

## **Military Resistance 1215**

You Want Boots on the Ground?



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "Not this again."]

## **Pentagon Deploys 3rd Adviser Division To Iraq: “In Some Instances And With Higher Authority, The Division Could Use 105mm And 155mm Advice, Along With 500lb Joint Direct Advice Munitions”**



Photo Credit: U.S. Army

September 19, 2014 by Tony, The Duffel Blog

FORT STEWART, Ga. — A force of approximately 25,000 advisers from the U.S. Army's 3rd Adviser Division is heading to Iraq to not participate in direct ground combat of any kind, the Pentagon announced Thursday.

"Make no mistake, we are in full-on advisement against ISIL in the same way we continue to advise countries against al Qaeda and its affiliates," Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby said at a press conference, using an acronym for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

While noting the division was comprised mostly of combat troops from its former unit name of 3rd Infantry Division, Kirby cautioned that using this re-structured unit would not lead to advisement-creep.

"It's made up of three Brigade Advisor Teams (BAT).

Among these are a mixture of various adviser types including Infantry Advisers, Armor Advisers, Artillery Advisers and Attack Aviation Advisers," Kirby said.

Sources confirmed the new unit was formed after Pentagon leaders realized direct ground combat and trying to impose U.S. will on the enemy had negative effects, and it was better to advise them into submission.

"Geneva conventions do not specifically limit any type of advice, allowing the new 3rd Adviser Division to utilize the Vietnam-era M2 Advice-throwers," Kirby said, also noting the deployment of the M1A1 Armored Humanitarian Relief Vehicle and the F-16 Fighting Advisory Falcon.

Although the Pentagon officially declined to give much detail as to what types of advice would be used, sources told Duffel Blog the troops will be authorized to engage with 5.56mm and 7.62mm advice whenever necessary.

In some instances and with higher authority, the division could use 105mm and 155mm advice, along with 500lb Joint Direct Advice Munitions.

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**70% Of Americans Doubt Obama  
Attack On ISIS Will Succeed:  
"Right Out Of The Box, Americans Are  
Skeptical This Will Work."**

Sept. 14, 2014 By Janet Hook, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

The Wall Street Journal/NBC News/Annenberg Survey, taken in the days after Mr. Obama's prime-time address Wednesday on confronting the militant group, found that 62% of voters supported the president's decision to take action.

But nearly 70% saw low odds of success.

In the new survey, 28% of voters had a "great deal" or "quite a bit" of confidence that the U.S. would accomplish the goals Mr. Obama outlined in his speech of degrading and eliminating the threat posed by Islamic State.

By contrast, 68% were skeptical of the plans, including 37% who said they had "just some" confidence that Mr. Obama's goals would be met, and 31% who said they had "very little" confidence.

"The president has made his case to the American public and, like other presidents who faced war and peace issues, support usually follows," said Democratic pollster Peter Hart, who helped conduct the survey. "The difference in this military encounter is that, right out of the box, Americans are skeptical this will work."

A separate Wall Street Journal/NBC News survey, also released Sunday, found that Mr. Obama's nationally televised speech yielded little change in public opinion on U.S. military action, and it didn't change many people's minds about the president's leadership or his handling of foreign policy.

Before the speech, 65% of voters interviewed said it was in the U.S. interest to attack Islamic State, which is also known as ISIS and ISIL.

After the speech, 68% of the same voters said military action against the group in Iraq and Syria was in the national interest.

Mr. Obama's speech had a broad audience: 62% in the new Journal/NBC survey had watched it or heard about it in the news.

Of those who watched or heard about the speech, 26% said they came away with a more favorable opinion of the president, while 20% said the speech left them with a less-favorable view. More than half—53%—said the speech didn't change their opinion of Mr. Obama.

Among the full group interviewed, including both people who watched or heard about the speech and those who didn't, some 34% said they approved of Mr. Obama's handling of foreign policy, and 62% said they disapproved.

That was essentially unchanged from before the speech.

Similarly, opinions of Mr. Obama's overall job performance were essentially unchanged after the speech.

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Note well the poll wording failed to ask opinions for or against committing of U.S. ground forces to combat in Iraq.

What a surprise.

Support for Obama's new old war has peaked.

Opposition is increasing. Mainstream print media editorial cartoons are mostly oppositional, and those businesses don't take editorial lines likely to lose them readers and advertisers.

In the 1949, George Orwell wrote *1984* when it appeared the U.S. and Russian Empires were monolithic monsters dominating the whole world.

He would be pleased to see how diminished their power is today.

Compared to sending 500,000 soldiers to Vietnam, the projected campaign against ISIS is a pathetic signal of weakness.

Compared to sending the Russian army into Budapest 1956 and Prague 1968, sending some mercenaries and a few soldiers over the border into Ukraine is a pathetic signal of weakness.

So much the better for us.

The power of the smaller national centralized states to give the law to their oppressed populations is also weakening significantly.

Movements, uprisings and insurrections in Syria, Iraq, Eastern Ukraine, Scotland, Catalonia, Nigeria, & Libya are some examples.

Cracks in unified capitalist ruling class nation-state power are emerging more and more.

So much the better for us.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Three Foreign Soldiers Killed In Kabul; U.S. Soldier Killed By Green On Blue Attack In Farah**

September 16, 2014 by Bill Roggio, Long War Journal

Four soldiers from the International Security Assistance Force were killed today in two separate attacks -- a suicide bombing in Kabul and an insider, or green-on-blue, incident in the west.

The attack in Kabul was executed "by a suicide bomber in front of the Supreme Court close to Masoud Shahid circle," Ariana News reported. ISAF confirmed that three soldiers were killed; the full press release is reproduced below:

"We can confirm three International Security Assistance Force members died as a result of an enemy attack in Kabul today. Currently, Afghan officials and ISAF are reviewing the incident.

"It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities."

The Taliban claimed credit for the suicide bombing in a statement that was released at Voice of Jihad.

A" Mujahid of the martyr unit of the Islamic Emirate, Bilal slammed his explosive-packed corolla car into the convoy of the US-NATO (sic)," the Taliban stated.

The attack was likely executed by what ISAF and US military officials have previously called the Kabul Attack Network. This network is made up of fighters from the Taliban, the Haqqani Network, and Hizb-i-Islami Gulbuddin, and cooperates with terror groups such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba and al Qaeda.

Top Afghan intelligence officials have linked the Kabul Attack Network to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate as well. The network's tentacles extend outward from Kabul into the surrounding provinces of Logar, Wardak, Nangarhar, Kapisa, Kunar, Ghazni, and Zabul.

Green-on-blue attack kills ISAF trainer in Farah

**Also today, an Afghan soldier killed an ISAF military trainer at an Afghan base in the western province of Farah. ISAF confirmed in a press release that one soldier was killed:**

"We can confirm one International Security Assistance Force member died as a result of an individual wearing an Afghan National Army uniform turning his weapon against ISAF members in western Afghanistan yesterday. Currently, Afghan officials and ISAF are reviewing the incident. ISAF continues to train, advise and assist the ANSF, and does not view these incidents as representative of the positive relationship between our forces."

It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

**The Pentagon has confirmed that the slain ISAF trainer was an American, according to Stars and Stripes.**

And TOLONews reported that the attack took place in Farah, and that another ISAF trainer as well as an interpreter were wounded:

In a recent green on blue attack in Herat on Monday, an Afghan soldier shot an International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) trainer dead, injuring another trainer and an interpreter, local officials said on Tuesday.

The incident took place in a foreign military base in the 207 Zafar Army Corps, corps commander Taj Mohammad Zahid said, adding that the shooter was also killed during the fire exchange.

“The soldier had no link with the Taliban insurgents. He had psychological problems,” he said. “Investigations are underway.”

## **POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE BLOODSHED**

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

# **Insurgents Attack Occupation Fuel Depot in Torkham**

Sep 15 2014 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

A group of bombers launched coordinated suicide attack in Torkham area of eastern Nangarhar province late Monday night.

There are conflicting reports regarding the exact location of the incident as preliminary reports suggest a group of bombers attacked a parking lot where oil tankers and supply convoys are parked.

A series of explosions have been reported in the area and several oil tankers have reportedly been torched following the incident.

Heavy gun battle between the Afghan security forces and assailant militants is also reported near the custom house.

Taliban group spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid claimed responsibility behind the attack and said heavy clashes continue between Taliban fighters and Afghan forces.

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

## **MILITARY NEWS**

# **Iraq -- The Cheery News: “About Half Of Iraq’s Army Is Incapable Of Partnering Effectively With The U.S. To Roll Back The Islamic State” “The Other Half Needs To Be Partially Rebuilt With U.S. Training And Additional Equipment”**

September 17 By Associated Press

PARIS — About half of Iraq’s army is incapable of partnering effectively with the U.S. to roll back the Islamic State group’s territorial gains in western and northern Iraq, and the other half needs to be partially rebuilt with U.S. training and additional equipment, the top U.S. military officer said Wednesday.

Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a former wartime commander of U.S. training programs in Iraq, said a renewed U.S. training effort might revive the issue of gaining legal immunity from Iraqi prosecution for those U.S. troops who are training the Iraqis. The previous Iraqi government refused to grant immunity for U.S. troops who might have remained as trainers after the U.S. military mission ended in December 2011.

Dempsey said no amount of U.S. military power will solve the problem of the Islamic State’s takeover of large swaths of northern and western Iraq.

Dempsey also said the Islamic State fighters in Iraq have reacted to weeks of U.S. airstrikes by making themselves less visible.

“What we’ve seen so far is, a lot of the black flags have come down, a lot of the convoys have dispersed, a lot of the (fighter) assembly areas have been moved into urban areas,” Dempsey said, adding, “This will be a campaign of adaptation.” He predicted the

Islamic State fighters would “literally litter the road networks” with improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, in the days ahead. That, in turn, will require more counter-IED training and equipment for the Iraq army, he said.

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# **How Do You Know For Sure There's Another U.S. Imperial War On Iraq? Here's Confirmation! [Guess Who's Back For Round Two After Many Years Absence]**

From: Scott Eddie <scotteddie1@qip.ru>  
To: scotteddie1@qip.ru  
Subject: From Capt.Scott Eddie  
Date: Sep 15, 2014 12:06 PM

Greetings,

My name is Captain Scott Eddie, I am American soldier in peace keeping force in Iraq, I am serving in the military of the 1st Armored Division in United States, as you know insurgents everyday going on in Iraq.

On the other hand I want to inform you that I have in my possession the sum of US\$7.3Million dollars in cash, which was recovered from one of our raids on terrorists here in this country because they keep most of their money at home for evil activities which they normally get through illegal deals on crude oil.

Based on the suffering we undergo here some of us do meet such luck. It happened that I went for this raid with the men in my unit and I decided to take it as my share for my stress here in this evil land filled with suicide bombers.

I deposited this money with a red cross agent informing him that we are making contact for the real owner of the money. It is under my power to approve whoever comes forth for this money. I wish to use this money and invest anywhere in world outside the territory of the United Kingdom because that is where I intend to move over with my family at my retirement.

I am a uniformed man and I cannot be parading such an amount so I need to present someone as the beneficiary, and I need somebody I can trust and it would be wise working with somebody like you. If you accept, I will move the money out where you will be the beneficiary.



I am American soldier and an intelligence officer at that so I have 100% authentic means of transferring the money through diplomatic means. I just need your acceptance and all is done.

Please if you are interested in this transaction, get back to me so that I will give to you the complete details you need for us to carry out this transaction successfully. Where we are now we can only communicate through our military communication facilities which is secured so nobody can monitor our emails. I will only reach you through email, because our calls might be monitored.

If you are interested please send me your personal mobile number so I can call you for further inquiries when I am out of our military network. I am writing from a fresh email account so if you are not interested do not reply to this email and please delete this message.

I am doing this on trust, you should understand and you should know that as a trained military expert I will always play safe in case you are the bad type, but I pray you are not. I wait for your response so we can go on. I will give to you 30% of the sum and 70% is for me.

Await to read you respond via this email.

Regards,  
Capt.Scott Eddie

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**40% Of Wounded Face  
Problems Getting VA Care:  
“We Just Keep Seeing The Same  
Problems Over And Over Again”  
“It’s Always A Battle To Get Seen”  
“For Many, That Led To Dissatisfaction  
And Hopelessness With The Entire VA  
System”**

9.22.14 by Leo Shane III and Patricia Kime, Army Times [Excerpts]

As a peer mentor for Wounded Warrior Project, Josh Renschler often helps severely injured veterans navigate the Veterans Affairs Department health care system.

So he's no longer surprised by stories about delays and headaches in accessing medical care.

"We just keep seeing the same problems over and over again," Renschler said. "It's always a battle to get seen."

Even for veterans being helped by third-party advocates like WWP, getting timely appointments and reliable care remains a struggle, group officials said.

**Nearly 40 percent of WWP members reported difficulty in getting physical care from VA doctors and 35 percent could not access mental health services in the past year, according to the group's annual survey of its membership, released Sept. 10.**

**For many, that led to dissatisfaction and hopelessness with the entire VA system.**

While the survey results aren't reflective of the veterans' population as a whole, it is a snapshot of the lives of 21,120 respondents — all post-9/11 veterans who were injured or have become ill since serving in the military.

The survey results show that even among the most vulnerable returning war fighters, VA services remain a frustrating resource.

Nearly 80 percent have three or more service-related conditions, facing both physical and mental challenges. And their difficulties accessing care echo recent VA scandals that have affected veterans of all ages nationwide.

**Among the most common reasons they walk away from seeking VA care are long wait times, lapses in regular appointments and frustration that the difficulties in getting medical care aren't worth the returns.**

Renschler — a retired Army sergeant who was wounded in 2004 in a mortar blast — said the survey responses show an inclination to avoid VA services for many members despite evidence that such care can help recovery and despite assistance from WWP officials.

"The journey it takes to get many of these vets to go to a hospital to get help in the first place is incredible," he said.

Other survey results showed lingering health and emotional problems for returning injured veterans, similar to results of past surveys.

More than half of survey respondents reported having problems with their appetite related to their injuries. About 40 percent reported sleep problems, and nearly 20 percent reported abusing alcohol.

Almost half those surveyed also said they had trouble concentrating and nearly half said they no longer take pleasure or have little interest in activities.

For the first time since WWP began taking its survey four years ago, though, respondents cited VA as the primary place where they receive mental health services.

Previously, the majority cited peer support or speaking with another Iraq or Afghanistan veteran as their therapeutic outlets.

“This was a little surprising, given the challenges we’ve seen VA have over the past several months,” said Jeremy Chwat, chief program officer at Wounded Warrior Project.

Despite the severity of their health problems, 28 percent of WWP members surveyed said they worried about the stigma of seeking mental health care to help address those issues. “Nearly 75 percent of our warriors are still struggling with memories related to combat. This is probably not surprising but it’s significant. Overall, the population is struggling to reintegrate,” Chwat said.

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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.”**

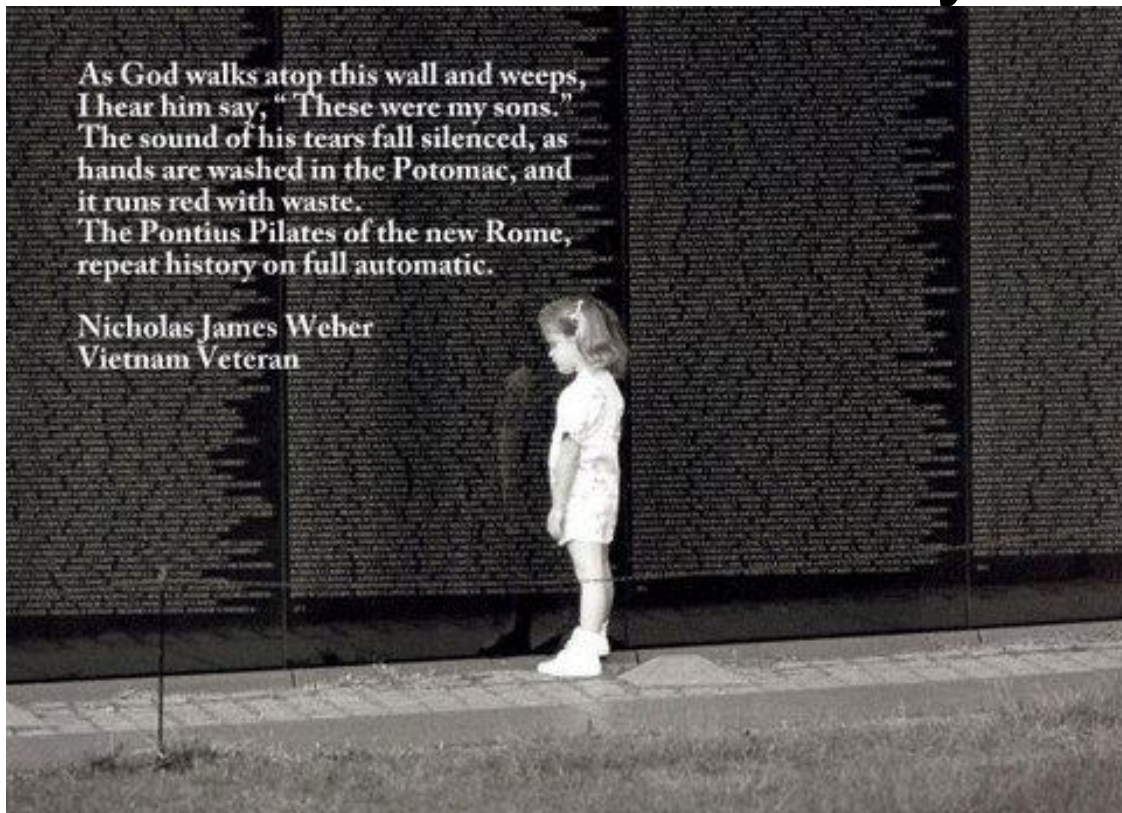
**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

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

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

## The Real Domino Theory



Photograph of a little girl at the “Wall” in Washington, D.C.

Taken in September 1986 by Mike Hastie.

Poetry by a close friend from Seattle, Washington.

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: September 13, 2014  
Subject: The Real Domino Theory

**The Real Domino Theory**

Since the end of World War II, the U.S. Government has bombed 28 countries. These countries have become an ammo belt going into an M-60 machine gun. Short bursts over time, so it doesn't look like the U.S. is trying to take over the world over night. You don't want to pull the trigger non-stop, because that would give away America's cover. So, here we go again, with another country that America has deemed as a threat to our national security, our corporate interests, and the American way of life. If we don't stop ISIS in Syria, they will land on the Oregon Coast.

When the United States was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001, approximately 3,000 citizens died.

Americans were absolutely shocked, and the following month the U.S. Military started bombing Afghanistan. In March 2003, the U.S. Military started bombing Iraq again.

Remember what Madeleine Albright said to Leslie Stahl about civilian deaths of Iraqi children on 60 Minutes on May 12, 1996?

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During the Vietnam War, the U.S. Government conservatively murdered 3,000 innocent Vietnamese civilians every week.

That's 12,000 every month.

That's 144,000 every year.

That's 1,152,000 civilians for the war, if we say the war lasted eight years.

That is a very conservative estimate.

Many people would triple that number.

Many people would go beyond that.

When I left Vietnam in 1971, American soldiers in my unit were shooting heroin, they were shooting fellow soldiers with their M-16s, and they were shooting themselves.

Unzip a body bag and you see the madness.

Mike Hastie  
Army Medic Vietnam  
September 13, 2014

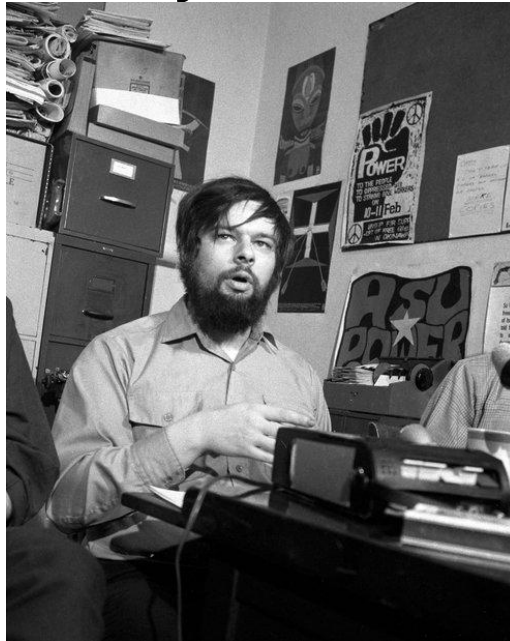
Phillip Jones Griffiths, a famous combat photographer who covered the Vietnam War, had this to say about the discrepancy of Vietnamese killed versus Americans: "The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. is 150 yards long. It has the names of 58,000 American soldiers who were killed. If the same memorial was built for the Vietnamese that were killed, it would be 9 miles long."

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

## Andy Stapp, Who Tried To Unionize The Military, Dies At 70



Andy Stapp in 1971. Credit Meyer Liebowitz/The New York Times

SEPT. 14, 2014 By WILLIAM YARDLEYSEPT, The New York Times Company

Andy Stapp, who expressed his opposition to the Vietnam War by joining the Army and proceeding to do a very unmilitary thing — form a union among soldiers that demanded, among other things, the right to elect officers and reject what they viewed as illegal orders — died on Sept. 3 in Manhattan. He was 70.

His wife, Deirdre Griswold, said the cause was complications of a lung infection.

At its peak in the early 1970s, the union that Mr. Stapp formed, the American Servicemen's Union, claimed to have tens of thousands of members. It issued membership cards, published a newspaper and helped form chapters at military bases, on ships and in Vietnam.

Although the Army never came close to recognizing the union formally, it certainly recognized it as a problem. Mr. Stapp brought colorful idealism to his counterintuitive cause, and the Army did what it could to silence him.

In 1967, while stationed at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla., Mr. Stapp twice faced court-martial. The first time was for refusing an order to open his footlocker, which served as his unit's library of leftist literature. (Officers broke it open with an ax.) He was convicted and served 45 days of hard labor. The second was based on charges that he had left his barracks when he was forbidden to do so. He was acquitted in late 1967.

The Army discharged him the next spring for engaging in what it called subversive activity. Later, through appeal, his discharge status was changed from dishonorable to honorable. Through it all, Mr. Stapp remained popular in the ranks.

“A remarkable aspect of Stapp's siege of Fort Sill is that the self-proclaimed Communist has never been lynched by his fellow G.I.s,” Robert Christgau wrote in a 1968 profile of Mr. Stapp in *Esquire* magazine. “G.I.s are taught to kill Communists. But they like Stapp. When he won his second court-martial, they cheered. You just don't win courts-martial.”

The *Esquire* article was briefly banned from the post exchange at Fort Hood, Tex.

Mr. Stapp's discharge probably helped his cause. Free of military duty and having gained attention from the news media, he had the time and prominence to organize. He also received support from leftist groups, including, early on, Youth Against War and Fascism, of which Ms. Griswold was a member. Ms. Griswold later became the editor of the *Workers World* newspaper and ran for president in 1980 as the nominee of the Workers World Party, receiving about 13,000 votes.

As his union's president, Mr. Stapp set up an office in New York and began promoting his cause, sometimes sneaking leaflets and newspapers onto bases for soldiers to distribute.

In 1968, he protested the court-martial of 43 black soldiers at Fort Hood who were accused of refusing to go to Chicago to help quell unrest at the Democratic National Convention that year. In 1969, he helped bring attention to soldiers who faced court-martial for rioting over conditions in the stockade at Fort Dix, N.J.

In 1970, he published his autobiography, "Up Against the Brass." Reviewing the book in The New York Times, John Leonard wrote: "Mr. Stapp may have the political perceptions and the historical grasp of a kindergarten stormbird — really, all our founding fathers weren't slave owners and mainland China isn't exactly lotus-land — but he also has courage. Without his persistence, there would be considerably less civilian concern about Army practices."

Ms. Griswold, from whom Mr. Stapp had been separated for many years, said she did not think he had expected the Army to recognize the servicemen's union. But, she added, "I think he believed it would radicalize the people who knew about it."

Andrew Dean Stapp was born on March 25, 1944, in Philadelphia, to a military nurse who was not married. He spent the first year of his life in an orphanage before being adopted by William and Martha Stapp, an engineer and a homemaker who lived in Merion, Pa., a Philadelphia suburb. He grew up with an older brother, William, who was also adopted.

Mr. Stapp enrolled at Pennsylvania State University in 1963, interested in ancient history and largely apolitical. But his studies of the past sharpened his focus on the present, particularly the developing war in Vietnam.

He began consuming leftist literature and getting arrested at peace rallies. He dropped out of college. While many of his fellow antiwar activists moved to Canada, claimed conscientious-objector status or took other action to avoid serving, Mr. Stapp concluded that he could have the most impact in uniform.

He had burned his draft card in October 1965, which delayed his enlistment. But after convincing his local draft board that his intentions were good, he entered the Army on May 13, 1966.

David Cortright said he was an enlisted soldier opposed to the war when he read the Esquire article about Mr. Stapp in 1968.

"To me, it was like a light going off, like a flash of illumination, that maybe I could do the same," he said in an interview on Thursday. He organized protests against the war and went on to become a professor of peace studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Besides Ms. Griswold, Mr. Stapp's survivors include their daughter, Katherine Stapp, and a granddaughter. Complete information on his survivors was not immediately available.

The American Servicemen's Union faded along with the war in the 1970s. By the early 1980s, Mr. Stapp had found a job teaching history at the Hudson School in Hoboken, N.J. He worked there for more than a quarter-century.

### **TIMES STORY READER'S COMMENT:**

Sep 16, 2014 F-- via Military Law Task Force

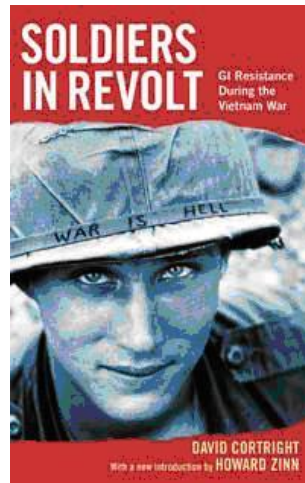
I remember "The Bond", which was the newspaper through which the "American Servicemen's Union" "organized" soldiers.



My epitaph for Andy would say he was gutsy, even if inept, and that newspapers like The Bond laid the groundwork for the incredibly successful Vietnam GI.

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# WHEN SOLDIERS STOPPED A WAR: THE QUASI-MUTINY



From: SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT, Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975

In July of 1970 at the pre-Vietnam jungle-operations training center in Fort Sherman, Canal Zone, forty combat officers sent a remarkable letter to their Commander-in-Chief.

**The soon- to-be combat leaders were not seeking to degrade the service or join the growing peace movement. Their letter did not directly criticize the war, and no copies were sent to the press. Rather, they wished to inform the President of “the extent of disaffection among the American troops” and the grave threat this posed to the military.**

**The young commanders relayed the perception that “the military, the leadership of this country—are perceived by many soldiers to be almost as much our enemy as the VC and the NVA” and cautioned that if the war continued, “young Americans in the military will simply refuse en masse to cooperate.”**

**The warning came too late, though, for by the time it was sent, the Army was already in an advanced state of decay, with many grunts in virtually open rebellion.**

The currents of unrest and dissension undermining American forces throughout the world surged together and were magnified in the crucible of Vietnam combat, effectively crippling U.S. military operations. Without resorting to outright insurrection, much of the American army in Vietnam refused to fight and staged a “quasi-mutiny.”

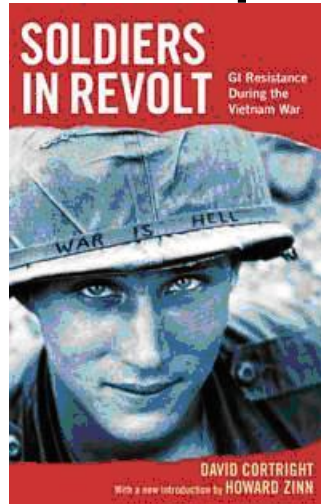
Subtly and without heroics, soldiers improvised means of shirking a despised mission and engaged in their own unofficial troop withdrawal.

The grunts’ rebellion seldom reached the stage of formal mutiny, assuming instead less-visible forms: “search and avoid” missions, with patrols intentionally skirting potential enemy clashes or halting a few yards beyond the defense perimeter for a three-day pot party; threats against commanders, often forcing officers and NCOs to worry more about their own men than the Vietnamese; defiance of authority, with GIs blatantly disregarding dress and hair regulations and military custom, and covert obstruction, ranging from intentional inefficiency on the job to major acts of sabotage.

The full story of the breakdown of the infantry has never been told, partly because its diffuse and anonymous nature defies precise definition and partly because reliable documentation is so difficult to obtain. Our examination will portray the world’s mightiest military force paralyzed by internal resistance.

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## **FREE TO ACTIVE DUTY: A Vietnam Soldier Wrote The Book All About How An Armed Forces Rebellion Stopped An Imperial War**



**SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT**

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PROJECT]**

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Military Resistance  
Box 126  
2576 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.  
10025-5657**

**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 injustices, 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.**

# **“Then Begins The Epoch Of Social Revolution”**

## **[Took Long Enough To Get Here]**

“At a certain stage of their development, the material productive forces of society come in conflict with the existing relations of production, or – what is but a legal expression for the same thing – with the property relations within which they have been at work hitherto.

“From forms of development of the productive forces these relations turn into their fetters.

“Then begins an epoch of social revolution.”

-- K. Marx and F. Engels, Selected Works, Vol. I.

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## **“Requirements To Become The Liberating Class Par Excellence”**

“No class in civil society can play this part unless it calls forth a phase of enthusiasm in its own ranks and those of the masses: a phase when it fraternizes and intermingles with society in general, is identified with society, is felt and recognized to be the universal representative of society, and when its own demands and rights are really the demands and rights of society itself, and it is in truth the social head and the social heart.

“Only in the name of society and its rights in general can a particular class vindicate its general domination. “The position of liberator cannot be taken by storm, simply through revolutionary energy and intellectual self-confidence.

“If the emancipation of a particular class is to be identified with the revolution of a people, if one social class is to be treated as the whole social order, then, on the other hand, all the deficiencies of society must be concentrated in another class; a definite class must be the universal stumbling-block, the embodiment of universal fetters ...

“If one class is to be the liberating class par excellence, then another class must contrariwise be the obvious subjugator.

“The general negative significance of the French aristocracy and clergy determined the general positive significance of the bourgeoisie, the class immediately confronting and opposing them.”

-- Karl Marx; Contribution to the Critique of the Hegelian Philosophy of Right (Deutsch-Französische Jahrbücher, 1844).

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# **Army Chooses New PT Uniform With Help Of No Soldier Feedback: “Our Soldiers Are Only Going To Wear The Most Ridiculous Nonsense If It’s Built By Companies Feasting Off The Contracts Doled Out By Criminal Acquisition Officers”**



Photo Credit: US Army

August 18, 2014 by Lee Ho Fuk, The Duffel Blog

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — A new physical training uniform is expected to be part of the U.S. Army wardrobe beginning in the 2016 fiscal year and is based on the rejected feedback of over 76,000 soldiers who took an online survey in February of 2012, Duffel Blog has learned.

“We started the new Army Physical Fitness Uniform Program to see what soldiers wanted us to buy with all the money we saved cutting their pay this year,” said Col. Robert Mortlock, program manager of Soldier Protection and Individual Equipment in Fort Belvoir. “Then we summarily dismissed all their input.”

Riding the wave of summer blockbuster movies based on comic book superheroes, soldiers wanted to cut a more heroic profile in public when bumming free meals at Applebees or Waffle House. Many submitted ideas for what they would like to wear, which were promptly rejected.

The first of the failed uniform concepts was based on Marvel's original "X-Men" comic book superheroes. Many proponents of this PT uniform considered the eye protection portion of Cyclops' uniform "sweet," but Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler immediately shot it down upon seeing the concept drawings.

"What kind of undisciplined nonsense is this," he asked the uniform board. "One has her hair all over the place, this other one isn't wearing shoes, some have eye pro and some don't. Heck no." The final nail in the coffin for the X-Men design was when Chandler realized the Cyclops eye pro wasn't on the [Authorized Protective Eyewear] list.

"If we wanted soldiers to look good in uniform we'd have stricter physical training standards in the first place," he said.

One uniform prototype was derived from the costume worn by real life crime fighter, Phoenix Jones, leader of the Rain City Superhero Movement out of Seattle, Washington.

"This jackass's outfit was immediately rejected," said Col. Mortlock. "He doesn't even know what city he lives in. I mean really, how about Seattle Jones? Tacoma Jones? Hell, our troops have a hard enough time with land nav as it is."

Other submissions were based on the popular Venture Bros cartoon series, while many others asked for a design based on Wasp, a member of the Avengers comic books heroes.

"We really liked the color scheme of the Wasp uniform," said Col Mortlock. "Not only was it Army colors, but black is so slimming."

While nearly being approved, Sgt. Maj. Chandler pointed out one glaring issue he had with the design, ending any chance the Wasp uniform concept had. "How many times do I have to say no wearing damn headphones in PT gear? If they have headphones on they won't be able to hear CSMs yelling at them to stay off the grass."

Col. Mortlock summed up the results of online survey with this remark: "Look, our Soldiers are only going to wear the most ridiculous nonsense if it's built by companies feasting off the contracts doled out by criminal acquisition officers."

Also, we had to approve a design that still required everyone to wear reflective belts 24 hours a day. The damn lobby of the reflective belt-industrial complex is stifling."

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**September 20, 1830:  
Honorable Anniversary:**

# **“A Group Of 38 Free Black Americans From Eight States, Met In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, With The Express Purpose Of Abolishing Slavery”**



Richard Allen

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**The National Negro Convention, a group of 38 free black Americans from eight states, met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with the express purpose of abolishing slavery and improving the social status of African Americans.**

**They elected Richard Allen president and agreed to boycott slave-produced goods and encourage free-produce organizations. The most active would be the Colored Female Free Produce Society, which urged the boycott of all slave-produced goods.**

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September 20, 1830

On this date in 1830, the National Negro Convention met in Philadelphia, PA. This group gathered for the express purpose of abolishing slavery and improving the status of African Americans.

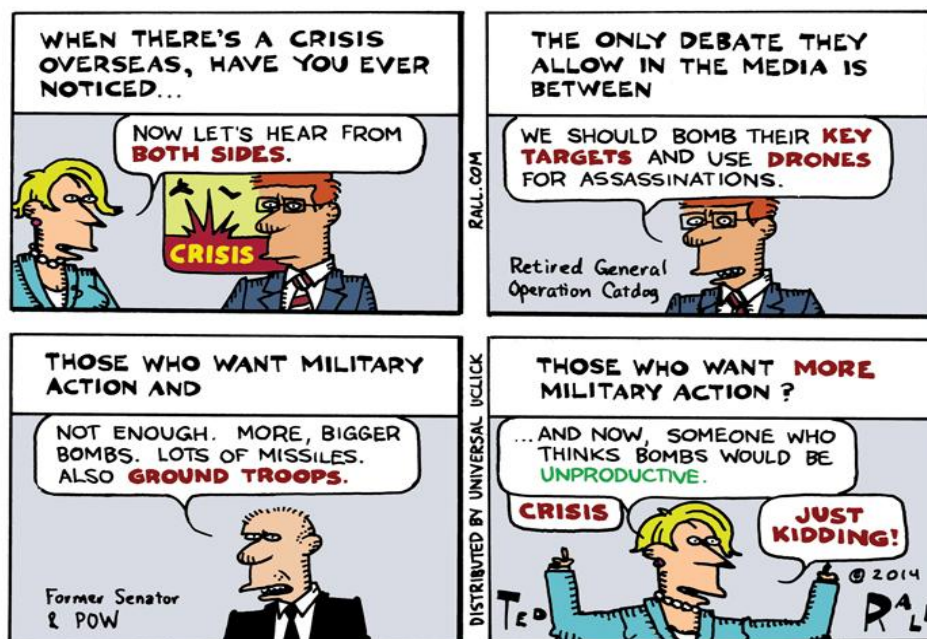
This first meeting of the National Negro Convention would initiate a trend that would continue for the next three decades.



The formation of another organization had been recommended one which would be called the "American Society of Free Persons of Labor." This group would branch out to several states and hold their own conventions.

These, in turn, would lead to the formation of other organizations. The number of conventions, held at local, state, and national levels, blossomed to such a level that, in 1859, one paper would report that "colored conventions are almost as frequent as church meetings."

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# OCCUPATION PALESTINE



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## Heroic Zionist Forces Attack Unarmed Palestinian Fishermen, As Usual

09/09/2014 Ma'an

GAZA CITY

Israeli naval forces early Tuesday detained four Palestinian fishermen off the coast of the northern Gaza Strip, a Ma'an reporter said.

Israeli gunboats intercepted a Palestinian fishing boat near Beit Lahiya and detained four fishermen from the al-Sultan family, taking them to an unknown location.

An Israeli army spokeswoman told Ma'an Israeli naval forces "identified two vessels" that were outside of the "permitted fishing zone" in the area, saying they were further than six miles from shore.

The forces called on the boats to stop, fired warning shots into the air, shot "toward the vicinity of the vessels," and then took the fishermen for "questioning," the spokeswoman said.

Last Wednesday, Israeli forces detained two Palestinian fishermen in the same area.

Since the signing of a ceasefire agreement that ended 50 days of fighting between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants in Gaza on Aug. 26, the Israeli navy has in at least three instances fired at Gaza fishermen under the pretext that they had surpassed fishing zone limits.

**Last Tuesday, fishermen told Ma'an Israeli forces fired at them with machine guns while they were fishing well within the six-mile limit near Rafah, in an apparent breach of the ceasefire deal.**

The Israeli army confirmed the incident at the time but said only warning shots had been fired and that the fishermen were further than six miles from shore.

**The Aug. 26 agreement stipulated that Israel would immediately expand the fishing zone off Gaza's coast, allowing fishermen to sail as far as six nautical miles from shore, and would continue to expand the area gradually.**

Under the terms of the deal, Israel also agreed to ease its siege on the coastal enclave.

Prior to the recent agreement, Israeli forces maintained a limit of three nautical miles on all Gaza fishermen, opening fire at fishermen who strayed further, despite earlier agreements which had settled on a 20-mile limit.

The restrictions crippled Gaza's fishing industry and impoverished local fishermen.

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## **Occupation Forces Attack The Funeral Procession Of Slain Jerusalem Teenager Abd Al-Majid Sunuqrut: “Sunuqrut Was Shot Last Monday By Israeli Forces As He Was Talking On The Phone”**

09/08/2014 Ma'an

JERUSALEM -- Israeli forces attacked the funeral procession of slain Jerusalem teenager Abd al-Majid Sunuqrut after mourners marched from his hometown of Wadi Joz to the al-Aqsa mosque on Monday.

Mourners raised Palestinian flags and after they left the mosque, Israeli forces fired stun grenades, tear gas, and rubber-coated steel bullets toward them near al-Sahira gate.

Clashes also broke out along Salah al-Din street in Jerusalem.

There were no immediate reports of injury.

The clashes shut down traffic throughout much of occupied East Jerusalem.

Jerusalem has been rocked by protests for two days after news broke that the teenager died from injuries sustained when he was shot last week by Israeli border police.

On Sunday, police said Palestinians threw stones and firecrackers at officers in Wadi Joz and the Issawiya and al-Tur districts of East Jerusalem and stoned civilian traffic.

They also threw petrol bombs at a petrol station on the edge of the East Jerusalem Israeli settlement of French Hill, setting a pump on fire.

Police said they responded to the unrest with unspecified "riot dispersal" weapons.

No serious injuries were reported on either side.

Muhammad Abd al-Majid Sunuqrut was shot last Monday by Israeli forces as he was talking on the phone in Wadi al-Joz in what his father at the time told Ma'an was an "unprovoked attack."

Police said Sunuqrut was shot in the leg with a sponge grenade -- intended to be a non-lethal form of crowd control -- while rioting, but his family said he was shot in the head on his way to the mosque.

Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the border police had identified Sunuqrut as being "involved in rioting" and he was "shot in the leg" with the projectile, which has a foam-rubber nose atop a high-density plastic body and is fired from a grenade launcher.

Despite being hit, Sunuqrut attempted to flee but he "fell and then was transferred to Maqased hospital," Rosenfeld said.

Rosenfeld said the teen must have hit his head when he fell. He said the justice ministry's internal affairs unit was looking into the incident, in what he described as "standard procedure" for such cases.

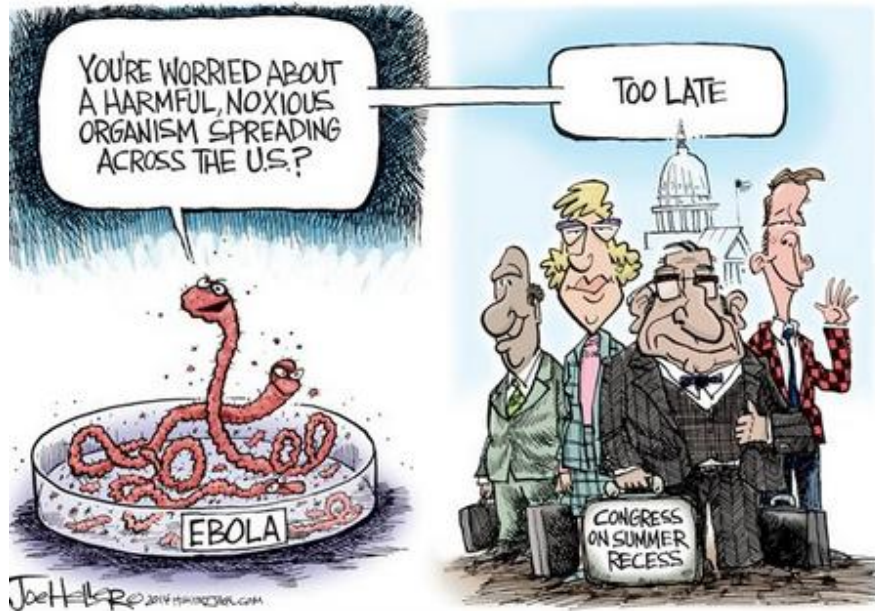
After initial treatment in Maqased hospital in East Jerusalem, he was transferred to Hadassah Ein Kerem in west Jerusalem where he was pronounced dead on Sunday.

A hospital spokeswoman said his body was being transferred to the Abu Kabir forensic institute in Tel Aviv for an autopsy.

Over 770 Palestinians have been detained in East Jerusalem following widespread demonstrations in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Shufat after the murder of teenager Muhammad Abu Khdeir on July 2.

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