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[Thanks to Alan Stolzer, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

August 12, 2012 By IRVING DEJOHN AND SARAH ARMAGHAN, NY Daily News

The father of a Long Island Marine shot to death in Afghanistan on Friday is pleading for the troops to be brought home.

Lance Cpl. Gregory Buckley Jr., 21, was in a gymnasium on Friday with six others when an Afghan police officer walked in with an AK-47 and opened fire, his father said.

"I feel like my son was executed," Gregory Buckley Sr., 48, said at his Oceanside home. "I feel it in my heart."

More than 50 friends and family members gathered at the family home to mourn the Marine, who joined the armed forces to be a positive influence on his younger siblings.

"I can honestly say I hate it. I miss everything back in America!!" Buckley Jr., who dreamed of being a Nassau County cop, wrote in a four-page letter to his family in June.

He turned 21 in July and was set to arrive in the States this week for a five-day surprise visit — and drink his first beer legally with his dad. Instead, his father will travel to Delaware on Monday to pick up his body.

"Get the rest of those boys out of there," Buckley Sr. said. "He had only four months left on his tour. There's no purpose for us being there."

Buckley Jr. was posthumously awarded a Purple Heart, his dad said.

"I don't want a Purple Heart," he cried. "I want my boy home."

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Three Foreign Occupation “Service Members” Killed By Bomb Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Sunday: Nationality Not Announced

August 19, 2012 Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The carnage in Afghanistan continued unabated on a major Muslim holiday on Sunday, as attackers killed three foreign service members.

The three service members were killed in a bomb attack. At least 41 international troops have been killed so far this month in Afghanistan.

Another Afghan Policeman Kills Another Foreign Soldier Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

August 19, 2012 AP

A foreign servicemember died when an individual wearing an Afghan Uniformed Police uniform turned his weapon against service members today.

Soldier From The Grenadier Guards Killed In Nahr-E Saraj Friday

18 Aug 12 Ministry of Defence

It is with sadness that the Ministry of Defence must announce that a soldier from the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards has died in Afghanistan.

The soldier was on duty in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand province on Friday 17 August when he was killed by enemy action.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED**

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

**Resistance Action:
Attackers Kill Two Pairs Of Brothers
With Links To The Government.**

August 19, 2012 Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan —

Attackers killed two pairs of brothers with links to the government.

In the first attack, a bomb hidden in a cemetery in the southern province of Helmand killed a police chief and his brother who were visiting a family grave for the Eid al-Fitr holiday.

The bomb was buried near the grave, said Helmand deputy police chief Ghulam Rabbani.

He said one of the men killed was the police chief for Nawa district, just west of Lashkar Gah. He did not provide the man's name.

Seven of the men's family members were wounded in the early-morning blast in the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.

No one immediately claimed responsibility, but the attack was consistent with the Taliban's strategy to target authorities and others who align themselves with the government or international forces.

The two men were brothers of a lawmaker for Helmand province, Abdulwadood Popal, who was not at the cemetery at the time of the blast. The family was visiting the grave after morning prayers for the holiday, which ends the month-long Ramadan fasting period.

Then in Farah province in the west, insurgents on a motorcycle opened fire on the car of an intelligence service official as he was driving home from a family visit, killing him and his brother who worked for the customs service.

Another relative was wounded, provincial deputy police chief Ghulam Ghows Malyar added.

In a message ahead of Eid al-Fitr, Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar instructed his fighters once again to avoid killing or wounding Afghan civilians.

"Employ tactics that do not cause harm to the life and property of the common countrymen," he said in an eight-page message released to news organizations last week.

The Taliban have said previously, however, that they do not consider those who collaborate with the government to be civilians.

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

**Base Delhi Marines Were Killed By
15 Year-Old Boy Sex Slave Of
Corrupt Garmsir Police Chief:
"The Teenage Assailant Who Killed
Three Marines Last Week On A US
Military Base In Southern
Afghanistan Had Easy Access To The
Afghan Police's Arsenal Of
Weapons"
"Standards Are Often Violated –
Especially By The Country's Nascent
Police Force"**

For years, Marines and other US officials said they had heard local residents complain about Mr Jan's poorly kept secret – that he invited boys to bases often shared with US troops and engaged in sexual misconduct.

The practice, called bacha bazi, has been on the rise since the Taliban regime collapsed.

August 18, 2012 By Kevin Sieff in Kabul, Financial Times [Excerpts]

The teenage assailant who killed three Marines last week on a US military base in southern Afghanistan had easy access to the Afghan police's arsenal of weapons. He was in near-constant contact with US troops, often when they were without their guns and body armour.

But even though Aynoddin, 15, lived among American and Afghan security forces, he was not a soldier or police officer.

He had never been vetted.

According to both US and Afghan officials, his role on base was hardly formal: He was the unpaid, underage personal assistant of the district police chief.

Officials would later learn that the quiet, willowy boy was also working for the insurgency.

Mr Aynoddin should never have been on the base in the first place, because Afghan and American security standards wouldn't have allowed it.

But those standards are often violated – especially by the country's nascent police force.

Mr Aynoddin, who like many Afghans uses only one name, was still in high school when he started work for Garmsir police chief Sarwar Jan in the southern province of Helmand. He spent his days cooking and cleaning up after Mr Jan. Both Afghans and Americans knew him as the boss's "tea boy."

Last Friday at 8.30pm, three weeks after he arrived at a joint US-Afghan base called Delhi, the boy stole a Kalashnikov that was lying in an unlocked barracks, according to police officers on the base.

He walked to a gym where four unarmed Marines were exercising and held down the trigger until no bullets were left.

When he was finished, three Marines were dead and one was badly injured.

Then Mr Aynoddin walked out of the gym, rifle still in hand, and bragged of his accomplishment: "I just did jihad," he said to nearby police officers, according to several men who were on the scene. "Don't you want to do jihad, too? If not, I will kill you."

The officers approached him slowly and then tore the gun from his hands.

"The look in his face was angry, like if he had more bullets he would have killed us as well," said Janan, one of the Garmsir officers.

When US officials discovered that an unvetted 15-year-old had been allowed access to the base – and the weapons strewn around it – they were furious.

“These were jihad-motivated executions,” said a Western official in Afghanistan with knowledge of the incident. To suggest otherwise would be “profoundly distasteful and insulting to the Marines who died.”

Sarwar Jan said Mr Aynoddin was “given” to him as a personal assistant by a local elder and Afghan Local Police commander. Mr Jan assumed the boy was a police officer, he said, even though he wasn’t wearing a uniform.

Police officers in Garmsir say Mr Aynoddin skulked around the base, keeping to himself. Afghan and NATO officials now speculate that the boy was waiting for the right opportunity to attack foreign troops. He chose a moment when the Marines were unarmed and the Afghan police officers were gathered to break their daily Ramadan fast.

The Marines who Mr Aynoddin killed were part of a US advisory team attached to the Afghan Uniformed Police, a branch of the national police.

In Garmsir, that change in mission meant getting closer to Afghan soldiers and police, trusting that physical proximity would strengthen the relationship rather than damage it.

There were 32 men on the Marines’ police training team in Garmsir. Not only did they work every day at the district police headquarters, they lived there as well, on a part of the Delhi base separated from the US operations centre by a small checkpoint. The Marines knew there were risks involved in that living arrangement, but they said it was crucial to building trust.

Several Marines said they made it clear to Mr Jan that it was not acceptable to bring underage boys on to the base. But they watched as the police chief disobeyed that rule, they said.

For years, Marines and other US officials said they had heard local residents complain about Mr Jan’s poorly kept secret – that he invited boys to bases often shared with US troops and engaged in sexual misconduct.

Officials say it was the primary reason he was dismissed from a previous posting in Now Zad, another district in Helmand.

In southern Afghanistan, it’s not uncommon for men to sexually exploit boys.

The practice, called bacha bazi, has been on the rise since the Taliban regime collapsed.

In addition to the two killings in western Afghanistan on Friday, an Afghan soldier wounded three NATO troops in a separate incident in southern Afghanistan.

Those attacks came a day after Mr Omar, the Taliban leader, issued a statement lauding insurgents who “have cleverly infiltrated in the ranks of the enemy.”

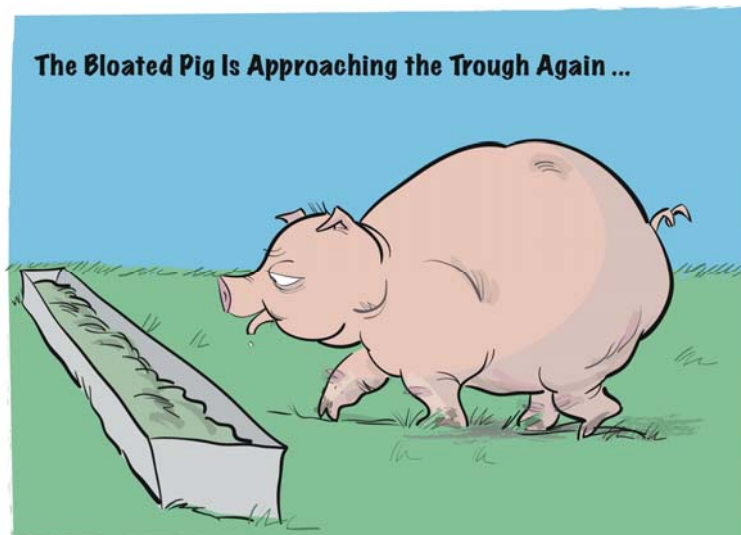
The infiltrators, Mr Omar said, “are able to enter bases, offices and intelligence centers of the enemy. Then, they easily carry out decisive and co-ordinated attacks.”

MILITARY NEWS

Greedy Thieving Lying Four Star Pig At The Trough:

“He And His Wife Used Staff And Government-Rented Cars To Run Errands, Pick Up Flowers, Books, Snacks And Event Tickets”

“During Four Trips To Atlanta, Ward Stated His Intention Was To Meet With The Commander Of Forces Command, But — According To The Report — He Never Did”



<http://joshuawehrmann.wordpress.com>

Aug 17, 2012 By Joe Gould - Staff writer; Army Times [Excerpts]

A four-star Army general who was the first head of the new U.S. Africa Command allegedly spent hundreds of thousands of dollars improperly on lavish travel, hotels and other items for himself and his wife, according to a Defense Department report.

Gen. William "Kip" Ward and his wife allegedly misused government resources for personal purposes, taking trips on military aircraft and using staff members to run personal errands.

The report says he used military vehicles to shuttle his wife shopping and to spas, and billed the government for a refueling stop overnight in Bermuda, where the couple stayed in a \$750 suite.

In January 2011, Ward allegedly took an 11-day trip to Washington and Atlanta with an entourage of 13 military and civilian personnel which cost \$129,000, and he conducted less than three days of official business, the report states.

During the trip, Ward visited wounded warriors one day, spent 90 minutes at Forces Command on another day and attended a meeting at the State Department a third day, the report states.

He told investigators he met with members of Congress during the trip, but they found no evidence to support the claim.

Ward's responses to the allegations are contained in the report. He denies committing any impropriety and accused his accusers of "character assassination."

He defended the Bermuda layover as a "crew stop" and blamed his staff for making the decision to stay there rather than flying on to Stuttgart, Germany-based Africa Command. **[Training For General Offices 101: blame your staff. T]**

The report describes how Ward spent several hundred thousand dollars allowing unauthorized people, including family members, to fly on government planes, and spent excessive amounts of money on hotel rooms, transportation and other expenses when he traveled as head of Africa Command.

"He misused his position and his subordinates' time, Government funds, and rental vehicles," the report states. "He failed to use a (government travel charge card) as required and received reimbursement for travel expenses that exceeded the per diem rates without actual expense allowance approvals. Finally, he improperly accepted gifts from a prohibited source."

In one case, his request to use military aircraft for a personal trip was denied, so he abruptly changed the trip to an official one, adding a quick meeting, and went anyway.

In numerous other cases, he and his wife used staff and government-rented cars to run errands, pick up flowers, books, snacks and event tickets.

Emails between the travel and legal offices show AFRICOM staff worked, “diligently” to find reasons for Ward’s wife’s travel, the report states.

She took 52 of 79 trips with him, each time on MilAir.

In 15 instances, Ward’s wife took the trips for unofficial purposes, accompanying him to functions and speaking engagements in New York, San Diego, Atlanta, New Orleans, Philadelphia and West Point, N.Y.

Ward’s wife on several occasions had military staff perform personal tasks for her. She asked an unnamed person or people via email to purchase flowers, candy, baby items, books and — in one instance — dark chocolate Snickers.

Staff members used government-funded rental vehicles to run errands, accompany her to a spa, a department store, a private fundraiser and an education conference.

In the case of the 11-day trip in January, Ward said the main purpose of a three-day stopover in Atlanta was to visit Forces Command; and he argued his attendance at that year’s Trumpet Awards was official because he was an honoree.

The DoDIG’s report notes that Ward’s visit with FORSCOM was planned only after he accepted the invitation to the Trumpet Awards, and that he was an honored guest, but not an honoree.

The report alleges the couple was in Atlanta to visit their infant grandchild.

On the day of the visit, Ward’s wife asked a staff member to search for baby formula.

In May 2010, Ward took a business trip from Burkina Faso to Kansas City, by way of Bermuda, where he stayed for one night in the Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel at a cost of \$747, twice the allowed rate.

In Kansas City, where he was visiting the Combined Arms Center, he and his wife shared a suite that cost \$333, also twice the allowed rate.

The lodging costs for the trip exceeded \$10,700 in addition to the cost of meals, local transportation, and incidentals for his party of 12 staff and the aircrew.

The report found that Ward commonly used MilAir for personal travel without permission, and extended the length of official trips seven times without official business to conduct, and that in these cases, he did not take leave as required.

Of Ward’s temporary duty assignments, he spent the most time in the Washington, D.C., area: 222 days in one 12-month period.

While in the U.S., he and his entourage rented up to five vehicles at a time and required a dozen hotel rooms.

In one instance, Ward chose to stay at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City a day before his business in Birmingham was to begin, even though a hotel in Birmingham would have been cheaper.

During four trips to Atlanta, Ward stated his intention was to meet with the commander of Forces Command, but — according to the report — he never did.

In June 2010, Ward obtained travel orders for his wife to accompany him on a six-day trip from Baltimore to New Orleans and New York, where he had several speaking engagements, and back to Stuttgart.

In New York, the Wards attended a Broadway show paid for by a government contractor, and afterward posed for pictures with the show's star, actor Denzel Washington.

The contractor, whose name was redacted, was a "prohibited source," according to the report, and had contracts associated with the construction of military medical facilities in Virginia, Kansas and Texas.

The report also found he extended his trip by one day to attend the show and did not take leave.

An unnamed "prohibited source" also paid for two dinner parties at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse in Tysons Corner, Va., for Ward and his family, the report states.

According to the report, Ward and his immediate family were prohibited from accepting gifts of more than \$20 from defense contractors.

Ward not only improperly received gifts, he allegedly misused funds to give gifts at the government's expense.

In 2011, his command ordered 100 engraved letter openers at a cost of \$24 each as gifts at his farewell dinner, and it spent nearly \$10,000 on command coins in 2010.

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“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 Social-Democrats ideal should not be the trade union secretary, but the tribune of the people who is able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression no matter where it appears no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; who is able to generalize all these manifestations and produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; who is able to take advantage of every event, however small, in order to set forth before all his socialist convictions and his democratic demands, in order to clarify for all and everyone the world-historic significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.”

-- V. I. Lenin; What Is To Be Done

“There Is, In Reality, No Daylight Between Mitt Romney And Obama About The Inner Workings Of The Corporate State”

13 August 12 By Chris Hedges, Truthdig [Excerpt]

There is, in reality, no daylight between Mitt Romney and Obama about the inner workings of the corporate state.

They each will continue to funnel hundreds of billions of wasted dollars to defense contractors, intelligence agencies and the military.

They each intend to let Wall Street loot the U.S. Treasury with impunity.

Neither will lift a finger to help the long-term unemployed and underemployed, those losing their homes to foreclosures or bank repossessions, those filing for bankruptcy because of medical bills or college students burdened by crippling debt.

Listen to the anguished cries of partisans on either side of the election divide and you would think this was a battle between the forces of light and the forces of darkness.

You would think voting in the rigged political theater of the corporate state actually makes a difference.

“If Businessmen Didn’t Want The Government Interfering In The Market, I Asked, Why Did They Send Thousands Of Lobbyists To Washington”

“Next, Why Do The Cognitively Challenged Say That Obama Is A Socialist?”

“He Bailed Out Wall Street, The Beating Heart Of Predatory Capitalism, And Then Carefully Didn’t Prosecute Those Who Masterminded The Sub-Prime Scam”

Aug. 16, 2012 by Fred Reed, OccupyWallStreet.org

Today I’m going to explain economics, society, and the pursuit of happiness, if any.

Either pursuit or happiness. When I’m through, there won’t be any questions left. You will know everything. Whole university departments will shutter their doors. And good riddance.

A friend of mine is ardent of capitalism, also called “free enterprise” if you are trying to sell it to the rubes, or “codified robbery” by those familiar with its workings.

Anyway, this friend had an actual degree in economic theory. He said things like “commoditized debenture yields” and “mezzanine tranche bundles” and “annualized perturbivity swaps.”

I was so impressed I almost gave him my wallet right there.

I’ve got nothing against speaking in tongues, but some of it was too many for me.

For example, he kept saying that businesses didn’t want the government to interfere with them, which he called “distorting the market.” Well, I can understand it. I don’t want the government interfering with me either, especially in the midst of a burglary.

But I was puzzled.

If businessmen didn’t want the government interfering in the market, I asked, why did they send thousands of lobbyists to Washington to make the government interfere in the market?

He changed the subject. I guess he was distracted.

Of course, as Milton Friedman said, “There’s no such thing as a free market.” (That may not be exactly what he said. It’s what he would have said had he understood economics better.)

I think Milton was right.

I mean, as soon as capitalists start making money, they buy the government, and engage in carnal intercourse with it, and pretty soon the chiefs of corporations are in government, and great motingator alpha-crats of government get on corporate boards, and form the roaring mother of interlocking directorates, and so you get Enron and the sub-primes and nobody’s got a house.

The freer the market, the quicker it happens. A lack of laws favors the smart, the avaricious, and the remorseless. (I live in Mexico.)

Ronald Reagan, an amiable goof but not the Killer Kowalski of intellect, said of the free market (I think it was he) that "a rising tide floats all boats." Thing is, I keep reading that the rich are getting lots richer, and the middle class, what is left of it, is getting poorer. I guess they don't have boats.

Maybe we need a federal program. Maybe No Boat Left Behind.

It's confusing.

Conservatives say that it's wrong to take money from those who produce and give it to those who don't.

Then they take money from those who produce and give it, great bags of it, to the military, which never earned a nickel and produces nothing but corpses and amputees.

It looks to me like a choice between welfare queens, colonels or indigent mothers. I prefer the kind that wants free cheeseburgers, but that's just me I guess.

Which brings us, panting, to Obamacare.

It probably won't work, because the government can't do anything right, and the private sector will steal the government blind.

Anyway, conservatives don't like the idea of national health care. They pass around the internet stories about some woman in Canada who had to give herself a C-section with a chain saw because there weren't any doctors.

Well, maybe.

Or maybe when you underfund national health care, probably because of bribes from the chainsaw manufacturers, you get too few doctors.

Anyhow, when they start in on how awful national health care is, I always want to say, "Yes, no doubt. My faith in you is without limit. But, just out of curiosity you understand, can you name two hospitals in France? Give me any three facts about health care in Japan? A brief comparison of medicine in Denmark and Finland? In short, do you have the slightest idea of what you are talking about?"

But I don't ask. It would be like poisoning goldfish.

Now, America has two examples of socialized medical care, the VA system and the military system. Since it would be intelligent to examine these to see how well they work, nobody does. The VA hospitals ain't great, being over-affirmative-actioned and under-funded, since the Pentagon has more enthusiasm for making new cripples than caring for old ones.

The military system is another thing. The first question you are asked in a military hospital is, “What is wrong with you?” instead of “How are you going to pay for this?”

Because the doctors are on salary, they don't gouge. Nor do they refuse to treat you because of the mounds of stupid federal paperwork required for things like Medicare.

Nor in the military system do insurance companies hunt, like starving ferrets on the trail of a mouse, for reasons not to pay.

While insurance companies won't pay claims if they can help it, they will assuredly pay Congress not to ask awkward questions, so no comparisons with the military hospitals will be made.

The military system works, God help us.

You show your ID card, they fix you. You need something expensive? You get it. You don't need a pricey scan to pay for the new seventy-five-button, six-hundred brake horsepower MRI machine? You don't get it.

When I last covered the military, which is an already-functioning, easily studied system that works under American cultural conditions, it was competitive cost-wise with the private sector. Let us avert our eyes.

Next, why do the cognitively challenged say that Obama is a socialist?

The man is an arch-conservative. (I'm not sure what arches have to do with it, but never mind.)

He bailed out Wall Street, the beating heart of predatory capitalism, and then carefully didn't prosecute those who masterminded the sub-prime scam.

Socialists hate Wall Street.

Obama breast-feeds it.

And he sends the military to bomb every country he has heard of, which is very conservative.

He is ideally qualified to be president of Guatemala.

Whew.

Now a final gem of crystalline truth before I turn to things of greater cosmic import, such as listening to Bob Dylan with Vi. Conservatives and capitalists (What's the difference? All conservatives are capitalists, and all capitalists are conservatives) say they like competition.

Bracing stuff, it is, not like lazy old socialism.

Actually they like competition as long as they are winning, and and when they aren't they want the government to buy their stuff.

Why do you think America has such a rocking arms industry?

Easy: Because the arms companies can't make it in a truly competitive world.

For example, Lockheed gave up the manufacture of civilian airliners to be a martial kept woman of the Pentagon.

Arms manufacturers don't have to compete with Samsung and Daewoo, which would probably make Pentagonal toys for a third the price. Don't think so? Make the experiment.

Yes, yes, I know. This tirade is for naught.

The arms makers will continue giving oral satisfaction to the withering udder of the Great Federal Cow with the ardor of a lonely sheep herder. Bohica. (That was an ageist, two-animal bovine-antaomical metaphor with sexual reference. Patent applied for.)

But I subscribe to the principle that a leper is happiest when he understands why his fingers are falling off.

NBC Cancels Series: Entire Cast Of 'Stars Earn Stripes' Killed In Afghanistan



Stars Earn Stripes Funeral Service

August 16, 2012 by SGT B, The Duffle Blog

About The Author: SGT B: SGT B is an Army MP who's never written a ticket but still enjoys doughnuts and coffee. Send him love or hate at SGT31B@gmail.com.

Hollywood, CA – The entire cast of the the military-themed reality television show Stars Earn Stripes has been killed in Afghanistan, according to a statement released today from NBC.

“This is really an unfortunate tragedy,” said NBC Executive Andrew Jacobson. “These stars were trained by real professionals and given lots of fake Hollywood-style action shots. We thought that it would be fitting for the final assault of the season to take place in Afghanistan on the front lines with no help from their professional instructors.”

While many critics accused the show of using excessive special effects with fake explosions and bullets, NBC felt it was necessary to respond and change course in the season finale.

“We thought the best way to portray the hardships of being in the military was to use a real setting and a real mission, which is what we did by placing the stars in a real combat scenario. Unfortunately, the stars’ training didn’t cover actual military tactics, but rather focused on what looked cool on TV.”

Most of Hollywood is in shock and disarray over the deaths of such stars as Dean Cain and Terry Crews. Sylvester Stallone, who worked alongside Crews in other films, spoke to The Duffel Blog amid tears.

“I never saw this coming. Terry was always on point on the set,” said Stallone. “He always seemed to be believable with the fake weapons and explosives we used. I expected him to excel on the show, and it’s truly regrettable that he was killed.”

According to the NBC statement, the cast of Stars Earn Stripes was on a top secret raid on the home of the leader of the Haqqani Network.

General James Mattis, CENTCOM Commander, allowed the raid to take place, saying “it’s about fucking time those pricks in Hollywood did something besides bitch to Congress. Let them take a few live rounds and see how ‘cool’ it is when their buddy is bleeding out of his fucking skull.”

The price of NBC stock has plummeted with the news of the show cancellation.

Mr. Jacobson informed the Duffel Blog that NBC is seeking an alternative set of stars for the next season of Stars Earn Stripes, but little interest is coming from Hollywood.

“It seems like these actors, they all talk about ‘support the troops this, support the troops that,’ and they do those USO tours where they sign autographs and take some pictures, but in the end, they really don’t get the premise of guns actually hurting people, namely themselves.”

An MQ-9 Reaper Drone flying overhead partially witnessed the tragedy, with pilot Major Willie Trevino watching. “Apparently, Nick Lachey tried to sing a song for the Taliban or whoever the fuck they were fighting and they didn’t like it,” said Trevino.

“Then they chopped his balls off before they hung him. I would have fired a missile at the compound, but these things are expensive, you know?”

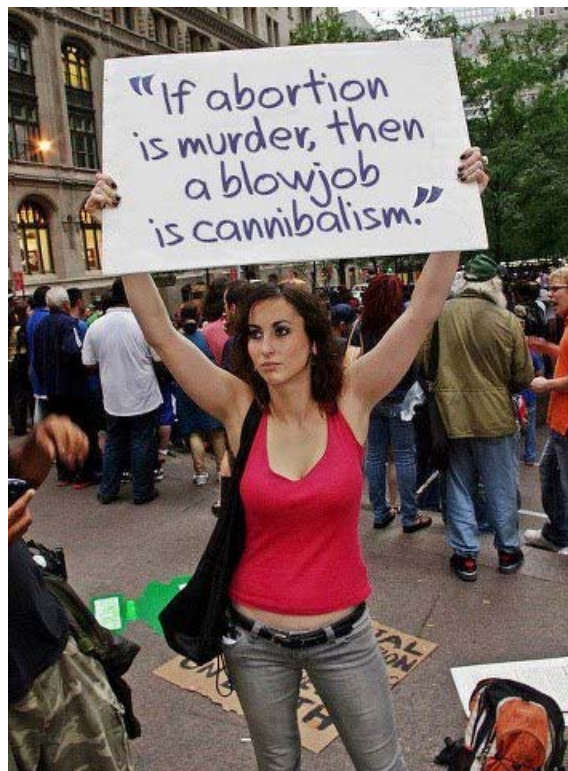
The statement from NBC closes with an apology about the lack of further episodes. “We here at NBC would like to apologize for airing this show and will no longer be showing any new episodes. We’d hate for people to get attached before the last episode where everyone gets fucking slaughtered.”

Some fans have already expressed their dismay at the cancellation, including Early Baldwin, an Alabama native and avid follower of the series.

After calling NBC to lodge a formal complaint against the show’s cancellation, it was explained to him that the entire cast was murdered in a one minute fire-fight. Early retorted, “I don’t give a shit, we gotta support the troops, now put the damn show back on!”

The Haqqani Network posted a statement to their Facebook page which said, “The cast of Stars Earn Stripes was killed. This is a tremendous victory against the Great Satan. These people weren’t even A-list celebrities, why try and ransom those rejects when it was so much more fun to cut off their balls?”

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:



Troops Invited:

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STUCK ON STUPID

More Contemptible Elitist Bullshit From A Typical Elitist Shithead

Elitist Bullshit:

From the Internet 13 August 2012

“The corporate state has convinced the masses, in essence, to clamor for their own enslavement.”

Reality:

July 20, 2012 By Anna Mulrine, Staff writer, Christian Science Monitor & Aug 3, 2012 By Dave Lindorff, Press TV. [Excerpt]

Most Americans, regardless of political party, support more defense cuts

A new study finds that Americans want more defense cuts than do the politicians who represent them. They are also willing to accept on the order of one-quarter more cuts in military spending than the Obama administration is proposing. The White House has been anxious to seem hawkish on defense, particularly in an election year.

Americans surveyed by the Stimson Center proposed the highest cuts for the Afghan war, where they would like spending to be \$53 billion. Annual spending in Afghanistan currently totals \$115 billion.

The administration has proposed dropping that figure to \$89 billion.

Most interesting to Matthew Leatherman, a research analyst at Stimson, was that support for defense cuts was equally strong in congressional districts that would stand to

lose the most from them – in other words, areas where big defense corporations and jobs are based.

These voters “were no less willing” to cut defense spending than others. Indeed, 75 percent of voters in the top 10 percent of districts that benefit the most from defense spending actually want more cuts than the average of voters in the survey.

There was a slight partisan divide, Mr. Leatherman says. Voters in Democratic districts would cut defense spending by 22 percent, while voters in Republican areas would cut defense spending by 18 percent.

Still, the change is “statistically insignificant,” Leatherman says. “We’re hearing a lot of rhetoric right now on the Hill and on the campaign trail about this being a wedge issue. But in our survey, the wedge just wasn’t there.”

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Yet both President Barack Obama and his likely opponent in November’s election, Republican Mitt Romney, are both calling for increased military spending next year, and Congress can’t even bring itself to cut spending on a new fighter program that is both way over budget at half a billion dollars per plane, and a failure (the F-22 cannot fly safely).

Even with the passage of a sort of healthcare reform, the ludicrously and optimistically named Affordable Care Act, most Americans still tell pollsters that they would prefer a Canadian-style plan in which the government provides health insurance coverage for all, paid for by taxation.

For decades this has been true.

In 2007, despite decades of anti-government ideological rhetoric, CNN found that 64% favored government health insurance for all.

In 2009, as the Obama administration was flat-out refusing to even discuss the idea of Medicare-for-all, or a Canadian-style health program, the Kaiser Family Foundation, which is associated with a private health insurance organization, found 58% of Americans nonetheless were in favor of a Canadian-style health program.

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Back in the early 1960s, the marginal tax rate on very wealthy people was 95%, meaning that if they earned over a certain amount, the extra income was taxed at a rate of 95%. It was a period of high, sustained economic growth in the US, and also an era when the gap in wealth between the poor and the rich, and between the rich and the so-called middle-class, shrank dramatically.

Since then, the tax on upper incomes has fallen steadily, and is now down at 33%, scarcely double the 15% paid by the lowest income taxpayers on their meager incomes.

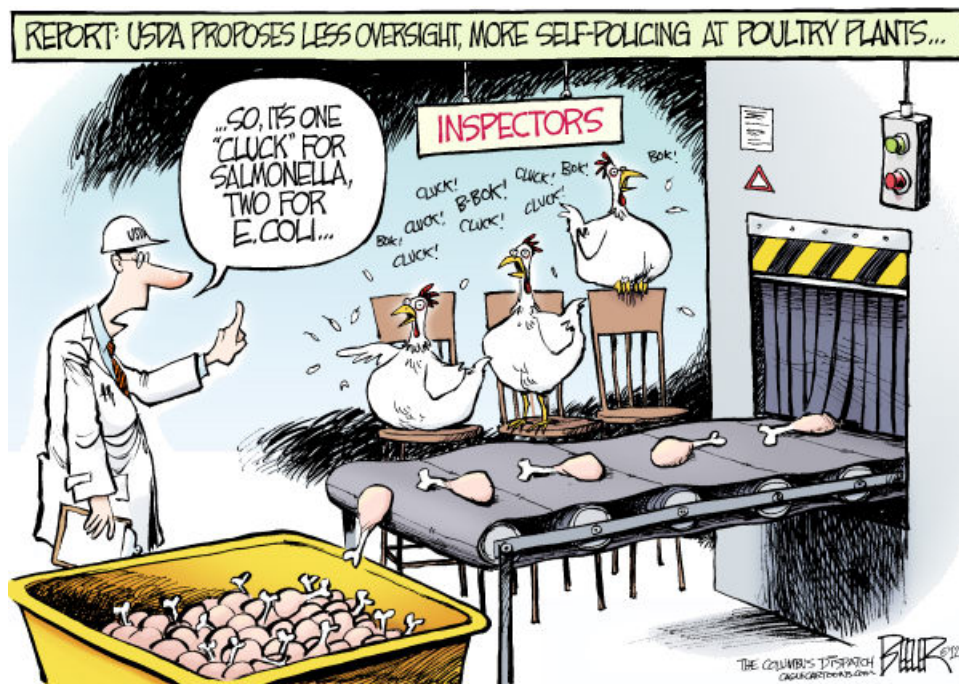
Meanwhile the gap between rich and poor has become a chasm.

As for the public?

Poll after poll shows strong support for socking it to the wealthy.

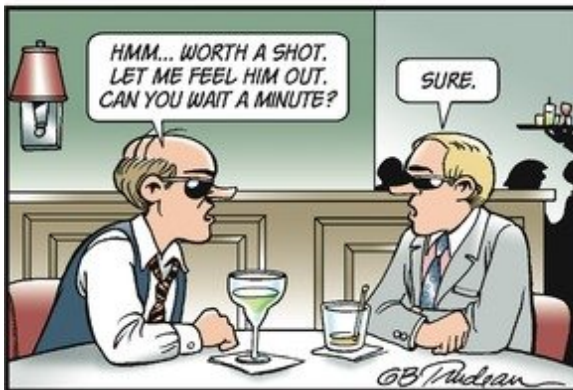
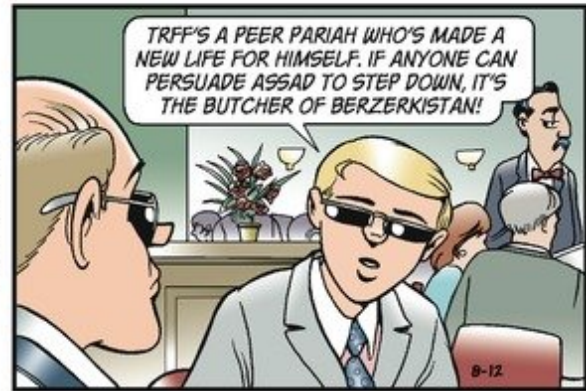
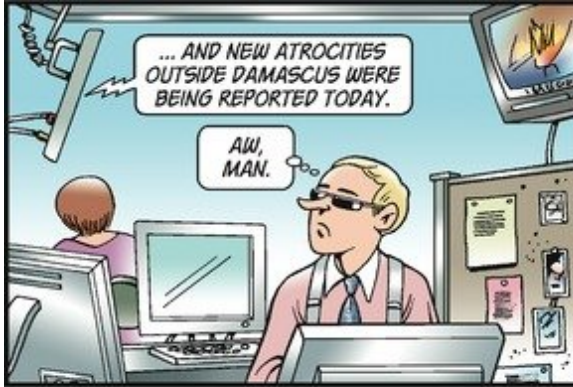
A Pew Research poll in July found that 44% favored higher taxes for those above \$250,000 a year in income. Only 22% said they thought such higher taxes were a bad idea. 44% also said higher taxes on the rich would be “more fair,” while 21% disagreed.

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Phoenix Official Orders Woman To Stop Handing Out Free Water During Extreme Heat Wave, Claims She Needs 'Permit'

“In The United Police States Of America, There Is No More Room For Free-Thinking Individuals That Wish To Take Common Sense Action”

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In the United Police States of America, there is no more room for free-thinking individuals that wish to take common sense action as they see fit, at least not when they try to do so without the government's permission.

In a shocking display of utter tyranny against a free individual trying to contribute to the greater good, an official in Phoenix, Arizona, recently ordered resident Dana Crow-Smith to stop handing out free bottles of water to thirsty passersby trying to survive the extreme heat wave, claiming that she needs a permit to conduct this act of good will.

The City of Phoenix could face a lawsuit if the city doesn't apologize to the Valley woman for telling her she could not hand out free bottled water to people in the summer heat.

Dana Crow-Smith said a City of Phoenix worker came up to her during the First Friday festival in downtown Phoenix last month and told her she was violating city code by handing out free water because she did not have a permit.

Crow-Smith and a group of others said they were there exercising their Christian beliefs by engaging people to talk about religion if they wanted.

The group brought several cases of bottled water to give away in the 112-degree heat, but said a Neighborhood Preservation Inspector told the group they had to stop handing out the water or would be cited.

“It was really hot and yeah we wanted to show God's love and a small act of kindness is a great way to do that without shoving it down someone's throat,” said Crow-Smith.

The Rutherford Institute , a non-profit civil liberties organization, stepped in to represent Crow-Smith and calls this is “a violation of Crow-Smith's First Amendment right to freely

exercise her religion, her Fourteenth Amendment due process rights, as well as Arizona's Free Exercise of Religion Act."

"It is a sad day when local government officials prohibit Americans from such charitable acts as giving water to the thirsty in their city," said John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute.

In a letter to the city, Whitehead demanded the City issue a formal, written apology to Crow-Smith, assure her no City officials will interfere in future with her distribution of water, and require City workers go through training on the proper enforcement of the City's code.

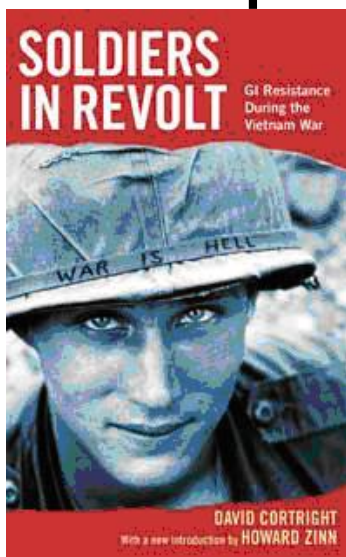
If not, a lawsuit could follow.

A city spokesperson was working on a statement but did not have one ready by the end of the business day Monday.

But Crow-Smith said she hopes to avoid a lawsuit and just wants to be able to hand out water.

"But I don't think it's even about religious beliefs. I think anybody should be able to giveaway water on the sidewalk to anybody. It's hot and it's a nice thing to do," said Crow-Smith.

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