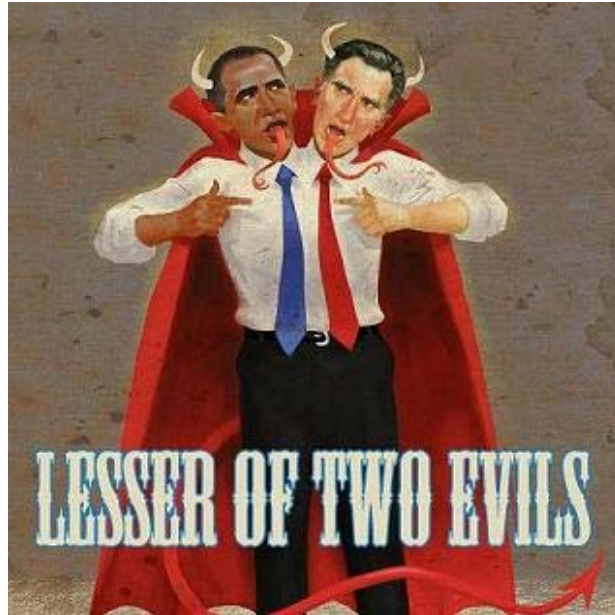


## **Military Resistance 10J10**



[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

### **ACTION REPORTS**

## **Two Sergeants And A Private [Outreach To New York National Guard]**

From: Alan S  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: October 16, 2012  
Subject: Outreach to New York National Guard

Commuter Terminal – Two Sergeants and a Private (10/15/12)

This time two sergeants and a private were on duty as I approached in one of the commuter terminals.

Both sergeants recognized me when I asked if they knew me.

One turned away (½ turn), the other engaged when I asked both if I'd given them material previously. The ½ turn sergeant clearly didn't want to talk but the other said he hadn't paid much attention to a handout he'd received before.

He then said “once you sign up, you know how it is.” I said I understood and asked if he’d seen the “Sir! No Sir!” DVD yet. He said he hadn’t and I told him how it depicted resistance among troops in Vietnam during the war and is part of history long since ignored by mainstream channels.

At that point his eyebrows went up.

The private, never having seen me, accepted a handout (MR Newsletter, most recent National Guard printout, intro card [see below] and GI Rights Pamphlet) plus the mentioned DVD which he must have heard me discuss with the sergeant no more than a few feet away.

What I found interesting, however, was neither of the sergeants interfered at all when I gave the material to the private.

After expressing good will I walked away waving. They smiled, returned the gesture and said thank you which included the ½ turn sergeant.



[Cards designed by Richie M, Military Resistance Organization]

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

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

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

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

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

If there were favorable responses, say so.

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

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

### **NOTE WELL:**

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

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

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

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

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

### **MORE:**

## **The Military Resistance Organization:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Membership Requirements:**

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

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

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

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

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

**(Date)**

----- **(Application taken by)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

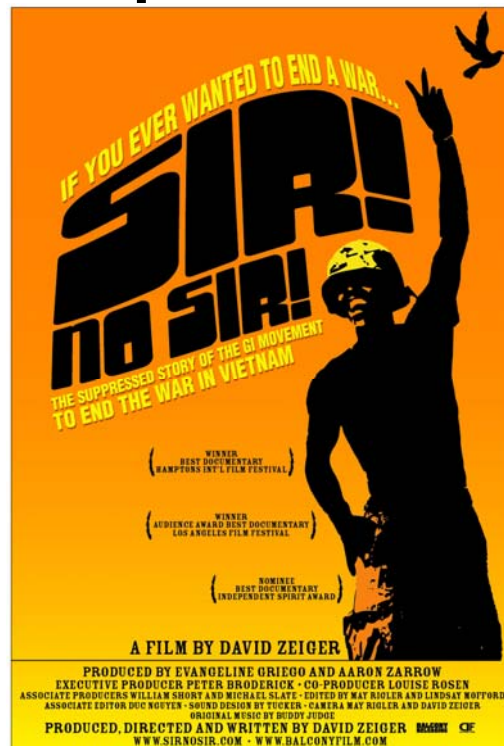
To sustain and strengthen this challenge we must continue to build political opposition to interventionism and support those within the armed services, including national guard and reserves, who defy the goals and program of Empire.

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

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## A Film All About How An Armed Forces Rebellion Stopped An Imperial War:



Dear Sir! No Sir! supporters,

Displaced Films, Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW), and a growing number of organizations have been working to distribute free DVDs of Sir No Sir to soldiers.

Hundreds have been distributed and we want to see that number grow into the thousands.

The response has been tremendous.

David Zeiger and Jade Fox  
Displaced Films  
jadefox@sirnosir.com

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To Whom it May Concern:

I just wanted to say thank you for this film, for raising my awareness, I never even knew some of these things happened.

I think this probably is one of the most important documentaries made about war resistance.

Thank you again,  
SGT Spencer Batchelder

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**DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE  
MILITARY?**





U.S. soldier in Bejjia village Iraq, Feb. 4, 2008. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

**Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the email address if you wish and we'll send it regularly with your best wishes. Whether in Afghanistan or at a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657.**

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **North Texas Green Beret Laid to Rest**



Oct 08, 2012 By Natalie Solis, KDFW FOX 4

TOLAR, Texas –

Hundreds of people turned out Sunday afternoon to remember Sergeant First Class Riley Stephens of Tolar, southwest of Granbury.

The green beret army medic was killed during an attack on September 28th in Afghanistan. He was on his fifth combat tour.

A Patriot Guard unit lead the procession, which stretched nearly four miles. It traveled through Hood, Tarrant and Dallas counties, ending at DFW National Cemetery.

Sgt. Denise Lizun knew Stephens growing up. “The support that Riley and his family have gotten through this whole process has been amazing. He died doing absolutely what he believed in and that’s how he needs to be remembered.”

Others never knew Sgt. Stephens personally, but still wanted to show their respect. “He’s a soldier. Fought for our country, fought for me and even though I don’t know him, that’s enough for me to give him every bit of honor that I can,” says Dan Barte.

Mary Jo Taquero: “I am sad for what happened to him, but I am proud at the same time because he actually served our country and protected us from all those terrorists.”

Sgt. Stephens’ military awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Army Achievement Medal. He is a graduate of Tolar High School, where he played on a championship football team. He is survived by his wife, three children and father.

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## Body Of Fallen Soldier Returns To Wilmington



October 10, 2012 By F.T. Norton, Star News

The body of Army National Guard Sgt. Thomas Jefferson Butler IV arrived at Wilmington International Airport on Wednesday morning amid military honors and scores of onlookers.

Interment will follow in Wilmington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Butler, known to family and friends as TJ, was killed Oct. 1 in Khost, Afghanistan, when a suicide bomber targeted the group he was on patrol with. He grew up in Hampstead and was a 2006 graduate of Topsail High.

A military police officer with the N.C. National Guard's 514th Military Police Company out of Winterville, Butler, 25, leaves behind his wife, Holly, and their 7-month-old son, Thomas Jefferson Butler V; his parents Leslie and Thomas Jefferson Butler III; two brothers, Adam O'Brien Butler and Michael William Thornton; grandmother, Lavola Coombs Whisenhunt, and several extended family members.

"Anyone who knew TJ knew that he was proud to serve his country and was so very thankful for the opportunities being in the service had given us. TJ truly enjoyed life and was a joy to all who knew him. He always had a smile on his face and wanted to make the most of every minute he had with me and with our son," his wife Holly said in a statement.

"There are not words to express how greatly TJ will be missed. TJ will forever be with us, and our son will always know what a brave hero his father was, how he gave everything to whatever he put himself into, and how deeply he loved us."

Word that a radical Kansas church plans to protest Butler's funeral has sparked a campaign on Facebook to fill the street en route to Butler's funeral with people in support of him.

As of Wednesday afternoon, neither the church nor supporters had given official "notice of intent to picket," according to the Wilmington Police Department, which manages the notices in the city.

Under city ordinance a "notice of intent to picket" is required for both picketers and people attending a vigil. The notice must be approved by the chief of police prior to the group's assembly.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE  
BLOODSHED**

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

## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

# **Government Soldiers Fighting Each Other, As Usual: “The Fighting Was Fierce And Raged On For Several Hours In The Day, Leaving Dozens Of Combatants Injured”**

October 18, 2012 Sh.M.Network

AFGOYE —

Forces in Somali government have on Wednesday exchanged heavy gun-battle in Lower Shabelle region, north-west Mogadishu, reports said.

The clashes sparked after patrol forces tried on Wednesday to remove an illegal roadblock occupied by another government soldiers in the recently secured town of Lambar-konton (km50), once Al shabab stronghold area.

Local residents told the independent Shabelle Media Network station by phone that the fighting was fierce and raged on for several hours in the day, leaving dozens of combatants injured.

The exact figures of the casualties are still unclear.

Ahmed Omar, a government official in the region confirmed the fighting to Shabelle Media Network, but did state the amount of losses in the conflict.

Despite Al shabab lost its strongholds, attacks and clashes against the allied forces are still frequent in the region.

### **Troops Invited:**

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

## 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**

**Rise like Lions after slumber  
In unvanquishable number,  
Shake your chains to earth like dew  
Which in sleep had fallen on you-  
Ye are many — they are few**

**-- Percy Bysshe Shelley, 1819, on the occasion of a mass murder of British workers by the Imperial government at Peterloo.**

# “Drones Into The Skies Above Africa”



Photo by Mike Hastie.

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: October 15, 2012  
Subject: White House Mulls How to Strike Over Libya Attack

## **White House Mulls How to Strike Over Libya Attack Washington (AP) October 15, 2012**

**“The White House has put special operations strike forces on standby and moved drones into the skies above Africa, ready to strike militant targets from Libya to Mali-- if investigators can find the al-Qaida-linked group responsible for the death of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans in Libya.”**

**The key words that jumped off the page here, which really defines the evilness of the U.S. Empire, are the words, “drones into the skies above Africa.”**

**I met a woman in London in 2005 who was from Uganda. She was invited to speak at a public forum about the awful conditions in her country. After she spoke, I went up to her and asked a question. She said something to me that I will never forget. These were her exact words:  
“Africa is dying, and it is being engineered by the West.”**

**I knew exactly what she meant, because I spent a year in Vietnam as an Army medic. When I returned from that**

experience, I spent the next 40 years recovering from the tragic lies of that war, that put me into what I call an emotional whiteout. It took every ounce of energy to redefine my life, and come to grips with the reality that I lived in the most dangerous country in the world.

**“Drones into the skies above Africa.”**

It will be forever solidified in my mind, that the United States Government committed atrocities every single day during the war in Southeast Asia, which included Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. In fact, the U.S. was carpet bombing in Laos before the Gulf of Tonkin lies in August 1964. The United States dropped three times as many bombs on Southeast Asia than were dropped in all of World War II. As Marlyn B. Young stated in her book, *The Vietnam Wars 1945-1990*, “American bombing in Indochina was like an insane game of musical chairs.” In one area of Long An Province, where B-52 bombing was non-stop, Young quoted one historian as saying, “The bombing was like a My Lai from the sky.”

America was a non-stop death machine during the Vietnam War. The evil that was committed is buried deep in national shame. Every time a Vietnam veteran exposes this national shame, he or she is branded as an enemy of the state. In order for America to face the truth of the Vietnam War, and all the other lies of the wars in the Middle East for the past 20 years, it would require the dismantling of a life-long belief system.

But, as always, adamant denial protects the belief system from the panic of concealed truth.

So, while American veterans commit suicide on the average of 18 per day, the American public commits its allegiance to obey whatever their government does.

**“Drones into the skies above Africa.”**

**“My Lai from the sky.”**

The American Empire purposefully has no memory, that is why history always repeats itself. America is like a global bounty hunter, killing countless people from the sky, instead of herding them into gas chambers.

**Mike Hastie  
Army Medic Vietnam  
October 15, 2012**

**Photo by Mike Hastie**

**The flip chart just happened to be in the background, I added the comment.**

Military recruiter putting camouflage paint on a scared boy at a county fair in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. My father was a career Army officer. I spent the first 11 years of my life on military bases. The camouflage lies were embedded in me very early.

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

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

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

## **Which Republican Will You Vote For?**

**“Obama May Be Running As A ‘Democrat’”**

**“But His Views And Policies Are In Line With Those Of The Traditional Republican Party Of A Generation Or Two Ago”**

**“He Is Pro-Corporate, Pro-Military And Pro-Security State”**

Comment: T

An antidote to the fog of whining hysteria that spreads every four years.

Someone, can't recall who, noted this key difference between the Democratic and Republican Parties:



**The Republicans are the party of the wealthy who piss on your head and call it trickle down.**

**At election time, the Democrats appear with an umbrella and pretend to they have come to protect you.**

**The day after the election, they fold up the umbrella and walk away to rejoin the rich pissing on your head, who also own and operate their party.**

**Of course.**

**Duh.**

**How fortunate more and more millions are not taken in by this pathetic con game, and refuse to vote for either of them.**

**At the last presidential election, about one-third of voting age adults refused to do so, primarily working class.**

**Electoral politics do not and have never brought significant social change, although sometimes reflecting changes taking place from below.**

**Once this stupid farce is over, we will see what movements from below emerge to represent those of us who do not pledge our allegiance to our oppressors at a box in a room, where, as in a toilet, we deposit some paper.**

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10/16/2012 By Arlen Grossman, OpEdNews.com [Excerpts]

On November 6, we will choose a Moderate Republican--Barack Obama--or a Radical Right Republican--Mitt Romney--to be President of the United States.

Yes, I know that there will be a "Democrat" listed on the ballot, the incumbent president Barack Obama.

The political pendulum has swung far to the right.

The Radical Right Republican (RRR) Party makes little secret of the fact it is owned and supported by wealthy business interests. Everything they do or legislation they propose is designed to benefit the One Percent.

The Moderate Republican (AKA the Democratic Party) is just slightly better. It's loyalty is to wealthy business interests, too, but most Moderate Republican politicians try to temper it with some minor concessions to the middle class.

President Obama may be running as a "Democrat." But his views and policies are in line with those of the traditional Republican Party of a generation or two ago.

He is pro-corporate, pro-military and pro-security state.

His views are more in line with former GOP presidents Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, and George H. W. Bush than Democratic presidents Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson.

Mitt Romney (though he changes day to day) has mostly acquiesced to the extreme views of the Tea Party, the neocons, the Religious Right and the Grover Norquist supply-siders.

Unfortunately, it's not just on the presidential level.

**Every politician in Washington, and on the state and local level, relies on money to get elected.**

**Especially now that campaign contributions no longer have limits, thanks to the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, money has become more important than ever.**

**And those with the most of it have significant influence over our elected representatives. Government, now more than ever, is conducted by legalized bribery.**

**The likelihood of legislation being passed is in near direct proportion to the size of campaign contributions.**

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## **Undecided Voters “Still Waiting For One Sociopath To Win Them Over With The Perfect Combination Of Superficial Charm, Deluded Grandeur, And Pathological Lying”**



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October 16, 2012 The Onion

HEMPSTEAD, NY—According to reports, millions of viewers across the country are expected to tune in to tonight's town-hall-style presidential debate at Hofstra University in order to determine which complete and utter sociopath they find more likable this time around.

"I'm very curious to see which one of these two clinically sociopathic individuals will present the most convincing and authentic approximation of an actual human conscience tonight," said Cincinnati-area voter Miranda Harrick, 40, adding that both candidates, like all successful politicians, were undeniably skilled at such calculated artifice.

"I think whoever is able to best manipulate me into thinking they experience normative emotional states such as empathy and regret will probably have my vote come November, so I'm excited to see what happens."

The debate figures to be especially important for undecided voters, 91 percent of whom said in a pre-debate poll that they were still waiting for one sociopath to win them over with the perfect combination of superficial charm, deluded grandeur, and pathological lying.

According to polls, viewer consensus following the first debate suggested Mitt Romney had performed a far more convincing impersonation of someone with real feelings and a capacity for human compassion.

Voters praised the former governor's ability to conceal his complete social disconnection and underlying hostility behind a wall of colloquial rhetoric and an approximation of warmth they described as "much more realistic" than Obama's.

"Last debate, Romney was a great sociopath," said Florida voter Jeff Yu, 28, who remarked that the Republican candidate's impressive ability to simulate the appearance of caring had improved markedly since the beginning of the campaign.

"He looked very comfortable and confident up there, even against a seasoned sociopath like Obama.

He really helped me ignore the reality that to him, as to any politician, social interaction is nothing but a never-ending game of deception and psychological subterfuge, the only object of which is personal gain."

Following Obama's noticeable hesitancy during the first debate, many of his supporters expressed worry that he was struggling to effect emotional normalcy with the same single-minded cunning and feigned humanity he exhibited in 2008.

They agreed the pressure is now on the president to show that he has not forgotten how to callously manipulate the American public into thinking he is anything at all like them.

"I want to see that same beguiling sociopath who, four years ago, conned me into believing his psyche was somehow differently wired from every other charming, sociopathic politician who had ever lived," said Obama supporter Phoebe Greenwald, 43.

"What happened to all his seemingly earnest, though of course meticulously contrived, rhetoric about hope and change that made us all like him and think he was in some way psychologically healthy and well-adjusted, which of course no human being in the history of modern politics ever has been?"

"Obama just needs to do what (sociopathic Vice President) Joe Biden did last week," Greenwald added. "I mean, he masterfully out-sociopathed Paul Ryan, which is no easy task, believe me."

No matter the outcome of tonight's debate, sources agreed that the most talented sociopath will likely be elected in November and, depending on what kind of support he might receive from like-minded sociopaths in Congress, will then spend the next four years satisfying his malformed brain's ceaseless thirst for power and glory.

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## **DoD Ends All Future LGBT Events, Declares Military 'Gay Enough Already'**



October 11, 2012 by Jay, The Duffle Blog. About the author: Jay is a 15-year veteran of the US Army. He will neither confirm nor deny any rumors involving leprechauns. That Irishman is a dirty liar. He knows who he is.

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THE PENTAGON - The Department of Defense announced today that it will not host or sponsor any further events to recognize Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual Pride.

DoD Spokesman Major Phil McTavish made the announcement for the Pentagon in an unscheduled press briefing held in a broom closet on sub-basement C, saying that public outcry over the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was not a cause for the policy change.

The Pentagon held its first, and now only, gay pride event on June 26 of this year, nine months after the repeal of DADT. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta announced the event in a video message to the troops which also thanked gay and lesbian troops that were already serving.

Public reaction to the event was mostly a chorus of shrugged shoulders and the occasional screaming that the military was "ruined forever".

When pressed for the cause for about face in policy, McTavish stated the military was "pretty much gay enough already."

"We obviously don't have anything against gay and lesbian troops in the military. The DOD just doesn't feel the need to make a big deal about it anymore. We feel we've achieved a level of gayness that suits us."

McTavish continued, "Look around you, man. All these missiles, bullets, rockets; they're basically dicks, right? I mean sure, they need to be shaped that way to fly, but think of the subtext."

Military historian and ancient warfare expert Dr. Drew Chalmers agrees.

"It's no secret the ancient Greeks had a, shall we say, more intimate expression of their comradely love for one another," said Chalmers.

"Seeing all these companies and platoons nick-name themselves 'Spartans' and 'Trojans' is fucking hilarious. I mean really, don't these numbskulls know they were buttfucking each other at the drop of a hat?"

Dr. Chalmers also cited the symbolism of military ranks.

"Anyone who's read or seen 'The DaVinci Code' knows that chevrons are a masculine symbol. Essentially, most enlisted ranks are a pile of dicks, some with more decorations than others. Plus Army and Marine chevrons point up implying an active sexual role. Meanwhile, Navy ranks point down. Fill in the blanks."

Noting that Air Force enlisted ranks are of a more convex shape, Dr. Chalmers quickly responded: "Pile of vaginas. Do I have to spell it out?"

MAJ McTavish also listed a number of ways the military exhibits its inherent gayness. "Take hygiene for example. Showering with other naked members of the same sex in a hot, steamy room. Granted, the example in the movie 'Stripes' was pretty fucking hot, 'cause it was all chicks. But most of the time, it's a sausage fest."

Another key example is combatives, the modern term for hand-to-hand combat.

"Yes, our troops need to be able to defend themselves when unarmed, but really. It's just two sweaty dudes rolling around on the floor and grunting. Pretty fucking gay," said McTavish.

The discovery of the military's gayness is not unique to the Pentagon. KBR site manager

Goran Antunovic, currently working at Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan's Helmand Province, summed up his experience. "It is simple, really. My crews go to clean the portable toilets and every one is littered with drawings of penises. Big penises, little penises, penises with wings. It's amazing. And this was before Ghulam was selling bootleg copies of 'Superbad' at the bazaar."

Antunovic, a veteran of the fighting in his native Bosnia gave a perspective of international military gayness.

"In Bosnia, some of the stuff we did was kinda gay, but you Americans take the cake. The worst we did was make the new guys kiss each other. But we kinda do that anyway, on the cheeks, you know. But your 'gay chicken' is out there," Antunovic said, describing the game played by infantrymen of two men advancing on one another in sexually suggestive ways until one of the men backs off.

"Once I saw these two Soldiers at Camp Stone in Herat go at it. They just kept getting closer and closer. I think one of them was actually enjoying it. Not that there's anything wrong with that."

Numerous other examples were cited. The ultimate reason according to MAJ McTavish was the Navy. "Not just parts of the Navy, the whole damn thing. Think about it, all these long, hard things filled with 'Seamen.' You think that's an accident?"

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### **October 21, 1837: Betrayal And The Stain Of Foul Dishonor: Courtesy Of The United States Army**



Osceola ("Black Drink") (circa 1804-1838) Seminole leader  
By George Catlin, 1838

Carl Bunin Peace History October 15-21

**The U.S. Army, enforcing Pres. Andrew Jackson's Indian Removal Act, captured Seminole Indian leader Osceola (meaning "Black Drink") by inviting him to a peace conference and then seizing him and nineteen others, though they had come under a flag of truce.**

The Seminole had moved to Florida (then under the control of Spain) from South Carolina and Georgia as they were forced from their ancestral lands, then forced farther south into the Everglades where they settled.

Under the law Jackson urged on Congress, they and the others of the "Five Civilized Tribes" (Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks and Cherokees) were to be moved, by force if necessary, west of the Mississippi (Arkansas and Oklahoma).

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Although neither a hereditary nor an elected chief, Osceola was the defiant young leader of the Seminole in their resistance to Indian emigration.

In 1835 he plunged his knife into the treaty he was asked to sign that would move his people from their swamplands in the Southeast to the unoccupied territory west of the Mississippi. This action precipitated the Second Seminole War--a seven-year game of cat-and-mouse in the Florida swamps against federal troops.

**Tricked into talking peace, Osceola was captured in 1837 while carrying a white flag of truce and was imprisoned in Fort Moultrie, South Carolina.**

This treachery so outraged George Catlin that he went immediately to the prison. He and Osceola became friends, and Osceola willingly posed for his portrait.

**“This gallant fellow,” wrote Catlin, “is grieving with a broken spirit, and ready to die, cursing the white man, no doubt to the end of his breath.”**

Soon after this portrait was completed, Osceola died of malaria. Osceola’s name was derived from the Indian term “Asiyahola,” the cry given by those taking the ceremonial black drink that was supposed to cleanse the body and spirit.

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

### **Heroic Zionist Forces Arrest A 12 Year-Old Palestinian In Occupied Jerusalem: “The Parents Were Arrested During Their Son’s Court Session”**



15 October 2012 PNN



On Monday 15th October, Israeli occupation forces arrested at dawn, Musalam Musa Odeh, 12, in al-Bustan neighborhood in the village of Silwan south of al-Aqsa mosque.

Wadi Hilweh Information Center said that several armed soldiers from Israeli Intelligence and police surrounded the house of Musa Odeh, a Member of the Silwan and Al-Bustan Neighborhood Defense Committee, raided his house and arrested his son.

The Center also said that Israeli forces spread out in Silwan streets and neighborhoods and broke into Odeh's house. The soldiers were escorted by dogs during the storming and searching process.

It's worth noting that Musalam Odeh was arrested several times, and was assaulted by Israeli Special Forces "Arabists" and suffered multiple skull fractures.

On Sunday 14th October, Israeli police detained the parents of the Palestinian prisoner Mahdi al-Abbasi, in the al-Maskobiya policed station in Jerusalem for five hours.

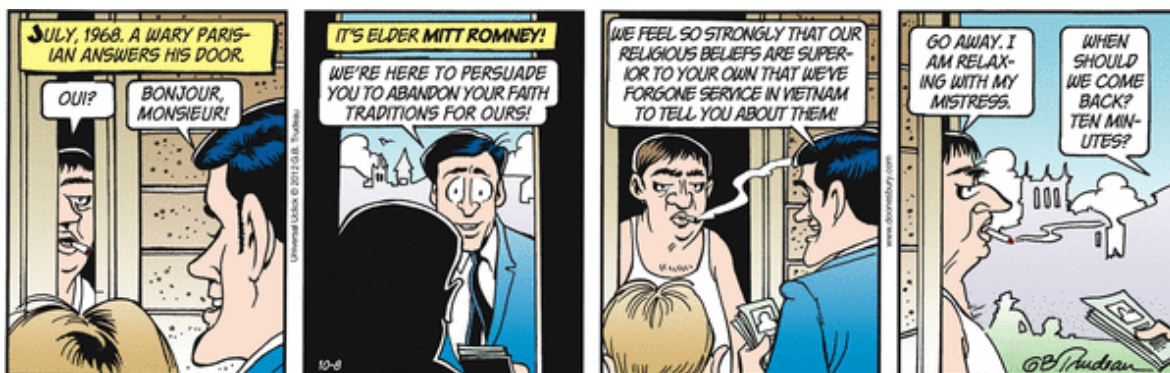
Al-Abbasi family said that the parents were arrested during their son's court session on Sunday, and were taken to the al-Maskobiya for interrogation, to be prevented from hearing the session.

Israeli Magistrates Court had extended the detention of Mahdi al-Abbasi till Thursday 18th October.

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to: [www.rafahtoday.org](http://www.rafahtoday.org) The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."]

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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## CLASS WAR REPORTS

# **The Return Of Strikes “An Ominous Signal For South Africa’s Troubled Mining Industry”**

**“We Are Important People In This Economy But Our Government Treats Us Like Dogs”**

**“We Will Continue To Strike And Stop The Mine. We Don’t Care About Dismissals”**

**“Strikes Have Spread Outside The Mining Sector”**

October 19, 2012 By DEVON MAYLIE, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

RUSTENBURG, South Africa—Workers at Lonmin PLC’s Marikana mine, the site of a bloody clash that sparked widespread labor unrest in the country, briefly walked off their jobs Thursday to protest police actions that are part of a broader clampdown on the turmoil.

Some 4,000 employees at the Marikana facility refused to work for about five hours, said Sue Vey, a spokeswoman for the company.

The workers were protesting at the arrest of mine employees in connection with the killing two weeks ago of a local representative of the National Union of Mineworkers, or NUM, she said.

The return of strikes to Marikana—and the threat that other mines could soon dismiss tens of thousands of workers—is an ominous signal for South Africa’s troubled mining industry.

The Lonmin facility was the original flash point back in August for the current labor disputes and was the scene of the most violent clashes between police and workers

since the end of apartheid. At the height of the standoff in August, police opened fire on striking workers at the mine, killing 34 people.

That violence, coupled with demands for better pay and conditions, has led to a larger wave of strikes that has badly affected the crucial gold and platinum mining industries in South Africa, weakened the country's economy and created serious political problems for its president, Jacob Zuma.

Police have raided hostels and have been searching for those responsible for murder and other property destruction at mines such as Lonmin.

**The government has also put soldiers on alert so that they can be deployed to the mine areas as circumstances warrant.**

Strikes have spread outside the mining sector. Toyota Motor Corp. halted production at its factory in Durban on Wednesday because of a strike at a local parts supplier.

Earlier, tens of thousands of truck drivers held a three-week stoppage that left grocery stores with empty shelves and gas stations without fuel until the drivers were offered a pay increase last week.

New unrest at Marikana raised the threat that the situation could deteriorate further.

"We see Marikana coming back and are worried it could be the start of more strikes," said Lesiba Seshoka, an NUM spokesman.

On Thursday, miners at Marikana gathered again on the same hillside that was the site of the 34 deaths two months before.

But threatened mass firings from the likes of Gold Fields Ltd. could make the situation much more tense, said Mr. Seshoka.

On Thursday, Gold Fields fired 1,500 workers at its KDC West mine, also near Johannesburg, who didn't report for work. The remaining 11,000 at the mine who had been on strike resumed their shift Friday, avoiding being dismissed.

Brigadier Thulani Ngubane of the local police force said four people have been arrested and charged with murder since Friday, two related to the murder of the NUM local leader and two others for different murders that he declined to comment on. In response to concern about renewed violence he said: "We're just doing our job to uphold the law."

**Those arrested Thursday had been leaders of the August strike at Marikana, so workers are unhappy, said Jimmy Gama, national treasurer of the AMCU.**

The Marikana miners' strike started as a power struggle between the established NUM and its younger rival the AMCU.

**The two unions are vying to represent disgruntled workers living in cramped hostels or shacks without running water or electricity.**

Industry body Chamber of Mines, which represents the big gold miners, again met Thursday with unions to try and find a solution to the strikes, after talks failed earlier in the week. Unions are taking a slightly modified offer to members over the weekend for approval.

Many companies have resorted to dismissals to try to end the weeklong strikes, most of which have been held in violation of South African labor laws.

**In addition to the workers threatened with dismissal at Gold Fields' KDC West mine, the company said it could get permission from a labor court to fire another 8,500 men at KDC East and has issued a warning to those miners to return.**

"We are important people in this economy but our government treats us like dogs," said Thusani Mzie, a striking Gold Fields worker who spoke to The Wall Street Journal by phone from a gathering of striking miners on a hill next to an informal settlement near the KDC mine.

"We will continue to strike and stop the mine. We don't care about dismissals."

Anglo American Platinum said Thursday it still planned to fire 12,000 miners at its Rustenburg facility, but is willing to discuss their status as part of a broader engagement with labor unions.

Dismissal procedures for workers at the company's Union and Amandelbult mines have been put on hold to allow wage negotiations to proceed, it said.



Striking miners march to AngloGold Ashanti's offices in Carletonville Thursday. One man, right, held a sign in support of fellow miners at Marikana. Agence France-Presse/Getty Images

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# “Irate Villagers Had Held The Health Minister Hostage In A Hospital For Nearly An Hour Over Illnesses Caused By Drinking Water”

October 16, 2012 By Jeffrey Fleishman, Los Angeles Times [Excerpts]

The state of Egypt's public healthcare mirrors a nation burdened by economic turmoil, striking workers, widespread poverty, overwhelmed institutions and the sense that little has improved since President Hosni Mubarak was deposed in February 2011. Public services withered under the former autocrat and the country has not recovered from decades of mismanagement.

The government of new Islamist President Mohamed Morsi has promised change but has yet to improve conditions for the lower and middle classes. Disillusionment is high and anger can rise in a flash: Egyptian news media reported in August that irate villagers had held the health minister hostage in a hospital for nearly an hour over illnesses caused by drinking water.

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