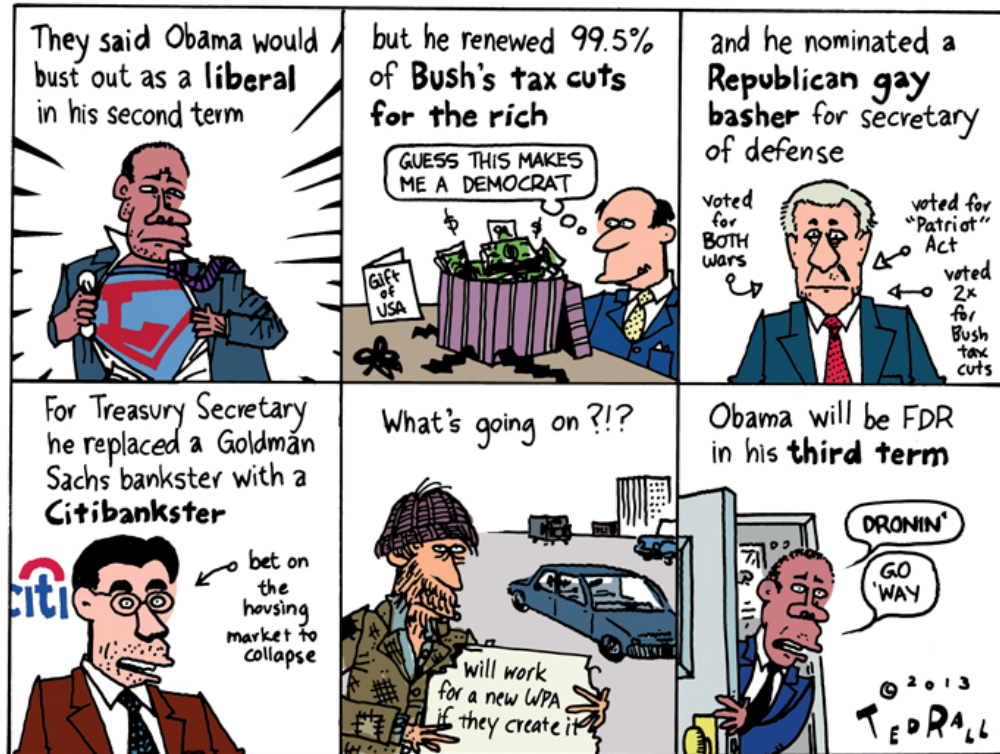


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VA Hospital Criminal Negligence Helped Legionnaires' Disease Kill Veterans:

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He Said “That The Deaths ‘Absolutely’ Could Have Been Prevented Had The System Been Maintained”

“In December 2011, A Site Visit Noted, ‘They Have Legionella’ And ‘Systems Are Not Being Properly Maintained’”

January 11, 2013 CBS 7 December 14, 2012 By Nelli Black and Drew Griffin, CNN
[Excerpts]

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Twenty-nine patients at the Veterans Administration hospital in Pittsburgh have been diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease since January 2011, raising questions about the institution's safety practices.

Five of the cases “are known to have acquired the disease from the hospital,” the VA said. Another eight were infected elsewhere, and the source of the infection in 16 cases cannot be determined.

The spate of illnesses has led relatives of two veterans who died after contracting the disease, a type of pneumonia, to blame the hospital.

CNN has learned that hospital officials knew they had a problem with the water system as far back as last December, but chose not to reveal that until a month ago.

That's when the hospital began turning off the water in parts of the hospital, staff and patients told CNN.

“They should have the best and utmost care than anybody else, even better than a normal civilian,” said Dave Nicklas, whose father, Bill, died last month at age 87.

According to his death certificate, he died of heart failure and Legionnaires' disease.

Nicklas entered the hospital last month for treatment of dehydration; the World War II Navy veteran initially appeared to be improving, but his condition reversed, his son said.

The man's doctors told the family shortly before he died that he had contracted Legionnaires'.

“I mean, they fought for their country, you know,” Dave Nicklas said.

“They go to battle, they love their country and where do they go? They go to a hospital and they basically die in there.”

Another Navy veteran -- John Ciarolla, 83, -- died July 18, 2011, after being diagnosed with Legionnaires' at the hospital, his daughter Maureen Ciarolla said.

Though the Korean War veteran had been living in the hospital for several months after he became unable to live on his own, the hospital said he could not have contracted the bacteria in the hospital.

When she questioned how that conclusion had been reached, she said she was told, “If he had gotten it here there would have been other cases.” **[And there were “other cases.” Stupid lie. T]**

“And I said, ‘How could he get it at my house, wouldn’t I get it? And, he had to have contracted it there.

“And they said to me, that they had no other cases.”

“He was having trouble breathing. His chest was filled,” Ciarolla’s daughter Maureen, told CBS News’ Elaine Quijano. “They told me he had Legionnaires’ disease.”

Maureen Ciarolla got few answers from the hospital about the cause of the disease that proved to be fatal for her father.

“He never came off the ventilator ... that’s where he stayed. He never recovered from that,” Ciarolla said.

“I asked, ‘How did he get Legionnaires?’ He just said, ‘I’m the doctor. The hospital will talk to you about that.’”

After her father’s death, Ciarolla said the Pittsburgh VA sent her a water sampling kit.

“They said they needed to test my house and they needed to test my sister’s because he had been both places,” Ciarolla explained.

No other families members came down with Legionnaires’ disease and she suspected her father contracted the disease at the Pittsburgh VA’s facilities.

The VA’s problem extends beyond Pittsburgh. This week, it turned off the water in a building at its campus in Butler, Pennsylvania, 30 miles from the facility in Pittsburgh, said Amanda Kurtz, a spokeswoman for the facility.

The action was taken after Legionella bacteria were identified in a preliminary sample on Tuesday, she said in a statement.

No cases of Legionnaires’ have been identified in the Butler facility “as a result of this preliminary finding,” she added.

The Veterans Administration would not say if any of the patients known to have been sick with Legionnaires' disease at the hospital in Pittsburgh had died, but it told the Allegheny County Health Department that one of them did, a health department spokesman said.

Legionnaires' disease, which is spread through water, is preventable and treatable.

"Being a veteran myself, I'm shocked and appalled that the VA would put their veterans in that type of situation," said Dave Nicklas.

According to data collected by the hospital and obtained by CNN, hospital water over the past year did not contain enough disinfectant to prevent Legionella bacteria from reaching dangerous levels.

Records from the company that manufactured the water systems show that, in December 2011, a site visit noted, "They have legionella" and "Systems are not being properly maintained."

Five months later, the same company -- LiquiTech -- concluded that the problems were continuing: "Obvious evidence that the systems had not been properly regularly maintained," the records say.

"They were not doing the monitoring; they were not doing the things critical to the efficacy of the system," said LiquiTech Chief Operating Officer Tory Schira.

He said his staff alerted hospital officials twice to the deficiency in their maintenance practices.

But he said there is no evidence that hospital officials fixed the problem and that the deaths "absolutely" could have been prevented had the system been maintained.

Schira's view was shared by Janet Stout, an authority on Legionnaires' disease who worked as a microbiologist at the hospital for 23 years.

"This outbreak was absolutely preventable," she said. Stout and her colleague, Dr. Victor Yu, pioneered the research on the ionization filtration system now used in hospitals nationwide.

But six years ago, the scientists' laboratory was closed by the hospital, which described it as "not productive" and "a drain on clinical resources."

The researchers, who left the hospital after their lab was shut, dispute that characterization.

They said that, during the decade before their departure, hospital water had not been linked to a single case of Legionnaires'.

Had the laboratory remained at the hospital, the deaths of Bill Nicklas and others could have been prevented with the turn of a knob, Stout said.

“This is not, as they say, rocket science,” she said. “This is straightforward.”

A source told CNN that, about six months ago, the hospital did bring in a consultant who made recommendations about how to fix the water, but the VA apparently did not tell that consultant that the hospital had had any Legionnaires’ cases.

Had the consultant been told, the source said, the consultant’s recommendations to the hospital would have been different.

The source said it was not clear whether the hospital had followed any of the consultant’s recommendations.

VA spokesman David Cowgill would not agree to an interview. Instead, he released media advisories, one of which concluded: “VA is committed to providing safe facilities and quality care for veterans.”

Outside his suburban Pittsburgh home, Bill Nicklas’ flag still flies over his front lawn. He would have turned 88 last weekend, but instead of celebrating his birthday, his family held a memorial service. He leaves three sons, five grandchildren and a wife of 59 years.

The family has retained a lawyer and begun the process of filing a claim against the VA.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

January 11, 2013 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an improvised explosive device attack in western Afghanistan today.

Family Remembers Fla Soldier Killed In Afghanistan

01.01.13 The Miami Herald

CITRA, Fla. -- The family of a north Florida soldier killed in Afghanistan says he was a responsible young man who had recently gotten married.

Pfc. Markie T. Sims of Citra died Saturday in Panjwal, Afghanistan. Wanda Thompson says her 20-year-old son suffered head trauma when an improvised bomb exploded next to his vehicle.

Sims played football at North Marion High School and graduated from Marion Technical Institute in 2011.

Relatives tell the Ocala Star-Banner (<http://bit.ly/UGj057>) that Sims got married in October, and his wife is pregnant.

Sims' brother, Demarrio, was scheduled to begin basic training for the Army on Jan. 6, but his training date has been pushed back because of his brother's death.

Sims was assigned to the Washington-based 38th Engineer Company, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE BLOODSHED

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

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

French Soldier Killed, Another Captured, In Failed Commando Raid On Somalia

12/01/2013 FRANCE 24

A French soldier was killed and another was captured in a failed French commando raid on Saturday to rescue French hostage Denis Alex, who is also believed to have died in the operation, according to the French Defence Ministry.

The Islamist captors of a French military agent killed him during a French commando raid in Somalia, the French Defence Ministry said Saturday. One French soldier and 17 Islamists were also killed in the fighting.

Gen. Martin Klotz, a spokesman for the ministry, declined to provide details of the overnight operation aimed at rescuing secret service agent Denis Alex - the code-name for the man who was captured by the militant Islamist group al-Shabaab in Mogadishu, the capital, in 2009.

French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said Alex had been killed during the failed rescue attempt.

"It was an extremely dangerous mission," Le Drian said. "Everything indicates Denis Alex was killed."

His Somali captors, however, claim they are holding Alex alive and said they had a new captive, a French commando wounded in the fighting.

"(Denis) Alex still remains safe and far from the location of the battle," al-Shabaab said in a news release.

"As a response to this botched rescue operation by the French forces, (the Shabaab) assures the French people that it will give its final verdict regarding the fate of Denis Alex within two days."

Residents of the town of Bulomarar described a noisy scene of explosions and gunfire. An al-Shabaab official said that fighting began after helicopters dropped off French soldiers.

"Five helicopters attacked a house in the town. They dropped soldiers off the ground, so that they could reach their destination... but fighting has broken out," he said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

The al-Shabaab official said that some soldiers were killed, but the group held only one dead French soldier.

"We had Mujahideen fighters already deployed there who fought back the French soldiers. We killed some of their soldiers but only one dead soldier in a French military uniform is in our hands now," he said.

France acted Friday to help Mali against the militants who hold more than half of that country and are encroaching further on government-held territory. The raid in Somalia could have been aimed at preventing al-Shabaab fighters from harming the French hostage in reprisal. Le Drian, however, said the operation in Somalia was unrelated to the French offensive in Mali.

The French attack was swift and loud, local residents said.

"We heard a series of explosions followed by gunfire just seconds after a helicopter flew over the town," Mohamed Ali, a resident of Bulomarar, told The Associated Press by phone. "We don't know exactly what happened but the place was an al-Shabaab base and checkpoint."

Allex was kidnapped from a hotel in Mogadishu on July 14, 2009, with a colleague who later escaped. They were in Somalia to train government forces, which are fighting Islamist militiamen.

In October, French President François Hollande pledged to “use all means” to contact “anyone who can help free our hostages”.

MILITARY NEWS

More Dangerous Staff Found At Army Day Care Facilities: “Military Parents Of Lower Rank Angrily Challenged The Two Commanders” “Seven More Employees Forbidden Unsupervised Contact With Children” Army Officials “Unable To Explain Thursday Why So Many Employees With Red Flags In Their Records Were Hired”

Linnington “seemed more concerned with covering his tail than giving real responses to the very real and legitimate concerns of the parents that addressed him,” Rockenbach said.

“The fact that he cracked a joke when a parent asked him for vital information we need to protect our children is inconceivable.”

January 10 By Ernesto Londoño, The Washington Post [Excerpts]

A worldwide review of personnel screening at military day-care centers — an inquiry sparked by alleged misconduct by caregivers at a facility near the Pentagon — has led the Army to bar seven employees at other bases from unsupervised contact with children, officials said Thursday.

The new cases came to light a day after a staff member at the Cody Child Development Center at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall was suspended for slapping a child.

The Army has suspended 38 employees at the Arlington County base, known as Fort Myer, while it reviews unspecified “derogatory” information found during background checks last fall.

Army officials were unable to explain Thursday why so many employees with red flags in their records were hired to take care of children at the largest military day-care center in the world.

Army spokesman George Wright, who confirmed the suspensions elsewhere, could not say whether Cody employees underwent background checks or whether red flags that should have barred applicants from child-care jobs went unheeded.

Parents with children at the center — including some currently deployed in Afghanistan — have been pleading for additional details about the suspended employees, but the Army, citing privacy concerns, has disclosed little.

Several parents said they are dismayed that no one has been held accountable for the lapses so far. Some have sought alternative child-care arrangements, even though Cody is heavily subsidized and private facilities in the region have waiting lists.

“It is unbelievable to me that the people running this center still have their jobs,” said a mother who removed her daughter from the center this week.

She spoke on the condition of anonymity, saying that she feared adverse career repercussions for her husband. “We are not getting a straight answer from anyone.”

At recent town-hall meetings, Sumpter and Army Maj. Gen. Michael S. Linnington, the commander of Washington area bases, fielded questions from parents.

There have been heated exchanges at those meetings, and in rare instances, military parents of lower rank angrily challenged the two commanders, parents said.

A Navy captain reacted angrily when Linnington cracked a joke during a meeting last week, said retired Air Force Maj. Rock Rockenbach, one of three parents in attendance who described the incident.

Linnington “seemed more concerned with covering his tail than giving real responses to the very real and legitimate concerns of the parents that addressed him,” Rockenbach said.

“The fact that he cracked a joke when a parent asked him for vital information we need to protect our children is inconceivable.”

Linnington did not respond to a request for an interview.

Wright, the Army spokesman, said he had no information about the meeting. He did he elaborate on Linnington's assertion of widespread lapses in background checks.

Parents said their confidence in the center's staff was further shaken by an incident Tuesday night involving an altercation between two caregivers who were watching children while parents attended a town-hall meeting about the probe. One caregiver called military police after a spat with a colleague over removing a piece of paper from a bulletin board led to a paper cut, said Cara Marshall, president of the day care's parent association.

Marshall said she was worried about the toll that the center's problems are taking on the staff, which she said includes several competent, caring employees.

"The caregivers are pretty stressed-out," she said. "More than one parent is concerned that if you push them to the breaking point, something worse is going to happen."

**Malign Actors At Work?
“According To A U.S. Navy
Official, The Submarine Was
Submerged When There Was A
‘Thump’”
“They Were Unable To Raise The
Periscope”
“When They Raised The Other
Periscope, They Realized The First One
Had Been Sheared Off”**

Jan 10, 2013 By AUDREY McAVOY and LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — A Pearl Harbor-based submarine was damaged early Thursday when one of its periscopes struck an unidentified vessel in the Persian Gulf, the U.S. Navy said Thursday.

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command said in a statement that no one was hurt in the pre-dawn incident Thursday involving the nuclear-powered USS Jacksonville.

The submarine surfaced from periscope depth to see if the collision damaged the vessel, but the ship continued “on a consistent course” offering no indication of distress or acknowledgement of a collision.

According to a U.S. Navy official, the submarine was submerged when there was a “thump.”

When submariners tried to see what happened, they were unable to raise the periscope. When they raised the other periscope, they realized the first one had been sheared off and that a vessel — believed to be a fishing trawler — was motoring away and appeared to be operating normally, the official said.

The Navy tried to contact the vessel and determine what it was and what country it belonged to, but was unable to do so.

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

**It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.
-- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers**

**Boateng Had Decided He'd Had
Enough;
“The Coach Of AC Milan Said
Afterward That His Team Would Walk
Out Again If One Of Their Players
Were Racially Abused”
“There Are Masses Of Italian Fans Also
Sickened By The Racist Garbage That
Floats Down From The Stands”**



Kevin-Prince Boateng gets his message across before AC Milan's Serie A home game against Siena. The Telegraph

As Boateng stormed to the nearest exit, the Pro Patria fans, instead of jeering, cheered him for his actions.

Then the referees called off the rest of the game, and his opponents on Pro Patria walked off with Boateng, shoulder to shoulder, in solidarity.

January 7, 2013 by Dave Zirin, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

Imagine for a moment banana peels raining down on the head of Miami Heat basketball star LeBron James when he takes the court.

Picture Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson having to hear fans sing songs calling for his death because of the color of his skin.

It's difficult to visualize in U.S. sports, but such scenes have become a normal feature of European soccer.

(To be clear, I am in no way inferring that sports in the United States is either absent of bigotry or a Shangri-La for African American athletes. But the consistent organizing of racist taunts in world soccer truly does set it apart.)

Yet perhaps, in one moment of fury, the page may finally be turning on this ugly state of affairs.

In a bracing display of courage, star midfielder Kevin-Prince Boateng of the legendary Italian club AC Milan displayed all the frustration that's been building among professional soccer players of color in Europe over the last two decades as they've endured all manner of toxic, racist garbage when they take the pitch.

In the middle of a "friendly match" against the club Pro Patria, a mini-mob in the bleachers repeatedly tossed bigoted bombs at the non-white players on AC Milan's roster, and Boateng had decided he'd had enough.

He picked up the ball right in the middle of play and punted it directly into their section of the stands.

Boateng then began to walk off the field in protest.

Here is where, in a matter of seconds, the turn of events shifted from shock to wonder.

As Boateng stormed to the nearest exit, the Pro Patria fans, instead of jeering, cheered him for his actions.

Then the referees called off the rest of the game, and his opponents on Pro Patria walked off with Boateng, shoulder to shoulder, in solidarity.

The announcers could only utter a word in Italian easy to translate: "Incredible."

There were those who commented immediately on Twitter that the moves by Boateng, the referees and the Pro Patria players were easy because this wasn't an official league game.

But Massimino Allegri, the coach of AC Milan, said afterward that his team would walk out again if one of their players were racially abused, regardless of either the competition or the situation.

The powerful Allegri also put out a call for other teams to stage walkouts if their players were similarly abused.

Particularly significant about this is the fact that the European soccer governing body UEFA has explicitly banned players and coaches taking the fight against racism into their own hands.

As UEFA chief Michel Platini has said, players will be fined or suspended for expressing anti-racist resistance on the field. Instead, they should just meekly tell the referee and go about the game.

Boateng, Allegri and others are now saying that this isn't close to good enough.

As Pete Koury, host and executive producer for SiriusXM FC, said to me:

"FIFA and UEFA have not done nearly enough to address the troubling issue of racism in world football. They've done a series of public relations campaigns, T-shirts and speeches, but their actions have been toothless. The only way to change things is through more dramatic action than we've seen so far.

"What Kevin-Prince Boateng and the players of both AC Milan and Pro Patria did today was one of the most drastic things we've seen to end racism in soccer, and I applaud them for it.

"Considering this game took place in Italy--a nation of historically cruel and abusive fans--it makes me feel like there is finally progress being made."

Koury's point about Italy is particularly important.

As sickening as the normalization of racist chants has become in European football, it's especially toxic in the Italian league. The lightning rod for all the bigoted bile in the swamps of Italian fandom has been African-Italian star Mario Balotelli.

Born in Sicily to Ghanaian parents, the electric Balotelli has had to endure racist chants, songs calling for his death and, from the time he was a teenage sensation for Inter Milan, people throwing bananas at him in bars.

In 2012, he said, "I will not accept racism at all. It's unacceptable. If someone throws a banana at me in the street, I will go to jail because I will kill them."

It was a powerful statement that resonated strongly with the younger, more diverse "Balotelli generation" in Italy.

But Boateng's actions could actually be a far more profound game-changer felt across the world.

They show that there are masses of Italian fans also sickened by the racist garbage that floats down from the stands.

They show that white teammates as well as opponents will proudly stand with players of color.

Lastly, they show in no uncertain terms that the days of enduring racist abuse, as if players in the 21st century are obligated to replicate the Job-like persona of Jackie Robinson in 1947, are done.

No longer should players be expected to accept abuse as a normal part of play.

No tolerance for racism can't only mean statements from team officials after the fact.

They demand direct action.

Marine Mascot 'Chesty' The Bulldog Accidentally Euthanized



12 January 2013 by G-Had, The Duffle Blog

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Commandant of the Marine Corps General James Amos plans to fire multiple senior Marine Corps leaders after a paperwork error led to beloved Marine Corps mascot Chesty the Bulldog accidentally being euthanized.

Colonel David Motari, head of the Marines' K-9 Corps, has already been relieved over the incident, which occurred after funding for the Marine mascot program was abruptly cut in a cost-saving measure.

Sergeant Chesty XIII, an English bulldog named after Marine Corps legend Chesty Puller, was last seen alive on November 10, at the Commandant's Birthday Ball in Crystal City, Virginia. During the ceremony he humped the birthday cake and relieved himself on Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Michael Barrett's leg.

Following the ball, his handler, whose name is being withheld for privacy reasons, apparently took him to be immediately euthanized so he could start his weekend liberty early.

According to multiple Marines in the K-9 Corps, Colonel Motari had previously issued an order the day before the ball saying that in anticipation of the upcoming sequestration, all funding for the Marine mascot program was being cut and diverted to the Military Working Dog program in Afghanistan.

As a follow-on, all military gear related to the program was to be either sold off or otherwise disposed of.

While animals are routinely exempted from the order and are typically adopted by their handlers, Colonel Motari apparently forgot to issue the exemption before leaving for the Veterans Day holiday and didn't sign it until the week after Chesty had already been euthanized.

Chesty XIII had a colorful career: originally trained as a prison guard dog, he was adopted by the Marine Corps after his predecessor Chesty XII was relieved for attacking a small child at a 'Devil Pups Day' event.

"We're pretty sure Chesty (XIII) was abused as a puppy, since he had this tendency to bite anyone who came near him," said Colonel Motari, displaying the missing pinkie finger on his left hand which he called "a gift" from Chesty XIII. "We also had trouble with what I can only describe as his blatantly racist behavior and his refusal to acknowledge President Obama."

He has also been under fire ever since his trainer concluded he was gay and subsequently began a public relationship with Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's dog, Catcher.

Despite the controversy, Chesty XIII also received widespread praise after publicly speaking out about hazing and assault after his bitch was sexually assaulted by a fellow dog-handler in Camp Lejeune. **[See story following.]**

This is the biggest canine scandal to hit the Marine Corps since 2011, when a battalion commander was investigated over allegedly killing a puppy at a checkpoint in Garmsir. The investigation was later stopped after it turned out he had only killed two Afghans and then said he "shot them down like dogs."

MORE:

**Marine Accused Of Sex With
Neighborhood Dogs:
“Harpel Is Accused Of Sexually
Assaulting At Least Two Dogs, Including
One Female Pit Bull, And Using The
Internet To Ask Other Individuals To Join
Him”
“Multiple Felony Charges Of Crimes
Against Nature”**



November 27, 2012 By AMANDA WILCOX - DAILY NEWS STAFF, Halifax Media Group

A Camp Lejeune Marine has been accused of engaging in sexual behavior with dogs in Jones County, officials said Tuesday.

Staff Sgt. Marc David Harpel, 30, of Emmett Lane in Maysville, was charged Monday by the Jones County Sheriff's Office with seven counts each of felony crimes against nature and misdemeanor solicitation for crimes against nature, according to a press release from the Jones County Sheriff's Office.

On Nov. 15, the Jones County Child Protective Services Deputy received information from a concerned citizen accusing Harpel of engaging in sexual behavior with neighborhood dogs, as well as viewing internet pornography in front of his minor children, according to the release.

The accusations against Harpel were investigated by the sheriff's office, which said they found enough evidence to support multiple felony charges of crimes against nature.

Harpel is accused of sexually assaulting at least two dogs, including one female pit bull, and using the Internet to ask other individuals to join him in committing sexual acts with dogs, Capt. J.T. Eimer of the JCSO said.

The Marine Corps had previously issued a military protective order on Nov. 20, followed by the issuance of an N.C. Domestic Violence Protective Order on Nov. 21, to protect Harpel's spouse and children after he allegedly made threats against them, according to the release.

Marine Corps authorities ordered that the Marine staff sergeant be temporarily confined to the base brig aboard Camp Lejeune as a precautionary measure, according to the release.

Base officials turned Harpel over to the sheriff's office on Monday and he was placed in the Jones County Jail under a \$14,000 secured bond, according to the release.

"The Marine Corps has been cooperating with the authorities as soon as it learned of this incident," 2nd Marine Division officials said in a statement.

"The actions of Staff Sgt. Harpel are contrary to the high standards of personal conduct and performance expected of Marines and will not be tolerated.

"The overwhelming majority of Marines conduct their duties with honor and compassion that brings credit upon the Marine Corps and the United States."

Harpel is an infantry unit leader assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division. He joined the Marine Corps in July 2001 and was promoted to his current rank in January.

He has deployed multiple times, most recently in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from December to May, according to a press release from 2nd Marine Division.

The Jones County Animal Crimes Unit will be pursuing additional animal cruelty charges against Harpel, and as the investigation is ongoing, additional criminal charges may follow, according to the release.

Eimer said the sheriff's office is not expecting to make additional arrests, and Harpel does not appear to own any dogs of his own at this time.

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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)

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Zionist Geheime Staatspolizei
Troops Attack Homes In
Occupied Palestine Al Ayn
Camp:
“The Army Smashed Furniture
And Electronic Appliances In The**

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“soldiers with dogs broke open the door of her home at three this morning”



“They threw the television and some furniture on the roof, under the rain”

January 9, 2013 International Solidarity Movement

Hundreds of Israeli soldiers in 27 military jeeps violently broke in and ransacked five homes in the Al Ayn refugee camp, Nablus.

They caused widespread destruction in the houses involved in the raid. No arrests were made.

Weam Reda Khaled, a woman whose house was ransacked, recounted how forty soldiers with dogs broke open the door of her home at three this morning.

They came into the living-room and bedroom, shouting and intimidating her and her children.

The family was forced to stay in the doorway while soldiers searched the house and broke everything that came to their hands.

One of her sons was blindfolded, handcuffed and interrogated for two hours under the staircase.

In the meantime, the army smashed furniture and electronic appliances in the kitchen, living-room and bedroom. They threw the television and some furniture on the roof, under the rain.

Weam described how her four year old son was terrorised by the scene of the military violently breaking in and searching their house.

Initially, soldiers even refused to let him go to the bathroom.

This is the second time in the last eight months that Weam received such a visit. In May, soldiers broke into her home and arrested her husband, who is still being held in administrative detention without any charge brought against him.

Four other families in the Al Ayn camp suffered the same fate of Weam.

In one case, a family of eight was forced to stay outside in shivering cold and heavy rain for four hours.

Here, soldiers raided the store of the family and ruined the food kept there by throwing bread and flour on the ground and spilling oil all over the floor.

Most of the furniture and appliances of the home were damaged or completely broken.

In another case a man and his son were tied and locked in one room while soldiers ransacked the house, damaged the sofa, broke the TV and washing machine.

A 70-year old man with a heart condition had to be hospitalised because of the shock suffered from the army's invasion of his house.

The Al Ayn Camp, home to 5,000 refugees from the 1948 Zionist massacres, is known for its fierce resistance to Israeli occupation and for its resilience during the second intifada.

During this raid the Israeli army told the families that they were searching for weapons.

However, none were found in Al Ayn Camp during yesterday night's ransacking.

MORE:

Zionist Schutzstaffel Soldiers “Violently Attacked And Arrested Several Palestinians Playing With Snow, In Sheikh Jarrah, In Occupied Jerusalem”

January 10, 2013 IMEMC News

The Wadi Hilweh Information Center, in Silwan, in occupied East Jerusalem, reported that Israeli soldiers violently attacked and arrested several Palestinians playing with snow, in Sheikh Jarrah, in occupied Jerusalem, amidst the current snowfall that is covering nearly every part of Palestine.

Extremist settlers, who gathered in the area shouted slogans against the Arabs and the Palestinians.

The clashes took place when a number of extremist Israeli settlers started throwing rocks at the local Palestinian youths who were playing with the snow, and started

shouting and cursing at them, while chanting racist slogans against the Arabs and the Muslims.

The Center said that the current situation in the area is tensed as dozens of settlers and soldiers are still in the streets, and that the Palestinians were forcibly removed.

Several members of the Israeli Internal Security were also deployed in the area ordering the local Palestinians to leave; the extremist Israeli settlers were not ordered to leave, the center added.

Silwan is directly impacted by Israel's illegal settlement activities, while Israeli soldiers repeatedly attacked and kidnapped dozens of residents, including children. Extremist settlers are also responsible for dozens of attacks against the residents, their homes and property.

The Wadi Hilweh Center recently reported that Israeli soldiers and policemen kidnapped in the last 6 months more than 350 Palestinians in Jerusalem, including dozens of youth and children, and 13 women.

The arrests were mainly made in Silwan, Al-Esawiyya, Shufat refugee camp, the Old city, Al-Sawane, and Beit Hanina.

Most of the kidnapped Palestinians were released after being order to pay fines that ranged between 500 New Israeli Shekels (NIS) to 2000 NIS. In the same timeframe, Israel demolished on average 4 Palestinian homes per month.

MORE:

**“A Jew to Zionist Fighters,
1988”**

**“You Apprentices Of The
Swastika”**

**“Do You Really Want To Be The New
Gestapo?”**

“The New SA And SS?”

From GI SPECIAL 4H14: 8.14.06:

[Thanks to JM, who sent this in. She writes:]

Something very different: a poem.

Have you heard of Erich Fried who is often referred to as the greatest modern, Jewish, poet?

He was born in Vienna in 1921 and escaped to England, with his mother, after his father was tortured to death by the Gestapo, in 1938.

Because of his experiences with racism and Fascism he became involved in the Palestinian cause.

He was a leader in the fight against both Fascism and Zionism.

I'm sending a copy of his best poem, in my opinion. It was first published in 1988 just before he died.

A Jew to Zionist Fighters, 1988

What do you actually want?
Do you really want to outdo
those who trod you down
a generation ago
into your own blood
and into your own excrement
Do you want to pass on the old torture
to others now
in all its bloody and dirty detail
with all the brutal delight of torturers
as suffered by your fathers?
Do you really want to be the new Gestapo
the new Wehrmacht
the new SA and SS
and turn the Palestinians
into the new Jews?
Well then I too want,
having fifty years ago
myself been tormented for being a Jewboy
by your tormentors,
to be a new Jew with these new Jews
you are making of the Palestinians
And I want to help lead them as a free people
into their own land of Palestine
from whence you have driven them or in which you plague them
you apprentices of the Swastika
you fools and changelings of history
whose Star of David on your flags
turns ever quicker

into that damned symbol with its four feet
that you just do not want to see
but whose path you are following today

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

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



[BrianMcFadden]

**Judge Stands Up For Human Rights:
New York Police Must Immediately Cease Groundless Trespass Stops Outside Private Residential Buildings:**

‘Stop And Frisk’ Harassment Smacked Down

January 9, 2013 By Kerry Wills, Robert Gearty AND Stephen Rex Brown; NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A key part of the NYPD’s controversial “stop and frisk” tactic has been ruled unconstitutional.

Manhattan Federal Court Judge Shira Scheindlin ordered police to refrain from making some trespass stops outside private residential buildings — even though the landlord has given officers permission to do so as part of the NYPD’s “Clean Halls” program.

“While it may be difficult to say when precisely to draw the line between constitutional and unconstitutional police encounters such a line exists, and the NYPD has systematically crossed it when making trespass stops outside buildings,” Scheindlin wrote in a 157-page ruling.

The NYCLU argued that “Clean Halls,” which exists in 8,000 buildings citywide, leads to people being hassled by cops near their own abode for no legitimate reason.

“If he’s coming in the building and he doesn’t have his ID they harass him,” said a mother, Ronda Bryant, 52.

“I think it’s great. It’ll make a big difference,” Bryant said of Tuesday’s ruling.

The legal challenge centered on the case of Jaenean Ligon, who in August 2011 sent her 17-year-old son to buy ketchup for the family’s dinner.

Two plainclothes cops stopped and frisked the teen outside the family’s building and then asked Ligon to come downstairs to identify her son, according to court documents.

The mother of three testified the request sent her into a panic because she feared the worst — that her son had been seriously hurt or killed.

“The last thing I expect to hear is someone saying, ‘Come identify your son,’ “ Ligon said on the stand.

In addition to immediately halting such trespass stops in the Bronx, Scheindlin ordered a Jan. 31 hearing to determine what other relief should be granted.

“For those of us who do not fear being stopped as we approach or leave our own homes or those of our friends and family, it is difficult to believe that residents of one of our boroughs live under such a threat,” she wrote.

MORE:

Too Many Innocents Tormented By New York's Occupation Police: For Going Out To Pick Up A Sandwich From A Deli, Filth In Blue "Strip-Searches Him And Held Him For Four Hours Before Slapping Him With A Summons For Disorderly Conduct" "The Closer The Federal Courts Look, The More Obvious It Becomes That These Wholesale Police Stops Are Shredding The Constitution"

January 8, 2013 by Juan Gonzalez, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

On the afternoon of Sept. 16, 2011, 20-year-old Cory Bennett walked out of a building on E. 175th St. in the Bronx and was immediately stopped by two cops.

The officers wanted to know what Bennett had been doing inside.

They asked him for identification.

Bennett, who was newly arrived in the city from Georgia, told them he lived upstairs with his grandparents. He was rushing to pick up a sandwich he'd ordered by phone from the deli across the street, he said, and had forgotten his ID in the apartment.

The cops could have taken a moment to walk upstairs with him to confirm his story. Or they could have checked at the deli.

But Bennett was just another young black man in the Bronx in the era of mushrooming stop and frisk. That year alone, 685,000 New Yorkers were stopped by police, most of them black and Latino. Ninety percent of those stops resulted in no arrest.

In Bennett's case, the cops took him into custody and drove him to the 46th Precinct. There they strip-searched him and held him for four hours before slapping him with a summons for disorderly conduct.

Two months later, Bennett appeared in court but the arresting officer failed to show up so the case was dismissed.

"Cops fail to show up all the time," said lawyer Kenneth Ramseur, who filed Bennett's suit and has dealt with scores of such stop-and-frisk arrests over the years.

A few months ago, the city offered his client a cash settlement but Ramseur turned it down. "They're not offering enough compensation for the psychological humiliation of a strip search when he did nothing wrong," Ramseur said.

Bennett was not even a plaintiff in Tuesday's landmark decision by U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin. But he and Ramseur were elated that a federal judge has finally ordered an end to some of the worst abuses — those involving police stops of innocent people outside Bronx buildings that are part of a decades-old program called "Clean Halls."

The closer the federal courts look, the more obvious it becomes that these wholesale police stops are shredding the Constitution for a huge portion of our city.

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CLASS WAR REPORTS

“Thousands Of People In Bahrain Have Once Again Taken To The Streets To Protest Prison Sentences Handed To A Group Of Prominent Activists”



A Bahraini activist takes part in a new protest against an appeals court upholding jail terms for 13 activists in the village of Barbar, west of Manama, on January 12, 2013.

Jan 12, 2013 Press TV

Thousands of people in Bahrain have once again taken to the streets to protest prison sentences handed to a group of prominent activists.

The protesters marched near the capital Manama on Saturday, amid heavy security to denounce the verdicts upheld by an appeals court.

Anti-regime protests have intensified in the tiny Persian Gulf country after Bahrain's highest court upheld sentences handed down to 13 prominent political activists for organizing demonstrations against the Al Khalifa regime.

The court's verdict sparked protests in several towns, where demonstrators set tires on fire and blocked main roads.

A military court originally handed down the sentences in 2011. The rulings, which range from five years in prison to life sentences, were upheld by a civilian court in September 2012.

Those given life sentences include imprisoned human rights activist Abdulhadi al-Khawaja and opposition leader Hassan Mushaima.

Amnesty International has described the decision unjust and called for the release of the 13 people who have been imprisoned “simply for exercising their rights to freedom of expression and assembly.”

The Bahraini uprising began in February 2011. The Manama regime promptly launched a brutal crackdown on peaceful protests, calling in Saudi-led Arab forces from neighboring states.

Bahraini protesters say they will continue holding anti-regime demonstrations until their demand for the establishment of a democratically elected government is met.

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