man to squat where he pleases. But the Senator from Michigan says we will be two hundred millions in a few years, and we want room.

If I were a Mexican I would tell you, "Have you not room in your own country to bury your dead men? If you come into mine we will greet you with bloody hands, and welcome you to hospitable graves."

Why, says the chairman of this Committee of Foreign Relations, it is the most reasonable thing in the world! We ought to have the Bay of San Francisco. Why? Because it is the best harbor on the Pacific!

It has been my fortune, Mr. President, to have practiced a good deal in criminal courts in the course of my life, but I never yet heard a thief, arraigned for stealing a horse, plead that it was the best horse that he could find in the country!

We want California. What for? "Why," says the Senator from Michigan, "we will have it;" and the Senator from South Carolina, with a very mistaken view, I think, of policy, says, "You can't keep our people from going there." I don't desire to prevent them. Let them go and seek their happiness in whatever country or clime it pleases them.

All I ask of them is, not to require this Government to protect them with that banner consecrated to war waged for principles — eternal, enduring truth.

Sir, it is not meet that our old flag should throw its protecting folds over expeditions for lucre or for land.

But you still say, you want room for your people. This has been the plea of every robber-chief from Nimrod to the present hour.

I dare say, when Tamerlane descended from his throne built of seventy thousand human skulls, and marched his ferocious battalions to further slaughter, I dare say he said, "I want room." Bajazet was another gentleman of kindred tastes and wants with us Anglo-Saxons — he "wanted room."

Alexander, too, the mighty “Macedonian madman,” when he wandered with his Greeks to the plains of India, and fought a bloody battle on the very ground where recently England and the Sikhs engaged in strife for “room,” was, no doubt, in quest of some California there. Many a Monterey had he to storm to get “room.”

Sir, he made quite as much of that sort of history as you ever will.

Mr. President, do you remember the last chapter in that history? It is soon read. Oh! I wish we could but understand its moral. Ammon’s son (so was Alexander named), after all his victories, died drunk in Babylon!

The vast empire he conquered to “get room” became the prey of the generals he had trained; it was disparted, torn to pieces, and so ended. Sir, there is a very significant appendix; it is this: the descendants of the Greeks — of Alexander’s Greeks — are now governed by a descendant of Attila!

Mr. President, while we are fighting for room, let us ponder deeply this appendix. I was somewhat amazed, the other day, to hear the Senator from Michigan declare that Europe had quite forgotten us till these battles waked them up. I suppose the Senator feels grateful to the President for “waking up” Europe.

Does the President, who is, I hope, read in civic as well as military lore, remember the saying of one who had pondered upon history long — long, too, upon man, his nature and true destiny? Montesquieu did not think highly of this way of “waking up.” “Happy,” says he, “is that nation whose annals are tiresome.”

The Senator from Michigan has a different view of this.

He thinks that a nation is not distinguished until it is distinguished in war; he fears that the slumbering faculties of Europe have not been able to ascertain that there are twenty millions of Anglo-Saxons here, making railroads and canals, and speeding all the arts of peace to the utmost accomplishment of the most refined civilization. They do not know it!

And what is the wonderful expedient which this democratic method of making history would adopt in order to make us known? Storming cities, desolating peaceful, happy homes, shooting men — aye, sir, such is war — and shooting women, too!

Sir, I have read, in some account of your battle of Monterery, of a lovely Mexican girl, who, with the benevolence of an angel in her bosom, and the robust courage of a hero in her heart, was busily engaged, during the bloody conflict, amid the crash of falling houses, the groans of the dying, and the wild shriek of battle, in carrying water to slake the burning thirst of the wounded of either host.

While bending over a wounded American soldier, a cannon ball struck her and blew her to atoms!

Sir, I do not charge my brave, generous-hearted countrymen who fought that fight with this.

No, no! We who send them — we who know that scenes like this, which might send tears of sorrow “down Pluto’s iron cheek,” are the invariable, inevitable attendants on war— we are accountable for this.

And this — *this* is the way we are to be made known to Europe.

This — this is to be the undying renown of free, republican America!

“She has stormed a city — killed many of its inhabitants of both sexes — she has room!”

So it will read.

Sir, if this were our only history, then may God of his mercy grant that its volume may speedily come to a close.

Why is it, sir, that we of the United States, a people of yesterday, compared with the older nations of the world, should be waging war for territory — for “room?” Look at your country, extending from the Allegheny mountains to the Pacific ocean, capable itself of sustaining, in comfort, a larger population than will be in the whole Union for one hundred years to come. Over this vast expanse of territory, your population is now so sparse that I believe we provided, at the last session, a regiment of mounted men to guard the mail, from the frontier of Missouri to the mouth of the Columbia; and yet you persist in the ridiculous assertion, “I want room.” One would imagine, from the frequent reiteration of the complaint, that you had a bursting, teeming population, whose energy was paralyzed, whose enterprise was crushed, for want of space.

Why should we be so weak or wicked as to offer this idle apology for ravaging a neighboring republic? It will impose on no one at home or abroad.

Do we not know, Mr. President, that it is a law never to be repealed, that falsehood shall be short-lived?

Was it not ordained of old that truth only shall abide forever?

Whatever we may say to-day, or whatever we may write in our books, the stern tribunal of history will review it all, detect falsehood, and bring us to judgment before that posterity which shall bless or curse us, as we may act *now*, wisely or otherwise:

We may hide in the grave (which awaits us all), in vain; we may hope there, like the foolish bird that hides its head in the sand, in the vain belief that its body is not seen, yet even there, this preposterous excuse of want of “room,” shall be laid bare, and the quick-coming future will decide that it was a hypocritical pretense, under which we sought to conceal the avarice, which prompted us to covet and to seize by force that which was not ours.

Mr. President, this uneasy desire to augment our territory has depraved the moral sense, and blunted the otherwise keen sagacity of our people.

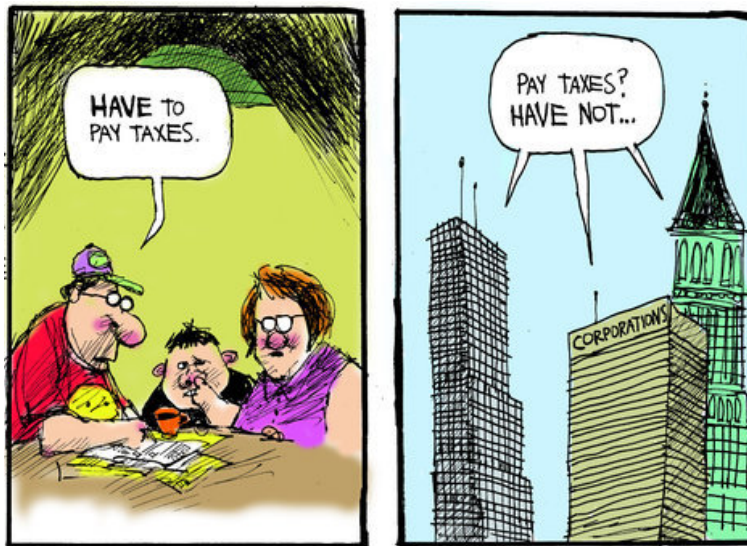
What has been the fate of all nations who have acted upon the idea that they must advance?

Our young orators cherish this notion with a fervid, but fatally mistaken zeal. They call it by the mysterious name of “destiny.”

“Our destiny,” they say, is “onward,” and hence they argue, with ready sophistry, the propriety of seizing upon any territory and any people that may lie in the way of our “fated” advance.

Recently, these progressives have grown classical; some assiduous student of antiquities has helped them to a patron saint. They have wandered back into the desolated Pantheon, and there, among the Polytheistic relics of that “pale mother of dead empires,” they have found a god whom these Romans, centuries gone by, baptized “Terminus.”

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Always children and other innocent civilians bear the brunt of war.

How can any government knowing this continue to use military means to pursue its ends?

The need is clear for VFP, VVAW, and all peace and justice organizations to contest this with all non-violent means at our disposal. We must become trained experts in making peace as we once were in making war. And then, as MLK Jr. realized, we must be willing to endure the cost, what Dr. King called, redemptive suffering.

Best regards,
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