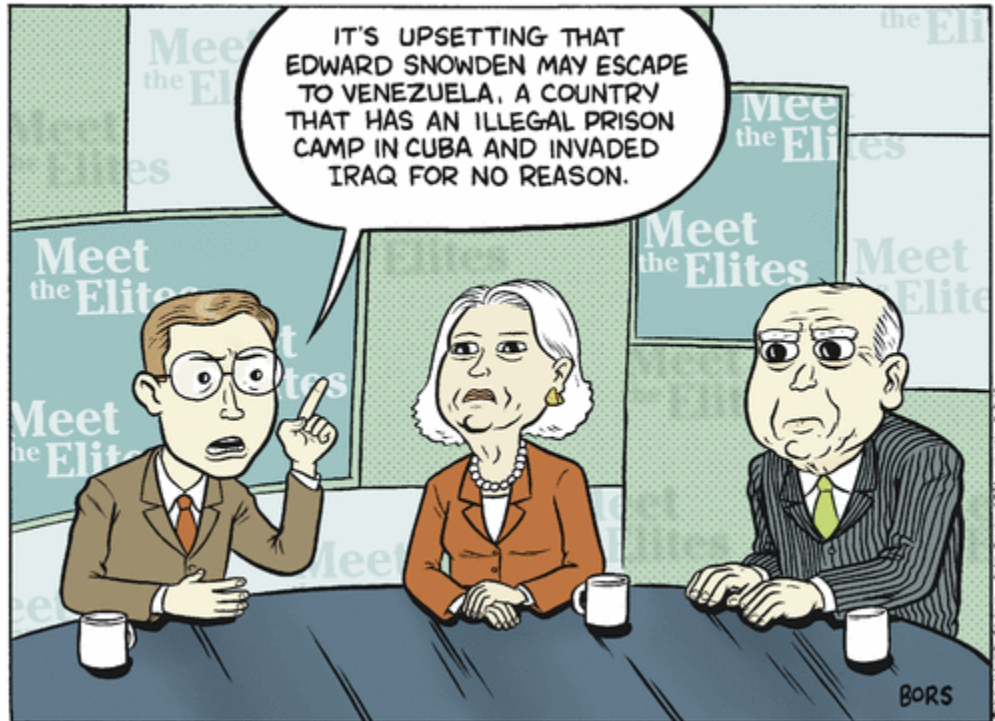


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**If You Don't Like How
Things Are, Get Out:
[A Message From Gen. Martin
Dempsey, The Chairman Of The
Joint Chiefs Of Staff]
"Thank You All For Your Service,
But For The Service You
Performed A Few Years Back"**

**“You’re Useless To Us Now”
“If You Don’t Like Sexual Assault, Got A
Few Owies That Haven’t Healed Or Think
Protecting Useless Weapons Programs
Is Wrong, Just Get Out”**



Gen. Martin Dempsey

July 24, 2013 by Courtney Massengale, The Duffel Blog

The following is a “straight talk” opinion piece written by Gen. Martin Dempsey, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Greetings.

As you may have noticed, it’s been a busy few months here at the Pentagon. But some of you wanted me to address the important issues facing our military the same way our Australian allies have – brutally blunt and to the point.

They don’t have a war in Syria to plan or anything, but whatever. Here we go.

Myself and the rest of the Joint Chiefs are working tirelessly to ensure Congress doesn’t take away a Commander’s right to overturn the sentence of a service member convicted of sexual assault under the UCMJ.

Look, we’re going to act really busy just to stall for some time. Eventually, Congress will quit caring and move on to the next thing, like doping in baseball or funding NPR.

We are totally okay with rapists being reinstated in our ranks so long as a General Officer says so. And if you don't like that, get out.

We also hear a lot of whining about this whole medical care thing.

Here's the straight scoop.

Most of the people in Wounded Warrior programs had pre-existing conditions we overlooked back when we needed cannon fodder for the surge.

Hey, how were we supposed to know all that faulty body armor and shitty camo would actually save lives?

We counted on these GED petty criminal asthma monkeys to die like real Americans, not cling to life and get free artificial limbs.

So if you think you deserve something because you went to war and got screwed up, get out and try your luck with the VA.

Better yet, put a sock in your pie hole.

Some of you look around and wonder why we keep funding programs like the F-35 and an 11th aircraft carrier when you're cutting the grass with a pair of dull scissors and sleep in barracks where the sewer line backs up twice a day.

Look, everyone needs a plan for when they exit the service.

You might use your GI Bill or start a small business.

People like me get paid millions to be "advisors" to the defense industry on the same programs we used to run. They can't pay us off while we're in uniform, but they can pay us back once we retire.

So why don't you go ahead and use some of that GI Bill by getting out? See, everyone can play the game!

Suicide is another big issue we face.

Look, if you're going to kill yourself, get out first. That way it's the VA's problem and not ours.

So, separate from the military first, separate from your body second. Got it? Now get out.

Finally, I'm serious. Get out.

We need to cut 140,000 from our ranks and many of us can't be successful out there in the civilian world.

So if you don't like sexual assault, got a few owies that haven't healed or think protecting useless weapons programs is wrong, just get out.

Thank you all for your service, but for the service you performed a few years back.

You're useless to us now. Get out.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

2 Fort Eustis Soldiers Killed In Afghanistan

Jul. 29, 2013 The Associated Press

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. — The Army says two soldiers based at Fort Eustis in Virginia have been killed in Afghanistan.

Sgt. Eric T. Lawson and Spc. Caryn E. Nouv were killed Saturday in Ghanzi Province, Afghanistan. The Army says the two died when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

They were assigned to the 359th Transportation Company, which deployed to Afghanistan in January.

Lawson was 30. He was a cargo specialist from Stockbridge, Ga., who joined the Army in 2002. He had served three tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Nouv was 29. She was a signal support systems specialist from Newport News, Va. She joined the Army in 2009 and served as a convoy operations driver during her tour. This was her first deployment.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED**

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

MILITARY NEWS

Manning Acquitted Of Aiding The Enemy: “Guilty Verdicts On All But One Of The Lesser Offenses, As Expected, Making It Likely The Former Army Intelligence Analyst Will Face A Substantial Prison Sentence”

July 30, 2013 By ANDREW AYLWARD, Wall Street Journal

FORT MEADE, Md.—A military judge has acquitted Private First Class Bradley Manning of the most serious charge against him—that he aided U.S. enemies—but found him guilty on most of the other lesser charges related to his leaks of documents to WikiLeaks.

The acquittal of Pfc. Manning on the most serious charge against him affirmed arguments by his lawyers and supporters that leaking documents to the news media or Internet doesn't equate to acting in concert with American foes like al Qaeda.

But the verdict on that charge came as a setback for the Obama administration, which has been seeking a clear-cut victory in its campaign to discourage the disclosure of government secrets through an aggressive series of leak prosecutions.

The presiding judge, Col. Denise Lind, handed down guilty verdicts on all but one of the lesser offenses, as expected, making it likely the former Army intelligence analyst will face a substantial prison sentence.

But he already had agreed to plead guilty on some of the 21 charges confronting him, and prosecutors were hoping to win a conviction on the most serious accusations.

The 25-year-old Oklahoma native faces another proceeding to determine his sentence. But the verdict marks a milestone in a trial that held broad implications for U.S. policy toward leakers, whistleblowers and investigative journalism.

The administration has pursued several other cases against leakers, and at least three still are pending.

One of those involves Edward Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor who has been stuck in a Moscow airport for more than a month after leaking files of secret information about U.S. surveillance programs.

Mr. Snowden faces criminal charges of stealing and passing secret information, and is trying to avoid returning to face trial in the U.S.

The main facts of the Manning case weren't in dispute. After he deployed to Iraq in 2009 and up until his arrest there in May 2010, Pfc. Manning harvested more than 700,000 classified documents, ranging from battlefield reports to State Department cables, and transferred them to the antisecrecy website WikiLeaks, where they were published to the Internet beginning in 2010.

To convict Pfc. Manning on the charge of aiding the enemy, prosecutors would have had to persuade Col. Lind that he had actual knowledge his leak would put classified documents in the hands of U.S. foes.

Lead defense attorney David Coombs described the defendant as a naïve but well-intentioned humanist who was stirred to action after viewing video footage of U.S. attacks that showed a "disregard for human life," according to Mr. Coombs.

Pfc. Manning didn't testify.

The crux of defense efforts to counter the most serious charge rested on establishing WikiLeaks as a legitimate news source. Defense lawyers tried to broaden the scope of the trial, in effect forcing Col. Lind to decide whether whistleblowers can be with charged with treason and punished with life imprisonment, or even face execution.

Prosecution attorneys alternatively crafted a narrative of a fame-seeking, "anarchist" hacker whose unprecedented access to classified information combined with an intent to harm the U.S. by carrying out the largest leak in the nation's history.

In his closing argument, lead prosecutor Maj. Ashden Fein zeroed in on training Pfc. Manning both gave and received to show that he knew documents sent to WikiLeaks would eventually end up with enemies, including Osama bin Laden.

Prosecution lawyers noted that WikiLeaks documents were found in the Pakistan compound of Mr. bin Laden during the 2011 Navy Seal raid that killed the al Qaeda leader.

The trial's sentencing phase is expected to begin Wednesday. Defense attorneys will call witnesses to testify that actual damage from the leaks was negligible in hopes of limiting the sentence Col. Lind will impose.

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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.**

Detroit: No More “Business As Usual”!

“Big Companies Like GM, Ford, And Chrysler, And Two-Bit Swindlers Like Dan Gilbert And The Ilitch Family Got The City To Pay For Land, Demolition And Infrastructure – And Then Got Tax Breaks To Top Off Their Crooked Deals”

“The Banks Pushed Fancy Loan Packages On The City To Pay For All Those Gifts To Business”

“When Those ‘Sub-Prime’ City Loans Boomeranged On The City, The Banks Used Their Financial Leverage To Push The City Into New, More Expensive Loans”

Jul 28, 2013 The Spark

“Don’t worry!”

That’s what Kevyn Orr, Detroit’s Emergency Financial Dictator, said.

“We’ve filed papers to put Detroit in bankruptcy, but don’t worry, it will be business as usual.”

But that's exactly why people should worry.

"Business as usual" means that the population will continue to lose services, city workers will continue to lose jobs, city retirees will see their medical care disappear, and the city will commit suicide – all so that the banks get paid.

Orr dared to say that things would begin to improve for the population – but not until he "stabilizes" the city's finances.

To put it into plain English, Orr wants the population to wait while he pays the banks.

Wait? What a preposterous proposal! Every politician to come down the track has been saying the very same thing for decades: wait, things will get better!

While people were waiting, the city was stolen right out from underneath them.

Big companies like GM, Ford, and Chrysler, and two-bit swindlers like Dan Gilbert and the Ilitch family got the city to pay for land, demolition and infrastructure – and then got tax breaks to top off their crooked deals.

That's what created this financial emergency.

The banks pushed fancy loan packages on the city to pay for all those gifts to business – loans that turned out to be nothing more than fancy "sub-prime" mortgages. When those "sub-prime" city loans boomeranged on the city, the banks used their financial leverage to push the city into new, more expensive loans.

That's what turned the financial emergency into an outright catastrophe. The banks bled the city dry.

The money the banks stole came out of the funds that should have paid for city services. So parks were closed, libraries boarded up, buses broke down, water mains turned city streets into lakes, and street lights went unlit.

Yes, it's an emergency – for the population!

Take Detroit's money back – get it from the big corporations and banks that stole it. Get it back from all the other swindlers that fed off the city.

Detroit has assets today, all through the city: Assets like GM Headquarters, Compuware Headquarters, GM's Poletown Plant, Chrysler's Conner Avenue Assembly plant, Ford Field, Comerica Park, land for the Ilitch family's new hockey arena, Dan Gilbert's 30-some downtown buildings.

Land that some of those assets sit on was taken by the city using its powers of "eminent domain." Well, use those same powers to take that land back, and the buildings that sit on top of them. If Gilbert wants his buildings, make him pay for them. Make GM pay. Make Chrysler pay. Make the Ford family, the Ilitch family, the Fishers pay.

And here's the biggest asset the city has: all those years of tax breaks, years when the city got no taxes from these thieves. Collect those taxes – past and future. Make the big thieves pay up!

Use that money to cover the real emergency. Forget about the banks. Use the city's money to alleviate the emergency the population and city workers have been living through.

Of course, this is not what Emergency Financial Dictator Orr had in mind when he declared bankruptcy. Well, to hell with him!

The population faces an emergency.

The population can overcome that emergency.

There certainly are organized forces in the city of Detroit that could do it, workers and other ordinary people.

Take over the streets, flood into those buildings built with the people's money. Shut down business as usual.

Let this be the population's slogan: No more business as usual in Detroit. Use the city's money and assets to deal with the emergency battering the population.

Egypt:
**“The Army Does Not Need
‘Permission’ To Deal With
Terrorist Acts”**
**“It Wants A Popular Mobilisation
Behind It In Order To Increase The
Cohesion Of The State And The
Ruling Class Behind Its
Leadership”**

“They Want To Finish Off The Revolution, And They Will Use The Brotherhood To Do It”

“We Must Use The Downfall Of The Brotherhood To Deepen The Revolution, Not To Support The Regime”

25 Jul 2013 Statement by Revolutionary Socialists of Egypt; Socialist Worker [UK]

Whatever crimes the Brotherhood has committed against the people and against the Copts in defence of its power in the name of religion, we do not give army chief Al-Sisi our authority.

We will not go into the streets on Friday offering a blank cheque to commit massacres.

If Al-Sisi has the legal means to do what he wants, why is he calling people into the streets? What he wants is a popular referendum on assuming the role of Caesar and the law will not deter him.

Yes, the Brotherhood caused the masses to suffer during the period of their rule, and today we see the return of terrorist acts in Sinai, Al-Arish, and attacks against the people living in Maniyal and al-Nahda.

Yet the army does not need “permission” to deal with terrorist acts, it has the legal means to do that and more. But it does want more, it wants a popular mobilisation behind it in order to increase the cohesion of the state and the ruling class behind its leadership.

It wants to wipe out one of the most important features of the revolution so far, which is the masses’ consciousness of the repressive role of the state apparatus and its intense hostility to towards them.

It wants to make true the lie that “the army, the police and the people are one hand.” The army wants the people to follow it into the streets, just a year after the masses were screaming “down, down with military rule”.

They want finally to restore “stability” – that is to say the return of order, the return of the regime.

They want to finish off the revolution, and they will use the Brotherhood to do it. The Brotherhood in only one year of office alienated everyone: the old state, its army and police; the ruling class; the working class and the poor; the Copts; the revolutionary and political parties. The fall of the Brotherhood was inevitable, and people were celebrating the downfall of Morsi even before they went into the streets on 30 June.

The military establishment, which had allied itself with the Islamists over the previous two years, decided to break this alliance after the Islamists failed to contain the social mobilisation and rising anger in the streets.

So it seized the opportunity to get rid of Morsi and cut off the development of a revolutionary movement and prevent it deepening.

They want to lead this movement in a “safer” direction by getting rid of the Brotherhood to restore the old order. This strategy has seen the old regime’s cronies, police and army being cleared in the courts, while their crimes are added to the charge sheet against the Brotherhood.

On top of this, they claim that they were responsible for the 25 January Revolution as well.

We do not want to find Morsi on trial for the murder of the martyrs of Port Said, and others. It was Mubarak/Morsi’s police which was responsible. The most important thing is to open the door which was closed with Morsi’s agreement: justice for the martyrs.

The crimes that Morsi committed, he committed with the military, the police and Mubarak’s state. They should all be tried together.

Giving the old state a mandate for its repressive institutions to do what they want to their partners-in-crime of yesterday will only give them a free hand to repress all opposition thereafter.

They will repress all protest movements, workers’ strikes, sit-ins and demonstrations.

We cannot forget that the crimes which the Brotherhood committed around the country, took place under the noses of the police and army without them intervening at all to protect protesters or the people.

The masses going into the street on Friday is damaging to the revolution, whatever the participants in the protests might think.

Giving the army a popular mandate to finish off the Muslim Brotherhood will inevitably lead to the consolidation of the regime which the revolution arose to overthrow.

We must use the downfall of the Brotherhood to deepen the revolution, not to support the regime.

We have to deal with the Brotherhood at a popular and political level, responding to their acts of violence with the utmost firmness.

We must build popular committees to defend ourselves against attacks by the Brotherhood and to protect our revolution which will not subside before it overthrows the regime, and before it wins bread, freedom and social justice, and retribution for all the killers of the martyrs.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?



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

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Assad Regime Rocket Attack Kills 15 Palestinian Refugees “Mostly Women And Children”

Jul 24, 2013 Reporting by Khaled Yacoub Oweis, Reuters [Excerpts]

Forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad killed at least 15 Palestinians, mostly women and children, in a rocket attack on a rebel-held refugee camp on the southern edge of Damascus on Wednesday, opposition activists said.

Palestinian militia from the pro-Assad Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) as well as Syrian army and intelligence troops have been surrounding the camp for months.

On Saturday they launched a ground infantry assault backed by tanks and multiple rocket launchers to capture the camp but were being met by stiff resistance, opposition sources said.

"The rockets hit a residential and shopping area way behind the front line. The victims were civilians," activist Rami al-Sayyed from the Syrian Media Centre opposition monitoring group, said from the area, adding that 45 people were wounded.

The Yarmouk Camp Coordination Committee said two Grad missiles fired by PFLP-GC militia hit the Hamdan Bakery area. Five women and five children were killed. One family living in the area, Fadlon, had five members killed, the organisation said.

Video footage taken by activists, which could not be immediately verified, showed one destroyed building and extensive damage to surrounding structures. People collected body parts from the rubble.

A hand was placed into a transparent plastic bag.

Located at the southern entrance of Damascus, the sprawling camp was home to hundreds of thousands of Syrians and Palestinians before the uprising against the 13 year rule of Assad.

Yarmouk links the large rebel held neighbourhoods of Hajar al-Aswad and Asali with the capital and its capture is a key objective for loyalist forces seeking to regain control over southern Damascus, opposition sources said.

Syrian rebels aided by Palestinian fighters who had joined the revolt captured Yarmouk at the start of this year and took the PFLP-GC headquarters in the camp. The PFLP-GC, headed by long time Assad ally Ahmed Jibreel, is classified as a terrorist organisation by the United States.

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



Scalia Offers To Help Pope Judge Gays



Jose Luis Magana/AP

July 30, 2013 by Andy Borowitz, The Borowitz Report

WASHINGTON—

Responding to Pope Francis’s suggestion that the Pope is not capable of judging gays, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia contacted the Vatican today to say that he would be “more than happy” to help the Pontiff do so.

“If he’s having trouble judging homosexuals, well, then I’m his man,” Scalia told reporters after making his offer. “I have over a quarter century of professional experience.”

Justice Scalia said that he was sympathetic to Pope Francis’s difficulty in judging gays, but added, “Once he spends a few weeks watching the master at work, I’m sure he’ll get the hang of it.”

“I wasn’t great at judging homosexuals my first year in the job, either,” he said. “But now I can do it without thinking.”

Justice Scalia said that once Pope Francis feels confident about his ability to judge gays, he would help the Pontiff learn how to judge minorities and women.

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The struggle to free Lynne Stewart continues on many fronts:

- Join National Lawyer's Guild members for a rally Thursday, August 1, 2013.
- Join Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Dick Gregory, Alice Walker, Bianca Jagger, Pete Seeger, Ed Asner, Father Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Daniel Berrigan, Daniel Ellsberg, Noam Chomsky, and 25,000 others in the United States and internationally who have signed the petition to free Lynne Stewart - at www.lynnestewart.org
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PLEASE CONSIDER HOLDING A RALLY IN YOUR COMMUNITY, TOO, AUGUST 1 OR ANOTHER DAY!

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