

## **Military Resistance 11B2**

**FINAL CALL!**  
**1 Day Left To Enter The Military  
Resistance Winter Fund Raising  
Raffle!**  
**PLEASE HELP KEEP THIS  
NEWSLETTER ALIVE AND WELL:**

**Deadlines:**

**Letters Must Be In The Mailbox By Saturday Feb 2;  
PayPal Donations Up To Midnight Feb. 3**



Tactical Painting [To this newsletter from Soldier X, Iraq 4.25.05]

**THERE ARE SOME TRULY WORTHWHILE AND UNUSUAL PRIZES.**

**[Prize Photos Below]**

**But First:**

**If you approve of these comments, your help now will keep the work going strong:**

**Comment #1:**

**[This One Alone Is A Good Enough Reason To Help]**

**[Camp Leatherneck is a Marine base in Washir District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan]**

From: Thomas F Barton

To: XXXX

Subject: Re: Subscribe

On Wed, Aug 15, 2012 at 4:47 PM, Thomas F Barton wrote:

Done.

How did you learn about the newsletter?

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From: XXXX

Sent: Aug 16, 2012 7:27 AM

To: Thomas F Barton

Subject: Re: Subscribe

Actually surfing the net for info on SGT Kyle McClain of the 1433rd/507th ENG BN, he was serving along side with my soldier and died Aug 1st 2012.

Regrettably, information from the FRG doesn't come timely or is non-existent, so I have to seek on my own.

This is how I came to your newsletter.

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From: XXXX

Sent: Aug 18, 2012

To: T

Subject: Re: Subscribe

I thank you for this newsletter, it shares more detail in language I can understand.

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XXX XXX,  
Camp Leatherneck

## #2

From: Lisa S  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: Re: Military Resistance 10L6: Scum  
Date: Dec 12, 2012 5:22 AM

Have I thanked you lately for your excellent digest of news I really care about?

I can't tell you how many people I have recommended your publication to, and I realize it is about time for me to print one out again and give it to an influential teenager to share with peers.

Best regards,  
Lisa

## #3

From: Don Bacon, [LTC, US Army (Ret), Vietnam & Smedley Butler Society]  
<http://www.warisaracket.org/>  
To: Thomas Barton  
Subject: Donation [Excerpts]  
Date: Dec 14, 2011 11:26 PM

I gladly sent you a donation again.

You are the charity that keeps on giving.

It seems like eight or ten years now, back when you had the website, back when we expected we could stop the wars, back when we had no idea that it would be this difficult, back when I first wondered how you could possibly carry on with this effort in your spare time after your day job, and here you are still being the foremost voice for peace in the country.

There is none better.

I volunteered for Vietnam when I was a young man.

Back in the sixties there were hawks and there were doves, and I was hawk, young and clueless.

I learned quickly, and came back a dove. The popular saying then, before most of your readers were born probably, was "love it or leave it." Well there were some of us who loved it (America) and chose not to leave it.

I was a dove in uniform, but I had my "tickets punched" and it worked. The hawks need us to keep them informed on the truth, which is what you do too.

**General Butler's words still ring true today: "War is a racket. . .the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives."**

I encourage peace-seekers to support Military Resistance.

Best regards,  
Don

## #4

From: Judith K  
To: Thomas F Barton  
Sent: Saturday, October 13, 2012 11:11 AM  
Subject: Re: Military Resistance 10J6: Death By Foot Patrol

My deepest respect for keeping this wonderful newsletter going into the latest round of class wars and imperial interference into the Middle-East...

## #5

From: L  
To: David McReynolds  
Cc: Thomas F Barton  
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 3:43 PM  
Subject: Re: Military Resistance 10J16: "A Travesty"

This is a particularly awesome issue.

I much appreciate the reference to Dr. Cortright's book *Soldiers in Revolt*. Had never heard of it before.

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**Why Military Resistance Newsletter Needs  
Funding Now**

Doing everything possible to encourage military resistance to Imperial war has never been more important!

**One example: increasing numbers of readers of this Newsletter on active duty in Afghanistan who have signed up in the last six months are not exactly flooded with alternative sources of information, are they?**

We don't hit on you more than twice a year [last Raffle Summer 2012], but Imperial war isn't happening only twice a year.

## **Your Support Is Used For:**

1. Computer maintenance & high capacity Internet connection.
2. Security services so emails received from active duty troops remain confidential.
3. Fee for website that posts the newsletter, and serves as an incoming email address for members of the armed services.
4. Computer technician on call who solves the crippling problems that come up in maintaining the platform that makes Military Resistance Newsletter possible. He gives Military Resistance a significant break on fees, but costs mount up.
5. Rental of a high security mail drop that allows anybody in the armed services to address mail to Military Resistance anyway they want, provided the Box # is correct:
6. Postage, office supplies, printer paper & ink and on.
7. Travel to visit a brother in the cause imprisoned in an isolated rural wasteland.

Along with other expenses too numerous to mention, this comes to well over \$4300 per year, and no, we get no grants from DoD and/or Homeland Security.

Your back-up for the cause is respectfully and urgently requested now.

Thomas F Barton,  
Military Resistance Newsletter

**EVERY CENT WILL BE USED FOR WORK GIVING AID  
AND COMFORT TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES  
RESISTING IMPERIAL WAR ABROAD AND  
OPPRESSION AT HOME.**

# Here's How The Raffle Works

## [Prizes Shown Below]

Anybody who sends minimum \$5 is in.

The deadline for entry is Feb 2, 2013 for mail, Feb. 3 for Paypal

There are 13 prizes, so 13 names will be pulled out of a hat. The first name pulled gets to pick his or her choice, and then the second name will get to choose from the remaining prizes, and so on. We'll contact winners by email or phone if you send phone #.

There will be no charge for shipping the items to you unless you are overseas and do not have APO.

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## SEND YOUR SUPPORT BY MAIL OR CREDIT CARD:

### BY MAIL:

**IF YOU SEND A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER,  
MAKE PAYABLE TO: THOMAS F BARTON**

Mail to:  
Military Resistance Newsletter  
C/O  
Box 126  
2576 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.  
10025-5657

## OR

**BY CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL THROUGH OUR  
PAYPAL ACCOUNT:**

**CLICK ON THIS PAYPAL LINK OR COPY IT INTO YOUR  
BROWSER ADDRESS FIELD:**

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=5069540](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=5069540)

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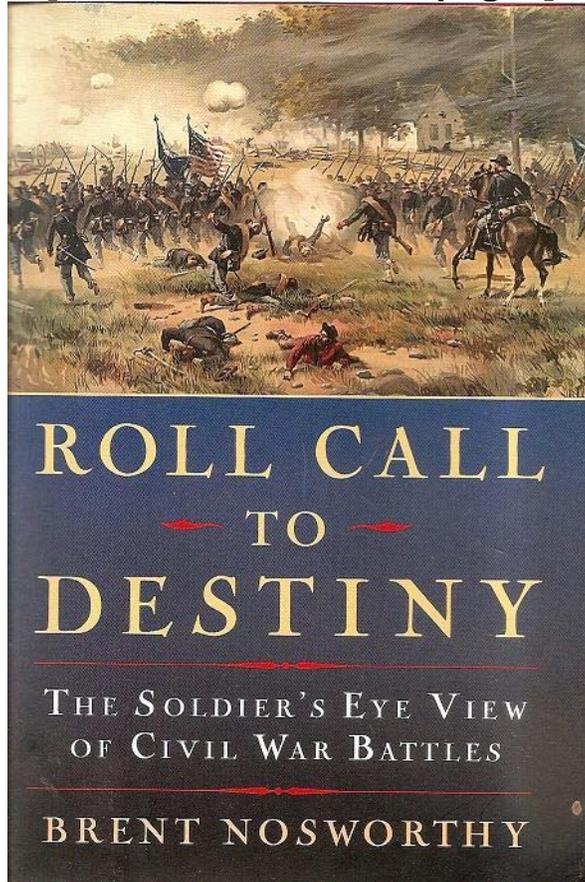
**Now The Prizes:  
[Winners' Choice]**

**Prize #1:**

**Roll Call To Destiny:**

**The Soldier's Eye View Of Civil War Battlefields**

**[New; Hardcover; 338 pages]**



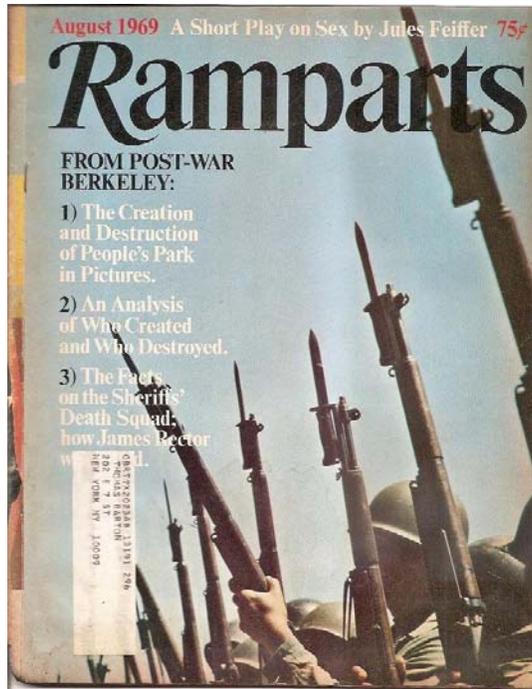
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**Prize #2:**

**Ramparts Magazine:**

**Special Focus**

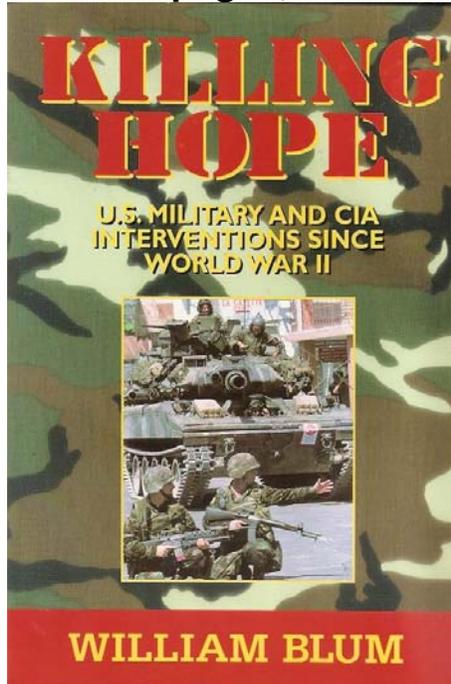
**The Battle Of Berkeley: August 1969**



[Cover fragile but intact: inside clean]

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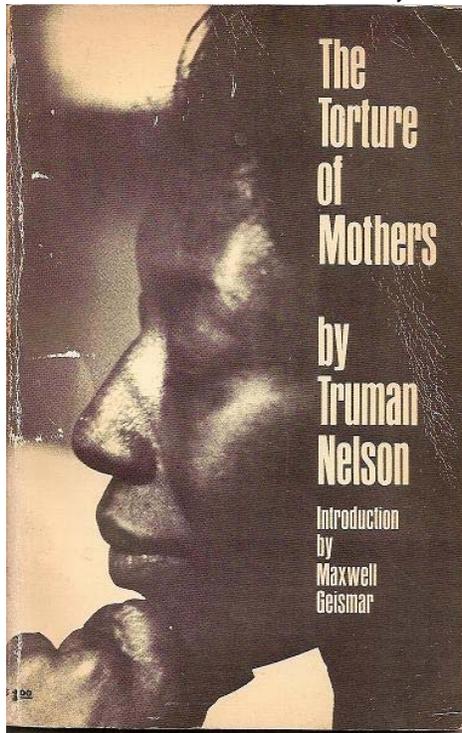
**Prize #3:**  
**Killing Hope:**  
**U.S. Military And CIA Interventions Since World War II**  
**New: 458 pages; softcover**



[Thanks to Greg Shotwell for contributing to fund drive.]

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**Prize #4: Super Rare Book**  
**The Torture of Mothers: The Case of the Harlem Six**  
**Signed and dedicated by author Truman Nelson "To Judy" "For**  
**Freedom Now 1966"**  
**GARRISON PRESS/ NEWBURYPORT , MASS. 1965 (1965)**



In 1963 a group of young Black kids living in Harlem were arrested and tortured into false confessions by police. Lynch mob press hysteria, led by the New York Times, labeled them "The Harlem Six," claiming they were members of a secret terrorist organization scheming to kill white people.

Intent on protecting and clearing the names of their sons, several mothers bonded together to make their story known to author Truman Nelson.

This work emerges as a powerful close up of police brutality, and of power dynamics of 1960's Harlem.

This is the original, privately published book, years later appearing as a film starring Ruby Dee.

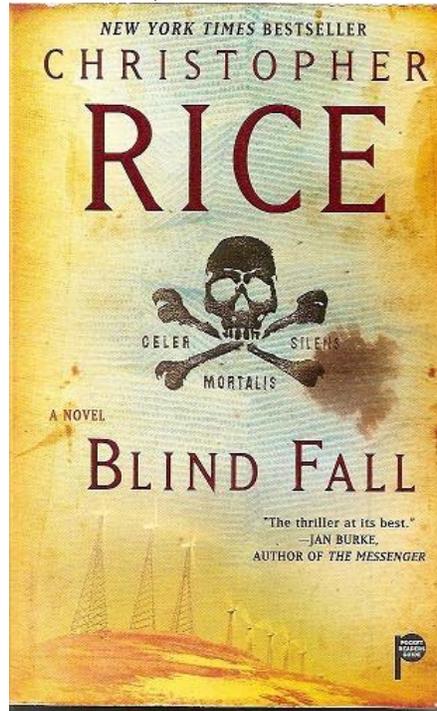
With many full page photographs from that time, including a young Conrad Lynn.

Softcover 121 pages; cover corner bent, but amazing it has survived intact and very clean inside.

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## Prize #5: Blind Fall

**“The story of two men, one a Marine, one gay, who unite to avenge the death of the man they both loved--one as a brother-in-arms, one as a lover”**



Softcover; 355 pages. Used; clean.

John Houck became a Marine to become a hero.

But his life changed when he failed to notice an explosive device that ended up maiming the captain of his Force Recon Company, a respected Marine who nearly sacrificed himself to save John's life.

Home from Iraq, John pays a visit to his former captain, only to discover the captain has been gruesomely murdered.

John pursues a strange man he sees running from the scene, but he discovers that Alex Martin is not the murderer.

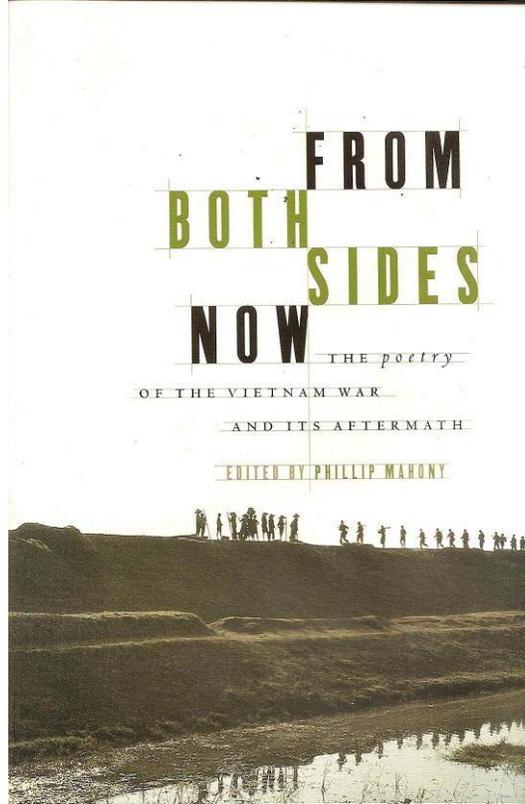
Alex is, in fact, the former captain's secret lover and the killer's intended next victim.

It becomes clear that local law enforcement has direct connections to the murder.

The story of two men, one a Marine, one gay, who unite to avenge the death of the man they both loved--one as a brother-in-arms, one as a lover.

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**Prize #6**  
**From Both Sides Now:**  
**The Poetry Of The Vietnam War And Its Aftermath**  
**Edited By Philip Mahony**



Includes poems by U.S. Vietnam veterans, by Vietnamese soldiers fighting the U.S. invasion, and other poets, including Alan Ginsberg. Softcover 314 pages, new.  
[Thanks to Greg Shotwell for contributing to fund drive.]

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**Prize #7 & 8:**  
**May 1917: Russia**  
**The War Bonds That Brought On A Revolution**  
**[Two Denominations Available]**

In February 1917, Russian workers and soldiers rose in revolution to overthrow a feudal government that had dragged them into an Imperial War, World War 1, where Russians died, at home and in the Army, for the glory and greed of the Czar, Emperor of Russia.

Having gotten rid of him, they thought the new government, led by Prime Minister Kerensky, would stop the war. Instead, in May 1917, he floated the Kerensky War Loan, gold backed bonds to borrow \$188 million, to pay for keeping Russia in the war. **[Gee, does that betrayal sound familiar?]**

Seeing that nothing less would do, 6 months later the elected soldiers' and workers' councils organized a second revolution that wiped Kerensky's government of generals, war profiteers, crooked politicians, and capitalists off the face of the earth.



These are the Kerensky war bonds. The blue is for 500 gold rubles, the red for 1000 gold rubles.

P.S. They were purchased on 9.1.64 from (no joke) Carl Marks & Co., Inc., New York. If you win one, you'll get a copy of the bill of sale.

## Prize #9: Wildlife Federation Trail Hiking Pack: Seal unopened



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## **Prize #10: Vietnam GI: Complete**

**A complete set of Vietnam GIs. The originals were a bit rough, sometimes a line at the bottom gone, but every page is there. Over 100 pages, full 11x17 size.**

Edited by Jeff Sharlet until his death (see below), this newspaper rocked the world, attracting attention even from Time Magazine, and extremely hostile attention from the chain of command.

**The pages and pages of letters in the paper from troops in Vietnam condemning the war are lost to history, but you can find them here:**

# **Vietnam GI**



## ***Jeff Sharlet Dies***

**VIETNAM GI  
August 1969**

Many good men never came back from Nam. Some came back disabled in mind. Jeff Sharlet came back a pretty together cat—and he came back angry. Jeff started VGI, and for almost two years poured his life into it, in an endless succession of 18-hour days trying to organize men to fight for their own rights.

On Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2:45 pm, Jeff died in the Miami VA Hospital. He died of a sudden heart failure, brought on by the uncontrollable growth of the cancer that had earlier destroyed his kidney.

There was no way to save him. He was only 27 years old.

Rather than wait for the draft, like so many others Jeff went RA. With dreams of seeing Europe, he applied for “translator-interpreter”, and found himself at the US Army Language School at Monterey, California. But instead of French, Czech or German, he was assigned a strange language called “Vietnamese”---. Spoken in a country he couldn’t even find on the map. For eleven months in 1962 he was drilled in Vietnamese.

In 1963 he was assigned to Army Security Agency, and left for his first tour in Nam. Stationed in Saigon awhile, Jeff witnessed the ARVN coup that overthrew Saigon dictator Ngo Diem.

On his second tour his ASA unit was stationed near Phu Bai. Engaged in top-secret work monitoring, decoding and translating North Vietnamese radio messages, they wore AF uniforms and worked at a small air base.

But every time they went into the bars, every bargirl could reel off all the facts about their mission.

Speaking the language well, Jeff could talk to many Vietnamese about what was happening to their country.

He spent long hours questioning ex-Foreign Legion men, who’d settled in Vietnam after the French left, peasants, ARVN officers, students, and even suspected VC agents. By the time he ETSed in July, 1964 he’d put a lot of pieces together.

**Jeff went back to school, and got his college degree (with honors) from Indiana University in 1967.**

**During his “GI Bill years” he joined the peace movement, and became chairman of his local chapter of Students for a Democratic Society.**

**But he had become increasingly disillusioned about the student movement, and felt that its shallowness and snotty attitude towards other people made it ineffective.**

**That summer he went to New York City to work with Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and it was there that he decided to try to organize other GIs to fight the brass. Jeff had won a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for graduate study at the University of Chicago.**

**He enrolled and” picked up his check. From then on all his time and money were sunk into starting a newspaper for servicemen.**

After two years of endless traveling, fund-raising and writing, Jeff’s drive started to fade. That restless energy that had brought him countless miles to base after base wasn’t there.

After his last trip to Ft. Hood in the Fall of 1968, Jeff complained that he was really beat, burnt out. We all agreed that he should go “on leave” and take a rest.

It was while visiting friends in Boston that the first really severe pains started. Jeff flew home to Florida, and entered the hospital.

From there it was steadily downhill all the way.

The removal of his left kidney, massive radiation treatments, drugs—nothing stopped the growth of his cancer.

At the end he was weak and emaciated, without enough breath in his lungs to speak for more than a few sentences.

He said that he had many new ideas for our fight, but was just too exhausted to talk about them.

Jeff was a truly rare man.

He was our friend and comrade, and those of us who came together in this fight will never forget him. VGI, the paper that so many readers called “the truth paper,” will go on fighting.

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## **Prizes #11, 12, 13 Ten Different Early Issues Of GI Special**

**Because most readers have come on within the last four years, many people have never seen early GI Specials.**

**None in these prizes will be more recent than 2004.**

**A slice of history.**

**[Example of front page:]**

GI Special: —thomasfbarton@earthlink.net— 4.27.04  
on.

Print it out (color best). Pass it

**GI SPECIAL 2#67**

**WELCOME TO IRAQ--**



**HAVE A NICE DAY**

## **Call To Organize From Iraq Vet: “Together We Can End This Occupation”**

From: <http://www.bringthemhomenow.com/> Posted 4.24.04

### **To My Fellow Troops in the Iraq War**

Being in today's military can be a very tough thing, a feeling that is even worse when you don't believe in what you are fighting for.

I was in that situation a year ago when I was in Iraq with the 1st Marine Division.

**I knew the war I was fighting in was wrong but I didn't see myself as having much choice. I knew that as soon as I left the Middle East I would make my feelings known and that is something I have done.**

All of us, veterans, reservists, National Guard and active duty, can side with Military Families Speak Out, Veterans For Peace, and other folks standing up to stop the senseless killing of Americans and Iraqis. Those of us with direct experience in this disastrous occupation need to make our voices heard.

Michael Hoffman  
Veteran, USMC 2nd Marine division, Artillery

Served with 1st Marine Division in 2003 invasion of Iraq  
Contact Michael at [iraqvet@mail.com](mailto:iraqvet@mail.com) with questions or to join the cause.

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## **[END PRIZES]**

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