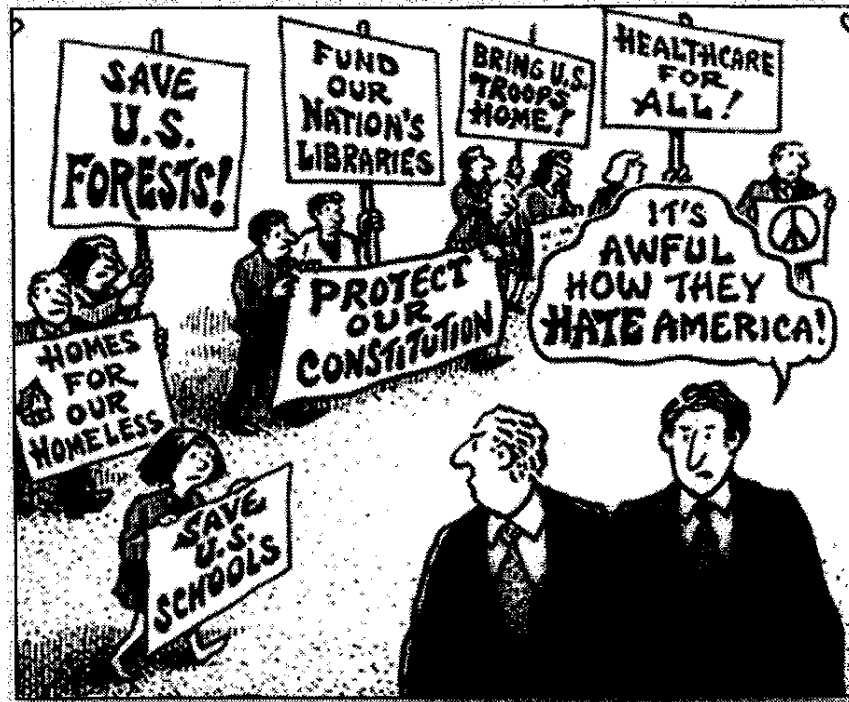


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**“You’re Being Yelled At 24-7,
Where You’re Terrified Of
Everybody Around You”
A Growing Air Force Sex-Abuse
Scandal:**

**“Wrongdoing Ranging From Rape To
Improper Sexual Relations With A
Trainee”**

“About One-Quarter Of The Instructors In The 331st Training Squadron Have Either Been Charged With Crimes Or Are Under Investigation For Sexual Misconduct”

June 28 By Craig Whitlock, The Washington Post [Excerpts]

The Air Force is investigating a growing sexual-misconduct scandal in its basic-training operations, with a dozen male boot-camp instructors under suspicion of assaulting, harassing or having sex with female recruits.

The case originated with a single complaint filed a year ago by a woman at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

It has snowballed into potentially the worst sex scandal in the U.S. military since 1996, when 12 male soldiers were charged with abusing female recruits and trainees at the Army’s Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

The Air Force investigation centers on a unit of boot-camp instructors at Lackland, near San Antonio, where 36,000 recruits undergo basic training each year.

About one-quarter of the instructors in the 331st Training Squadron have either been charged with crimes or are under investigation for sexual misconduct. One trainer has been charged with raping or sexually assaulting 10 recruits.

Senior Air Force officials said they have found problems in other units as well, prompting them to open multiple investigations to determine the extent to which female recruits face harassment and whether the Air Force’s selection process for male instructors is fundamentally flawed.

Last week, the Air Force relieved the commander of the 331st Training Squadron, Lt. Col. Michael Paquette, citing “an unacceptable level of misconduct” by members of his unit.

Last year, about 3,200 incidents of sexual assault were reported or investigated by the armed services — a fraction of the estimated 19,000 cases that took place, according to Defense Department figures.

The Air Force has recently come under pressure from lawmakers to provide a fuller accounting of what happened at Lackland.

Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.), a leading critic of the military’s record on sexual assault, has called on the House Armed Services Committee to hold hearings as it did in the Aberdeen scandal.

“This scandal is exploding at Lackland, and it is frighteningly similar to what happened at Aberdeen,” Speier said in a telephone interview.

Speier said the military needs to overhaul its judicial system so that sexual-assault cases are investigated and prosecuted outside the normal chain of command to remove the incentive for commanders to cover up incidents that could make them look bad.

At Lackland, the Air Force has filed charges against six instructors, with alleged wrongdoing ranging from rape to improper sexual relations with a trainee.

Investigations into six other instructors are pending.

Air Force officials said that most of the misconduct occurred during basic training but that in some cases, instructors engaged in improper sexual relations with recruits after they had moved on to other training programs.

All told, the Air Force has identified 31 victims, each of whom remains in the service.

[T]he Air Force general in charge of training, said the problems at Lackland surfaced in June 2011 when a female recruit reported being sexually harassed. Four months later, he said, three instructors in the 331st Training Squadron reported that misconduct among their fellow trainers was more widespread.

Advocacy groups said one of the biggest obstacles to preventing sexual abuse in the military is a culture of silence.

“For every instructor that assaults a recruit, there are usually dozens of others who have known about the problem,” said Anu Bhagwati, a former Marine officer and executive director of the Service Women’s Action Network.

Bhagwati called boot camp “a target-rich environment” for sexual abuse because instructors wield total authority over raw recruits.

“It’s the kind of environment where you’re being yelled at 24-7, where you’re terrified of everybody around you,” she said.

“How are you supposed to ask for help if you’re the victim of sexual assault?”

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Iowa Soldier Dies In Afghanistan

Jun 29, 2012 Des Moines Register

A western Iowa soldier has died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Military officials confirmed that Sgt. James Skalberg Jr., died on Wednesday when his vehicle was hit by an IED, or improvised explosive device, in the Wardak province.

Skalberg, 25, was from Emerson, about 120 miles southwest of Des Moines.

Skalberg attended Nishna Valley High School his junior and senior year and graduated in 2005, said Deb Taylor, the school's former principal who retired in 2010. He played both basketball and football.

Taylor said he had many friends in the class of 21 students, and he was voted on to both the homecoming and prom courts in 2005, she said.

"Jamie was very outgoing, he had a beautiful smile," she said.

Another Emerson soldier – Spec. James C. Kearney III – became the first Iowan to die in the war in Afghanistan when his convoy was hit by rocket-propelled grenades on November 1, 2004. Kearney was 22.

Twenty-one Iowa soldiers have died in Afghanistan since U.S. military operations began there in October 2001.

Another 50 Iowa soldiers have died in Iraq.

In total, 1,900 U.S. soldiers have died in Afghanistan since 2001: 1,577 were killed in action, 323 in non-hostile activities.

1998 East Kentwood Graduate Reportedly Killed After IED Attack In Afghanistan



Robert A. Massarelli. Photo courtesy Department of Defense.

June 28, 2012 By Garret Ellison, Michigan Live LLC & 06/29/2012 By: WCPO.com Staff

HAMILTON, OHIO — Robert A. Massarelli, a 1998 graduate of East Kentwood High School, has been killed in Kandahar, Afghanistan, according to a funeral home in Ohio.

Massarelli, 32, was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army assigned to the 96th Transportation Company. He was killed on Sunday, June 24, according to his obituary on the website at Colligan Funeral Home in Hamilton, Ohio.

Massarelli is the son of Pat and Mary Renneker Massarelli of Hamilton and has two brothers, Mike and Ben Massarelli. Visitation and services are pending.

Cincinnati.com reports that the family has declined to comment and the Dept. of Defense has not released any information yet about Massarelli's death.

The 96th Transportation Company, of which Massarelli was a part, reported on Facebook that Massarelli died in Landstuhl Hospital after a truck he was in was hit by an improvised explosive device, or IED.

He was apparently one of two soldiers who were killed in the attack, the other being Sgt. Michael Strachota of Pine Bluff, Ark.

The two men were flown stateside this week and their bodies were transferred to their respective families at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

Services are pending, according to the Colligan Funeral Home.

Aunt Of Flint Soldier Joseph Lilly, Killed In Afghanistan, Says He Valued Freedom, Family



U.S. Army Sgt. Joseph M. Lilly (pictured here) died June 14 in Kandahar, Iraq of injuries he sustained from an improvised explosive device. U.S. Department of Defense

June 18, 2012 By Roberto Acosta, Michigan Live

FLINT, MI – Martha Alexander said there was always a feeling her nephew Joseph Lilly would wind up in a career serving his country.

“He planned on the military being his career,” she said of Lilly, a 25-year-old U.S. Army sergeant who died June 14 at Kandahar Air Base in Afghanistan from injuries he sustained after enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

He was assigned to the 18th Engineer Company, 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

He deployed to Afghanistan in December.

Alexander said several members of Lilly’s family, including both his grandfathers, his father and her husband, had previously served in the military. “He valued his freedom and our freedom and his love for his family,” she said.

He had volunteered for the tour of duty in Afghanistan following a previous stint in Iraq from August 2009 to July 2010.

A 2005 Carman-Ainsworth High School graduate, Lilly was part of the drama club in which Alexander said he did anything needed of him for the group.

“He liked doing the plays and he liked doing the set work,” she said. “Whatever needed to be done, Joe would do it.”

Carman-Ainsworth Superintendent Bill Haley said upon hearing the news of Lilly’s death that, “It’s obviously a horrible loss for the family and something that brings into perspective to all of us about the ways of war.”

“One of his teachers, Delynne Miller, remembered Joseph for his enthusiastic participation in many Carman-Ainsworth theater productions and for his excellent sense of humor,” said Haley in a release this morning.

Alexander called Lilly “a very intelligent person” who could adapt to any situation, was a problem-solver who helped her with computer issues and “a great human being” who was good at his job as well as being a father.

Surviving Lilly are his wife Katrina Lilly and their 3-year-old son, Alexander Lilly.

“He was a wonderful dad and he absolutely adored his little boy. He adored him,” Martha Alexander said.

During a recent conversation with Lilly, Alexander said he told her, “This may sound weird, but I’m enjoying this,” following his deployment to Afghanistan in April.

“He said, ‘It’s important to me to keep my family and country protected,’” she said. “I said, ‘You don’t have to be a hero over there, because you have always been our hero forever.’”

They discussed injuries other soldiers had sustained, but Alexander said Lilly would remind her, "We can't dwell on that because it removes the focus" from the mission.

Alexander played a large role in Lilly's life, following the death of his mother Lilla in May 1999. She recalled receiving flowers from Lilly on Mother's Day this year with a note attached to the arrangement.

"I know you're not my mother, but you raised me like I was your son. Thank you very much," she recalled. "I said damn, where's my Joe?"

Local Friends, Family Remember Soldier Killed In Afghanistan



6/20/2012 By Matt Santos, The Chino Valley Review

As word traveled of local hero Sgt. 1st Class Barrett McNabb's death this past week, Chino Valley residents searched deep for details of their fallen son. Many struggled to put a history to the photograph that accompanied the press release issued by Arizona governor Jan Brewer's office announcing that the 33-year-old had been killed in action in Kandahar, Afghanistan on Tuesday, June 12.

After all, it had been over 15 years since McNabb hit the gridiron as a Cougar, playing varsity football for Chino Valley High School in 1995, listed in the CVHS yearbooks as a member of the class of 1997.

"Has it been that long? It's amazing how time flies," said former classmate Kris Mazy, as she looked over old CVHS yearbooks this past week. "I remember him as a super nice guy. When I saw his picture in the paper this week, it was just horrible. He hasn't changed much, except for the mustache."

Mazy recalled meeting McNabb years ago while shooting pool in town with some friends and as she talked the memories slowly returned. "I remember we even went to a school dance together. He was always smiling, always very cheerful," said Mazy. "It's just a horrible loss. It's just such a heartbreak to see some of our alumni lose their lives in this way."

Mazy spent this past Thursday morning driving around Chino Valley making sure businesses were flying flags at half mast in accordance with Gov. Brewer's order.

She said that management at one local restaurant was not planning to do so, but after a quick call to the company's corporate office, that was corrected.

"To me it's just respectful to his family and to mine. They got it fixed right away," said Mazy.

As web and social media sites spread the word of McNabb's death, many local residents left comments, condolences, and prayers for McNabb, those that knew him for his family, those that didn't reflecting on the tragic loss of life that hits close to home for everyone.

According to an article posted on the Pueblo, Colo. Chieftain web site (<http://www.chieftain.com>), the small town of Salida, Colo., approximately 150 miles southwest of Denver and home to just more than 5,000, also lists McNabb as a hometown son.

Family friend and spokesperson Dr. Arlene Shovald issued a written statement filling in McNabb's timeline since he left Chino Valley.

"Barett was born in Boulder, Colo. Dec. 23, 1978," writes Shovald. "He attended high school in Chino Valley, earned a GED in Denham Springs, LA, and an Associate of Arts degree in Great Bend Kansas. He and his wife, Georgette were married in Prescott, Ariz. on July 22, 1996. Georgette has a daughter, Jessi, now 25, and together they have a son, Jacob, 15."

Shovald added that McNabb also worked for a Chino Valley construction company until 1999, when he made the decision to enter the service.

"Out of love for his country and a desire to better support his family, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in November 1999," said Shovald. "He planned to make the army his career and had been in 13 years. Plans were to retire to Salida after his 20 years were up and work with his father in construction."

According to Shovald, McNabb's parents, Steve and Georgia McNabb, traveled to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware where they were present when McNabb's body arrived from Afghanistan on June 12. Funeral services are scheduled for McNabb's home base of Fort Lewis, Wash., where his remains will be transported within the next week.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED**

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

Insurgents Storm Government Compound In Kamdesh

Jun 29, 2012 The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Bombers blew themselves up at the gate of a government compound in eastern Afghanistan before dawn Friday, opening the way for armed insurgents to storm the facility and touching off an hours-long gunbattle that left 10 people dead, officials said.

The 17 militants attacked the compound in Nuristan province's Kamdesh district about 3 a.m., said provincial Gov. Tamim Nuristani.

Nuristani said U.S. planes provided some air support during Friday's attack, but it was limited to one morning bombing run.

The battle continued for hours after that, he said.

The compound includes both the district government's offices and the homes of district officials and police.

The dead included three policemen and three members of a government-sponsored militia, authorities said.

The insurgents appeared to be targeting the house of the district government administrator, Nuristani said.

Another 16 people were wounded, provincial police chief Gulamullah Nuristani said.

The sound of gunfire, mortar shells or rocket-propelled grenades rocked the area as police and soldiers fought the attackers. The gunfight finally ended when the last militants were killed in the late afternoon, the governor said.

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

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Somali Insurgents Ambush Kenyan Occupation Troops Inside Kenya: Many Killed

26/06/2012 Press Office, Harakat Al-Shabaab Al Mujahideen

Mogadishu –In defense of the Muslim lands as well as muslims suffering persecution under the invasion of Kenyan forces on Somalia, The Mujahideen have carried out an ambush against a KDF convoy at Haluqa, 20km inside the colonial-defined Kenyan border, on Tuesday morning.

The convoy of invading troops departed from a base inside Kenya and was headed towards the border in order to cross into Somalia at Kulbiyow and reinforce the fragile efforts of their military.

At least 23 Kenyan soldiers were killed and up to 9 more sustained critical injuries In the course of the ambush.

7 of the soldiers were killed when their vehicle, an armoured personnel carrier, was blown up by an IED.

A military truck transporting up to 20 Kenyan soldiers was then assaulted with rocket propelled grenades and machine guns, resulting in the deaths of at least 16 of those on board.

The two vehicles hit were part of a larger convoy which was headed towards Somalia. The Mujahideen then returned safely to their bases once their mission was accomplished.

Today's ambush in Haluqa is part of a wider counteroffensive campaign aimed at debilitating the invading Kenyan forces wherever they are.

The Mujahideen will take whatever measures deemed necessary to repel the invading Kenyan forces, even if this entails attacking and killing Kenyan soldiers on what they normally regard as Kenyan soil.

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MILITARY NEWS

“The Specialist Walked Up To His Battalion Commander, A Lieutenant Colonel, And Without Warning Pulled A Pistol And Shot The Commander Three Times In The Head And Twice In The Chest”

“That Specialist Had Also Been A Member Of The Security Detail In Afghanistan For The Officer Killed”

“The Soldier Shot His Commander During A Safety Brief”



June 29, 2012 By David Zucchino, msnbc.com & By NBC News' Jim Miklaszewski and Courtney Kube

The Army soldier who allegedly shot and killed his battalion commander at Fort Bragg, N.C., on Thursday was facing court martial and possible discharge from the Army on criminal charges, U.S. military officials told NBC News.

NBC News and CNN reported that the suspect, who Ft. Bragg officials said turned his weapon on himself after shooting the officer, was not expected to survive his wounds.

According to officials, the specialist walked up to his battalion commander, a Lieutenant Colonel, and without warning pulled a pistol and shot the commander three times in the head and twice in the chest.

Other soldiers rushed the shooter, who was shot in the head in the ensuing struggle and critically wounded, officials said. A third soldier also suffered a minor gunshot wound.

Officials said the shooter had been an Army specialist for 8 years, and was accused of stealing a tool box worth \$1,700 from Fort Bragg motor pool, and was in line for a special court martial on criminal charges.

That specialist had also been a member of the security detail in Afghanistan for the officer killed Thursday.

The soldier shot his commander during a safety brief – in this case, a 10- to 15-minute lecture about staying safe for the upcoming Fourth of July weekend.

Fort Bragg Public Affairs Officer Col. Kevin Arata said the soldiers are from the 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade.

Fort Bragg is home to the 82nd Airborne Division, the 18th Airborne Corps and Special Operations Forces.

In the statement released Friday, Ft. Bragg officials said Spec. Michael E. Latham, 21, of Vacaville, Calif., was released from a Ft. Bragg hospital after treatment for "a minor, non-life threatening wound" suffered during the shooting.

**“We Fought For Freedom. We
Come Home”**
**“We Get A Job, And They’re
Cramming Their Views Down Our
Throats On Government Property”**

“Stryker Manufacturer General Dynamics Compelled Them To Attend Anti-Union Meetings”

06/29/12 ADAM ASHTON; Staff writer, The News Tribune [Excerpts]

Civilian employees at a Joint Base Lewis-McChord Stryker maintenance site are holding a vote to unionize today after several months of campaigning in which they allege Stryker manufacturer General Dynamics compelled them to attend “anti-union” meetings.

The company meetings on Lewis-McChord property rankled some union supporters who were denied opportunities to hold informational settings at their workplace. Many of the employees are veterans.

“Here we are. We fought for freedom. We come home. We get a job, and they’re cramming their views down our throats on government property,” said union organizer Jeff Alexander.

6,500 U.S. Mercenaries Continue Iraq Occupation: “American Personnel Face Various Dangers In Iraq Including ‘Routine Rocket And Mortar Attacks, Car And Roadside Bombs, Small Arms Fire And Kidnapping’”

Jun 29, 2012 By Alanna Durkin – Medill News Service [Excerpts]

Volatile security conditions have forced the State Department to continue to employ a large number of contractors to protect personnel in Iraq after the shift from a military to civilian-led mission, several senior federal officials told a House committee Thursday.

There are 16,000 personnel in Iraq employed by the State Department and other agencies, said Patrick F. Kennedy, undersecretary for management in the State Department. About 14,000 are contractors from the U.S. or other countries who take part in daily missions such as security for personnel and air transport of supplies and people in need of medical care.

About 6,500 of those 14,000 contractors are responsible for the security of American personnel in Iraq, Kennedy said.

American personnel face various dangers in Iraq including “routine rocket and mortar attacks, car and roadside bombs, small arms fire and kidnapping,” wrote Michael Courts, acting director of International Affairs and Trade in his statement before the subcommittee.

While conditions have improved near the Baghdad embassy, any movement of personnel still calls for 48 hours’ notice and the accompaniment of three security vehicles, Bowen said. “It is a restricted environment from a security perspective,” he said.

Conditions outside of Baghdad remain unstable, Bowen said. “It is still quite dangerous up in Kirkuk. While there haven’t been very many duck-and-covers, as we say, in the embassy this year, that is not the case up at the Kirkuk facility. Basra similarly is in a much more difficult security situation than those who operate in Baghdad,” he said.

“A House Subcommittee Has Drastically Scaled Back Legislation To Protect The Jobs Of Disabled Veterans Who Need Time Off From Work For Service-Connected Medical Treatment”

Jun 28, 2012 By Rick Maze - Staff writer, Army Times [Excerpts]

A House subcommittee has drastically scaled back legislation to protect the jobs of disabled veterans who need time off from work for service-connected medical treatment.

The House Veterans’ Affairs economic opportunity subcommittee on Thursday approved a bill, HR 3524, barring employers from discriminating against disabled veterans in terms of employment, seniority and benefits if they take time off for treatment of their military-related health issues.

However, it would not cover workers hired for brief periods if “there is no reasonable expectation” of permanent or extended employment.

And an employer could still let a worker go if keeping the disabled veteran becomes “impossible or unreasonable.”

Business with 11 or fewer employees would not have any obligations under the law.

As originally introduced by Rep. Bruce Braley of Iowa, the subcommittee’s ranking Democrat, the bill provided for veterans to be absent from work for a cumulative 12

weeks over a 12-month period without fear of losing their jobs, although an employer would not have to pay them for all of the time off.

The revised bill, which passed the subcommittee by voice vote, is far more limited.

It provides no additional time off for anyone also covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, which covers people working for businesses with 50 or more employees and gives them up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave.

Under the revised Disabled Veterans Employment Protection Act, those not covered by FMLA would be eligible for four weeks of unpaid leave without fear of losing a job if the business has at least 12 employees.

Those covered by FMLA could take no more than the 12 weeks provided under that law.

Rep. Marlin Stutzman, R-Ind., the economic opportunity panel chairman, said the revisions were done “to strike the proper balance between businesses and employees.”

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 philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point is to change it.

-- Karl Marx, "Theses on Feuerbach"

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”

Nothing has more revolutionary effect, and nothing undermines more the foundations of all state power, than the continuation of that wretched and brainless régime, which has the strength merely to cling to its positions but no longer the slightest power to rule or to steer the state ship on a definite course.

-- Karl Kautsky; ‘The Consequences of the Japanese Victory and Social Democracy’

1915: World War I

“The Struggle Against The Government That Conducts The Imperialist War Must Not Halt In Any Country Before The Possibility Of That Country’s Defeat”

March 29, 1915, V.I. Ulyanov, Sostial Demokrat [The writer used the pen name “Lenin” to keep the government from terrorizing his family. Excerpts]

Some of the means employed to fool the working class are pacifism and the abstract preachment of peace.

A propaganda of peace at the present time, if not accompanied by a call to revolutionary mass actions, is only capable of spreading illusions, of demoralizing the proletariat by imbuing it with confidence in the humanitarianism of the bourgeoisie, and of making it a plaything in the hands of the secret diplomacy of the belligerent countries.

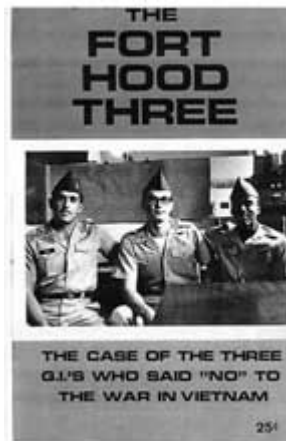
In particular, the idea of the possibility of a so-called democratic peace without a series of revolutions is deeply erroneous.

The struggle against the government that conducts the imperialist war must not halt in any country before the possibility of that country's defeat in consequence of revolutionary propaganda.

The defeat of the governmental army weakens the government, aids the liberation of the nationalities oppressed by it, and makes civil war against the ruling classes easier.

ANNIVERSARIES

June 30, 1966: Three Fort Hood Soldiers Refuse Vietnam War Deployment: “Large Numbers Of Men In The Service Either Do Not Understand This War Or Are Against It”



Carl Bunin Peace History June 28 - July 4

The first GIs—known as the Fort Hood Three, U.S. Army Privates James Johnson, Dennis Mora and David Samas—refused to be sent to Vietnam.

All were members of the 142nd Signal Battalion, 2nd Armored Division stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. The three were from working-class families, and had denounced the war as "immoral, illegal and unjust." They were arrested, court-martialed and imprisoned.

The Pentagon reported 503,926 "incidents of desertion" between 1966 and 1971.

From NIU.EDU

JOINT STATEMENT BY FORT HOOD THREE

The following statement was read to over 40 cameramen, reporters, and antiwar fighters at a press conference in New York on June 30th. The statement was prepared jointly and read by Pvt. Dennis Mora.

We are Pfc. James Johnson, Pvt. David Samas, and Pvt. Dennis Mora, three soldiers formerly stationed at Fort Hood, Texas in the same company of the 142 Signal Battalion, 2nd Armored Division. We have received orders to report on the 13th of July at Oakland Army Terminal in California for final processing and shipment to Vietnam.

We have decided to take a stand against this war, which we consider immoral, illegal and unjust. We are initiating today, through our attorneys, Stanley Faulkner of New York and Mrs. Selma Samols of Washington, D.C. an action in the courts to enjoin the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Army from sending us to Vietnam. We intend to report as ordered to the Oakland Army Terminal, but under no circumstances will we board ship for Vietnam.

We are prepared to face Court Martial if necessary.

We represent in our backgrounds a cross section of the Army and of America. James Johnson is a Negro, David Samas is of Lithuanian and Italian parents, Dennis Mora is a Puerto Rican. We speak as American soldiers.

We have been in the army long enough to know that we are not the only G.I.'s who feel as we do. Large numbers of men in the service either do not understand this war or are against it.

When we entered the army Vietnam was for us only a newspaper box score of G.I.'s and Viet Cong killed or wounded. We were all against it in one way or another, but we were willing to "go along with the program," believing that we would not be sent to Vietnam.

We were told from the very first day of our induction that we were headed for Vietnam. During basic training it was repeated often by sergeants and officers, and soon it became another meaningless threat that was used to make us take our training seriously.

But later on Vietnam became a fact of life when some one you knew wondered how he could break the news to his girl, wife, or family that he was being sent there.

After he solved that problem, he had to find a reason that would satisfy him. The reasons were many-"Somebody's got to do it," "When your number's up, your number's up The pay is good," and "You've got to stop them someplace" were phrases heard in the barracks and mess hall, and used by soldiers to encourage each other to accept the war as their own. Besides, what could be done about it anyway? Orders are orders.

As we saw more and more of this, the war became the one thing we talked about most and the one point we all agreed upon. No one wanted to go and more than that, there was no reason for anyone to go.

The Viet Cong obviously had the moral and physical support of most of the peasantry who were fighting for their independence. We were told that you couldn't tell them apart-that they looked like any other skinny peasant.

Our man or our men in Saigon has and have always been brutal dictators, since Diem first violated the 1954 Geneva promise of free elections in 1956.

The Buddhist and military revolt in all the major cities proves that the people of the cities also want an end to Ky and U.S. support for him. The Saigon Army has become the advisor to American G.I.'s who have to take over the fighting.

No one used the word "winning" anymore because in Vietnam it has no meaning.

Our officers just talk about five and ten more years of war with at least ½ million of our boys thrown into the grinder.

We have been told that many times we may face a Vietnamese woman or child and that we will have to kill them. We will never go there-to do that for Ky.

We know that Negroes and Puerto Ricans are being drafted and end up in the worst of the fighting all out of proportion to their numbers in the population; and we have first hand knowledge that these are the ones who have been deprived of decent education and jobs at home.

The three of us, while stationed together, talked a lot and found we thought alike on one over-riding issue-the war in Vietnam must be stopped. It was all talk and we had no intentions of getting into trouble by making waves at that stage.

Once back in Texas we were told that we were on levy to Vietnam. All we had discussed and thought about now was real. It was time for us to quit talking and decide. Go to Vietnam and ignore the truth or stand and fight for what we know is right.

We have made our decision. We will not be a part of this unjust, immoral, and illegal war.

We want no part of a war of extermination. We oppose the criminal waste of American lives and resources.

We refuse to go to Vietnam!!

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



Houston Chicken-Brain Scum In Blue Hate Our Liberties, As Usual:

Pedestrian Thrown In Jail For 12 Hours For Holding Up Sign Warning Drivers About Police Speed Trap; “He Handcuffed Her And Told Her She Was Under Arrested For Felony Obstruction Of Justice And That She Would Spent Three To Five Years In Jail, At Minimum”



Trouble ahead: Natalie Plummer spotted a speed trap near downtown Houston, Texas, and decided to warn drivers about it

27 June 2012 By Daily Mail Reporter

A woman in Houston, Texas, was arrested and jailed for 12 hours after she held up a make-shift sign to warn drivers about a speed trap.

Natalie Plummer was officially charged with walking in the roadway -- jaywalking, essentially -- though she says the police officers who arrested her were just angry that she had tipped off speeders.

Miss Plummer was riding her bicycle along a road near downtown Houston on Thursday when she spotted police officers pulling drivers over.

She told KTRK that it looked like the officers were targeting cars at random, so she recorded some the activity on her cell phone.

Then, she said, she turned around and wrote 'Speed Trap!!!' in large letters on a piece of grocery bag to warn oncoming traffic.

'I was simply warning citizens of a situation ahead,' she told the TV station.

The officers didn't see it that way. Shortly after she took up her post, a squad car pulled up to Miss Plummer and an officer grabbed her backpack off her shoulder and began rifling through it.

Then, he handcuffed her and told her she was under arrested for felony obstruction of justice and that she would spent three to five years in jail, at minimum.

She ended up being charged with misdemeanor 'walking in the road where a sidewalk is present,' through she was in jail 12 hours before she was able to bail out.

Miss Plummer said she wasn't obstructing justice, and she wasn't in the roadway, either -- she was on the sidewalk.

'He couldn't take me to jail for holding up this sign or he would have. So all he could do was make up something fake about it,' she said.

The Houston Police Department wouldn't speak on camera about the arrest, but stood by the officer's report that she was walking in the road and a danger to herself and others.

A KTRK legal analyst says Miss Plummer should not have been arrested

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Assad's TV Station Stormed: "One Of The Boldest Attacks Yet On A Symbol Of The Authoritarian State"



Damaged buildings are seen after insurgents stormed the headquarters of pro-government Al-Ikhbariya news channel near Damascus June 27, 2012, bombing buildings and shooting dead three employees in one of the boldest attacks yet on a symbol of the authoritarian state. REUTERS/Stringer

Syrian Insurgents Struck At High-Profile Targets In The Capital Region On Thursday:

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The scene of a double bombing in Damascus on Thursday, after one bomb detonated in the parking garage of the Palace of Justice and another at a city police station. Bassem Tellawi/Associated Press

June 28, 2012 By ROD NORDLAND and HWAIDA SAAD, New York Times [Excerpts]

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Syrian insurgents fighting to topple President Bashar al-Assad struck at high-profile targets in the capital region on Thursday for the third time this week, demonstrating their increasing effectiveness and reach.

The latest attack was a double bombing.

One bomb was detonated in the parking garage of the Palace of Justice in downtown Damascus, according to Syrian state television, and the other at a city police station, according to local residents.

The day before, an attack destroyed another pro-government television station, and late Monday the opposition Free Syrian Army struck the barracks of the elite Republican Guard, next to the palace of President Assad.

These assaults followed a wave of high-level military defections from Mr. Assad's forces, and a surprise visit by the former head of the opposition Syrian National Council, Burhan Ghalioun, who crossed into Syria and toured what he called liberated territory in Idlib, a city near the Turkish border.

While none of these developments were militarily decisive, they have helped build a public perception that the opposition, while still clearly an underdog fighting a large military machine, was finally making some headway.

Even Mr. Assad, who has often belittled the Syrian insurgency as an insignificant and unpopular movement led by what he calls foreign-backed terrorists, has tacitly acknowledged his opponents' tenacity, telling the cabinet on Tuesday that the government was engaged in a war.

The conflict has long since moved past unarmed opposition groups holding demonstrations and enduring shelling and attacks from government forces as a result.

Now in cities throughout Syria, including the capital, Damascus, and the largest city, Aleppo, the opposition has coalesced around armed groups identifying themselves as elements of the Free Syrian Army.

From bases in refugee camps on the Turkish side of the border, the flow of weapons, medical supplies and money has increased.

Even the Syrian National Council is a mixture of many factions, and Free Syrian Army officers have yet to acknowledge any particular political leadership. A Free Syrian Army commander, Col. Riad al-Assad, and other rebel officers have at times been openly critical of the Syrian National Council.

On the ground in Syria, fighters have been exultant about their recent successes, however Pyrrhic they appear to be.

Moaz, an activist from Damascus, said in a Skype interview that he recently visited Hammih in central Syria and was stunned to see the entire city under the Free Syrian Army's control.

"I couldn't believe my eyes. There was no presence of government forces or regime people," he said. There were also, however, no residents left in the city.

Many of the rebels' victories so far have been, at best, qualified.

The blasts in Damascus on Thursday wounded a few people, according to Syrian authorities. The attack on the television station on Wednesday disabled its broadcasts for less than a day, and while seven guards and news media workers were reported killed, the deaths also brought international and American condemnation for an attack on journalists.

Rebels initially sought to present that attack's perpetrators as a defecting unit of the elite Republican Guard assigned to the television station, but local residents told journalists that the only guards there were local security guards, not military units.

The attack on the Republican Guard base earlier in the week was described by the rebels themselves as only a probe by a small unit of fighters.

Israel Fears Weakening Of Assad Dictatorship Will Lead To Attacks By "Jihad Elements In Syria" "Beefing Up Its Defenses Along The Syrian Border"

06/28/2012 By YAAKOV KATZ, Jerusalem Post [Excerpts]

The army is beefing up its defenses along the Syrian border due to concerns that terrorists are planning an attack in the Golan Heights, OC Division 36 Brig.-Gen. Tamir Hyman said on Thursday.

Hyman briefed reporters during a tour of border military positions throughout the Golan Heights. Division 36 is tasked with defending the Golan and the border with Syria.

"Our assumption is that a terrorist attack or a war can happen without warning," he said.

"We are upgrading our infrastructure and renewing operational commands to prepare accordingly."

Israel's concerns when it comes to Syria include the possibility that its advanced weaponry – such as Scud missiles and chemical weapons – will fall into rogue hands as

well as the possibility that global jihad elements operating in the country will attack Israel.

“The government’s loss of control and the instability is a convenient area of operations for global jihad elements in Syria,” Hyman said.

“Even without signs that this is already happening, we need to be prepared. This is the main challenge.”

The IDF is concerned about a number of types of potential attacks, including a cross-border infiltration into an Israeli community on the Golan, the abduction of a soldier or civilian, or rocket fire into Israel from Syria.

While there has been an increase in the presence of global jihad operatives in Syria, the IDF believes they are focused on toppling Bashar Assad’s regime, but that once that happens, they will shift their focus to attacking Israel, as their comrades in the Sinai Peninsula have been doing.

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