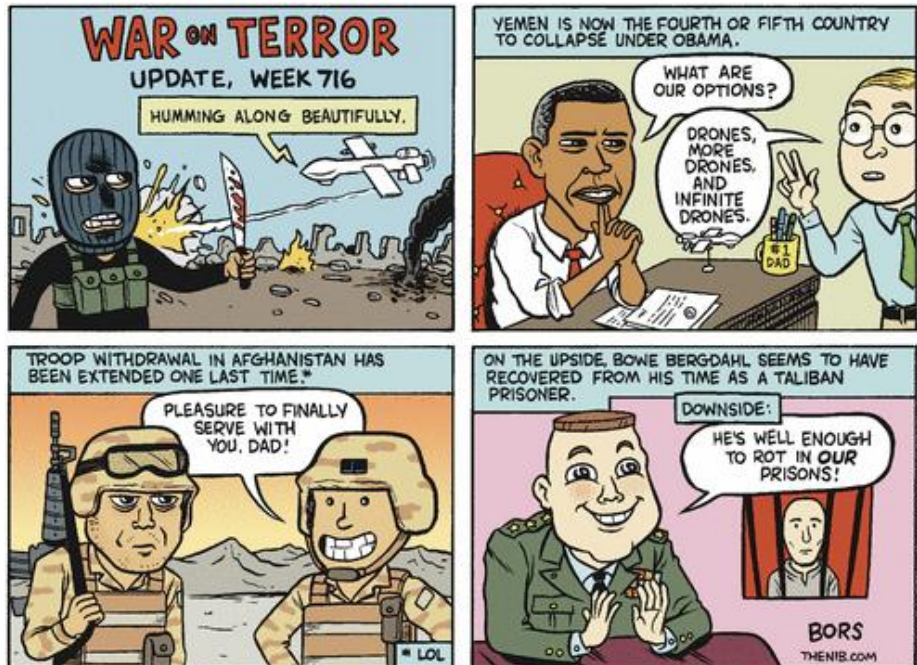


## Military Resistance 13D4



## Afghan Government Offensive Fails To Take Critical Territory From Taliban:

- “Anyone With Ties To The Government Has Fled Sangin”
- “The Entire District Is In Hands Of The Taliban”
- “The Government Only Controls The District’s Bazaar And Parts Of The Asphalted Road”

April 10, 2015 By Habib Khan Totakhil And Margherita Stancati. Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

**KABUL—Afghan troops have stumbled in their much-publicized efforts to drive the Taliban out of a territory seen as critical to preserving the government’s hold in southern Afghanistan.**

In February, the Afghan military launched a large-scale offensive in the northern part of Helmand province, in what officials billed as a demonstration of the government’s resolve to fight the Taliban in their heartland. The offensive, called Operation Zulfikar, focused on clearing areas around the district of Sangin, long a stronghold of the insurgency.

While the Afghan military is claiming progress, residents of Sangin complain the army withdrew from parts of the district too soon, allowing the militants to return.

“They handed Sangin back to the Taliban,” said a local police commander. Much of the fighting is being shouldered by locally recruited policemen like him, who receive less training and are more poorly equipped than soldiers or regular policemen.

“If we hand over Sangin to the Taliban, then what was the point of Operation Zulfikar?” the local police commander said. “Then all the people who were killed while fighting the Taliban died for nothing.”

**The Kabul government says Afghan forces are in full control of the district.**

“The enemy’s backbone was broken in Sangin,” says Dawlat Waziri, a spokesman for the Ministry of Defense.

**But interviews with people on the ground in Sangin reveal a different picture.**

Several local policemen and other residents say many of the Taliban who escaped the district during the offensive are now back, and that the militant group now controls most of the district.

**“The entire district is in hands of the Taliban. The government only controls the district’s bazaar and parts of the asphalted road,” said Abdul Razik Sarwani, a local police commander in Sangin.**

“This operation didn’t deal a blow to the Taliban—only civilians suffered.”

Sangin has been the site of repeated battles against the Taliban, with U.S. and British troops suffering some of the highest casualties of the war there, even as parts of the district continued to elude government control.

The recent violence has taken a huge toll on the population, with thousands fleeing the district and scores injured or killed. With the casualties mounting, many locals question whether the operation was even worth it.

“The people are hopeless, and they have no faith in the government,” said an official from the district.

**“Anyone with ties to the government has fled Sangin.”**

A group of Helmand-based civil society activists said in a public statement that 1,500 families have escaped the district so far.

“How much longer will our people suffer?” asks a member of Helmand’s provincial council, Attaullah Afghan, in a video he uploaded on Facebook. “Our people have paid a heavy price for Operation Zulfikar.”

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

## **MILITARY NEWS**

# **Groundhog Day: 1,250 More From Fort Drum Deploying To Iraq; SecDef And Commander 1st BCT Babble Usual Stale Stupid Empty Bullshit**

April 13, 2015 by Andrew Tilghman and Michelle Tan, Army Times [Excerpts]

About 1,250 soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division will deploy to Iraq later this year, officials said.

The soldiers from the division’s 1st Brigade Combat Team will deploy in August or September, said Maj. Josh Jacques, a spokesman for the division.

The Fort Drum, New York-based soldiers are expected to deploy for nine months, and they will replace paratroopers from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne Division, who have been in Iraq since January, Jacques said.

The announcement about the soldiers’ upcoming deployment came as new Defense Secretary Ash Carter visited Fort Drum on March 30.

Carter thanked the troops for their service during his first domestic trip since being sworn in on March 6.

“Some of you are recently back from Afghanistan. Some of you are off again to Afghanistan,” Carter said.

“And some of you — and this is important — will be going to Iraq, to train, advise and assist the Iraqi security forces so that they can be the force that sustains the defeat of ISIL after ISIL is defeated, which it will be.

“But in order to sustain that defeat, we need a force on the ground, and that’s what you’ll be helping to create.”

Carter acknowledged the troops’ sacrifices, especially after more than a decade of war.

“I know it’s not easy,” he said. “We’re asking a lot of you. That’s why regionally aligned forces are going to be so important to our future. You all will continue to be, on our behalf, globally engaged, and I know that’s challenging, but it’s also incredibly important.”

Col. Mark O’Donnell, commander of 1st BCT, said in a statement that his soldiers were ready for the Iraq mission.

“This brigade has a history of excelling in whatever mission we’re given, so I expect our troops to do well by helping to train, advise and assist the Iraqi and peshmerga forces in the defeat of ISIL,” O’Donnell said. “We recently completed training at the Joint Readiness Training Center, so our soldiers and families are fully prepared to succeed knowing that we’re one of the most-trained and ready forces in our Army.”

The brigade’s last deployment, which ended in the fall of 2013, was a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan.

There are almost 3,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, most of them soldiers.

The paratroopers from 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne deployed in late January as part of a 1,500-troop increase authorized last November by President Obama as the U.S. expanded its fight against the terrorist group.

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## **Many Wisconsin Veterans And Civilians Killed By “Candy Land”**

# **VA Hospital In Tomah Named “Candy Land” For “Skyrocketing Rate Of Opiate Prescriptions” “Veterans Called Chief Of Staff Psychiatrist Houlihan The ‘Candy Man’”**

## **“Opiate Prescriptions Quintupled Between 2004, The Year Before Houlihan Became Chief Of Staff, And 2012”**



Dr. David Houlihan AKA Candy Man

March 30, 2015 By Aaron Glantz, Center for Investigative Reporting via The Stevens Point Journal. Chris Hubbuch of the La Crosse Tribune contributed reporting to this story. This story was edited by Amy Pyle and copy edited by Sheela Kamath and Nikki Frick, with additional editing by Peter Wasson of Gannett Wisconsin Media.

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MARSHFIELD, Wis. — On a clear August morning in 2009, Amish carpenter William Miller and his family climbed into their black horse-drawn buggy and headed to the nearest big-box store, a 16-mile journey from their Clark County farm to Marshfield that takes them two hours.

They never made it.

Less than a mile from their destination, the buggy was rear-ended by a 1997 Dodge Caravan. The van wasn't moving fast, but as it passed by it suddenly swerved, knocking the carriage on its side. Miller and his son, John, were fine. But his wife, Elizabeth, who

was cradling 6-week-old Ada Mae, was thrown from the carriage and landed on top of her daughter.

Ada Mae stopped breathing. An autopsy would list the cause of death as "crush injury to the chest."

A year later, after the driver pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide, William Miller wrote to the sentencing judge. "Words like grief, helplessness, anxiety, fear and lonesomeness come to mind," he wrote. "I would have scarcely thought it possible such a small infant could have left such a void. And the consequences and results have been far reaching and long lasting."

**At first glance, the 2009 accident that killed Ada Mae would seem to have nothing to do with problems 60 miles away at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in Tomah, which earned the nickname "Candy Land" for its skyrocketing rate of opiate prescriptions.**

**Some veterans called its chief of staff, psychiatrist Dr. David Houlihan, the "Candy Man."**

**He was in charge for nearly a decade — and was one of the hospital's top prescribers.**

**But the man behind the wheel of the Dodge van that day was a Marine Corps veteran, and he was stoned on painkillers and tranquilizers from the Tomah VA.**

Brian Witkus was a known addict who "would fall or injure himself," court records say, to get "more pills or a higher dose of medication."

**His doctor, Witkus says, was Houlihan.**

**Ada Mae's death is one of dozens of tragedies that begin to hint at how the flood of narcotics from the VA scarred central Wisconsin, according to the Stevens Point Journal.**

### **“The Collateral Damage Ranges From Distraught Sisters To Fatherless Children And Dead Girlfriends”**

**It begins with the veterans themselves, who have become addled and addicted and who have overdosed.**

**The collateral damage ranges from distraught sisters to fatherless children and dead girlfriends.**

**Patients of the Tomah VA have been arrested for dealing drugs, brandishing firearms in bars and passing out in the middle of the street.**

One totaled her truck and her car on her way to the VA.

Out in the community, police and prosecutors know these men and women so well that they refer to them by street names like "Turtle," "Airman," "Black Mark" and "Detroit."

**Inside the hospital's brick walls, psychologists, nurses, social workers and the VA police just call them "Houlihan's Hooligans."**

A search of Tomah police records by The Center for Investigative Reporting and the La Crosse Tribune found that employees at the Tomah VA called 911 more than 2,000 times in the past five years, seeking police help with cases of battery and burglary, an attempted kidnapping and 24 unexpected deaths.

Dr. G. Caleb Alexander, co-director of the Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, has studied the widespread damage caused by opiates, which he attributes to their addictive potential and their ability to impair judgment.

"When these drugs are overprescribed, it's a problem with both direct consequences and direct potential risks, but also for the broader ripple effects that this overuse has on friends and family members and the broader communities of which they are a part," Alexander said.

**In January, CIR disclosed that the number of opiate prescriptions at the Tomah VA had more than quintupled between 2004, the year before Houlihan became chief of staff, and 2012 — and that the federal government had all but ignored the problem for years.**

Reached on his cellphone, Houlihan said he has been told not to talk while investigations into his prescription practices and management style are underway.

**On March 10, the VA announced he had been placed on administrative leave after a preliminary review found that Tomah patients were 2.5 times more likely than the national average to receive high doses of opiates.**

**The internal investigation also found that veterans' medications were not changed even "in the face of aberrant behavior."**

**Yet neither the VA's internal investigation nor any of the five other federal and state government inquiries launched in the past two months will begin to trace the insidious way the lack of VA oversight harmed a swath of Wisconsin, reaching from Tomah to Milwaukee, nearly 200 miles away.**

### **Meet The Dead:**

Angela Colby died eight years ago after she overdosed on oxycodone.

The pills were not hers; they were prescribed to her boyfriend, an Afghanistan War veteran, by Houlihan. Colby was 23.

Police arrived at the couple's studio apartment in Wausau before dawn to find Colby's boyfriend, Matthew Schuster, crying hysterically. He had called 911, he said, after

finding Colby cold and without a pulse. He told the officers that the two had fallen asleep watching television and he hadn't noticed anything out of the ordinary until he returned to bed after grabbing a middle-of-the-night snack.

But when officers looked around the apartment, they quickly spotted signs of something amiss.

The trash can was full of pill bottles from the VA. There were also tubes from ballpoint pens, minus the ink, used to snort the pills.

When police took Schuster back to the station, he told them that Colby had been snorting his medication.

Over the next few weeks, police in Wausau continued to investigate Colby's death and eventually referred the case to the district attorney, who declined to prosecute.

The rub, Wausau Police Chief Jeff Hardel now believes, is that the drugs were obtained legally.

"We have a major problem with prescription drug abuse, but I don't think we have a handle on it like we do with heroin and meth," Hardel said.

If heroin had been in the apartment, arresting Schuster would have been the logical course of action, Hardel said. But the VA had prescribed all of the drugs that officers found in his apartment. Investigating Houlihan, Hardel said, never occurred to him.

Court records and police reports contain four phone numbers for Schuster. All were disconnected.

Colby's death is one of at least five fatal overdoses with direct links to the Tomah VA while Houlihan was in charge.

Some, like Colby, overdosed primarily on prescription medications.

**That was true for Jason Simcakoski, a 35-year-old former Marine from Stevens Point who died in the Tomah VA's psychiatric ward in August after Houlihan agreed that the opiate Suboxone should be added to a prescribed mixture of 14 medications.**

**Other deaths happened when prescription abuse accelerated into heroin addiction.**

**This progression, seen around the country, contributes to a fatal overdose rate among VA patients that the agency's researchers have pegged at twice the national average.**

"The effects produced by oxycodone and hydrocodone are indistinguishable from the effects produced by heroin," said psychiatrist Dr. Andrew Kolodny, chief medical officer of Phoenix House, which runs more than 100 drug treatment clinics nationwide.



Jacob Ward, 27, overdosed on heroin and cocaine in a Milwaukee apartment in September 2013.

He was a patient at the Tomah VA, too, and his parents said he first was exposed to opiates in the psychiatric ward overseen by Houlihan.

On Oct. 8, 2012, 5-year-old Danielle Bobak awoke to find her father, Marine Corps veteran Michael Bobak, dead alongside his girlfriend, Tracey Small, in their home a half-mile from the hospital.

A toxicology report by the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health found that both had lethal doses of heroin in their systems, but Michael Bobak also had a long list of prescription painkillers and tranquilizers in his urine.

"He was supposed to take his daughter to preschool," said Michael Bobak's father, Cecil. "Instead, he was dead."

The day before he died at 26, Derik McGovern joined his three sisters and his mother for dinner at his grandmother's house. They shucked corn and put it on the grill with brats and hamburgers.

McGovern had faced his share of problems after he deployed to Iraq in 2008. He told family members that he had been shot in the stomach and a roadside bomb had wrecked his knee. VA doctors performed a series of surgeries on his knee, but his sister Hannah said the main treatment her big brother received was oxycodone.

"He was gone a lot," Hannah, 14, said in a Facebook message.

"He got addicted. They gave him however many he asked for."

On July 1, 2014, McGovern died alone in his Tomah apartment of a heroin overdose, leaving behind an infant son, Lucian. McGovern's roommate found him. His arms, the autopsy report later said, were covered in track marks.

### **"Your Own Chief Of Psychiatry Hands Out Narcotics Like They're Candy"**

The tendrils of narcotic abuse crept inside the Tomah VA itself. In recent years, police reports and court records show veterans repeatedly have been caught with drugs on hospital grounds, sometimes even selling their recently filled prescriptions, while addicts have preyed on other patients and hospital staff.

Derik McGovern's roommate, Damien Ehlert, was among those arrested for dealing prescribed narcotics. In December 2013, VA police stopped Ehlert's maroon Ford truck after he swerved erratically on hospital grounds.

When police asked him why a bottle of oxycodone prescribed the day before was empty, Ehlert said he had been selling the VA-prescribed narcotics in front of the hospital's addiction treatment center.

Betty Sumiec is one of the victims of an addicted veteran. In February, the retired dairy farmer came to the Tomah VA to visit her husband, Edwin, an 88-year-old Army veteran who is paralyzed from the waist down.

Sumiec left her husband's room for a few minutes. When she returned, all her money was gone. VA police tracked down the thief in the parking lot. He was a 32-year-old Iraq War veteran with convictions for cocaine and heroin possession.

"He was a nice, fine-looking kid, but he talked funny," Betty Sumiec said. "The police said he was a druggie. That's why he talked the way he did."

The perpetrator, Jacob Zimmerman, pleaded guilty to petty theft and was granted leniency on the condition that he apologize to Betty Sumiec. But she says that apology never came.

Five months after the theft, a police officer in Adams, Wisconsin, found Zimmerman passed out in the middle of the street with a .40-caliber Smith & Wesson handgun sticking out of the bottom of his shorts. Zimmerman told police that he wasn't sure how he ended up with the gun. Perhaps someone drugged him, he said.

Timothy Benton goes by the street name "Turtle." Hospital staff have been concerned about the Marine Corps veteran since at least July 2013, when a medical resident complained that Benton, then 33, "approached him in the elevator and asked him to 'get high.'" The exchange was caught on security cameras.

Officers also tracked Benton down in the VA parking lot, where he was cutting his toenails with a knife next to his Ford Ranger pickup, with a pit bull in the cab.

When one of the officers asked to search his backpack, Benton said, "All I have is extra clothes," according to court records. But inside, they found a hypodermic needle, pen tubes and cotton balls — all covered in an unidentified fine residue.

Ehlert, Zimmerman and Benton could not be reached for comment.

The dangers posed by the criminal activity created considerable tension between Houlihan and the police who patrol the hospital.

Lori Hensley, chief steward of the American Federation of Government Employees local that represents rank-and-file officers at the facility, traces the law-breaking to a policy Houlihan implemented in 2010. It required his approval before any veteran could be arrested on the premises.

The policy also required that any prescriptions had to be written and ready to go before a veteran could be arrested.

On Dec. 6, 2010, Hensley wrote to Houlihan to protest, labeling her email: "VA Police Officer Safety Concerns."

The "time it takes to get this type of communication completed could put many at high risk of getting hurt," Hensley wrote. "What happened to past practice in which our highly trained professional VA Police Officers were given authority to intervene as needed?"

Houlihan brushed those concerns aside. "The veterans are patients above all," he emailed back a half hour later. "That they are in a hospital is an indication that they are in a potential state of crisis. To arrest without taking this into consideration puts the veteran at risk."

Current and former employees also tried to go above Houlihan. They wrote to their congressmen and senators, filed whistleblower complaints, even exchanged emails directly with VA Secretary Robert McDonald.

Fed up, nursing assistant Janelle Arnold said that last year, she confronted Houlihan's boss, Mario DeSanctis, director of the Tomah VA.

She called Houlihan the Candy Man, she remembered, telling DeSanctis: "Your own chief of psychiatry hands out narcotics like they're candy. ... I know I've had people come to me and say that they can get narcotics from him."

But DeSanctis, she said, "sat back in his chair and laughed."

DeSanctis, however, says no one used the phrase "Candy Land" or "Candy Man" in his presence before CIR revealed widespread problems at the hospital in January.

On Friday, the VA told Congress that DeSanctis "has been reassigned to a position at the Great Lakes Health Care System network office, a position outside of the Medical Center."

### **Baby Ada Mae Miller's Killer "Remembers Houlihan As A Good Doctor"**

The body of baby Ada Mae Miller is buried in a simple grave a half-mile from the Millers' family farm. The buggy was fixed long ago. More than five years after Witkus took his daughter's life, William Miller said his family has begun to recover.

"Obviously, you never forget," he said, his voice quavering with emotion, "but we don't live in the fear and dread that we did after the first months."

Miller was not aware that drugs were a factor in the crash, and he declined to discuss the role VA-prescribed painkillers could have played in the accident beyond saying that "abusing narcotics is wrong. If he was doing it, that was a factor in the accident, that's why he was convicted in court."

Religion offers some solace. "Perspective brings compassion," Miller said. "We believe in allowing God control of our life. Why he allowed this to happen, we won't know until the other side. The only thing for us to do is accept and move on."

As for Witkus, he served three years in prison and was released after completing a drug rehab program. Today, he lives in a halfway house in Wausau. His beard is gray, his face haggard and he walks with a cane.

His main complaint is that as a condition of his parole, he is no longer allowed to take tranquilizers, while the amount of painkillers he's being prescribed has been cut in half.

He remembers Houlihan as a good doctor.

"He was pretty understanding," Witkus said. "He didn't really push the meds on me. I think he's an awesome doctor."

During a 45-minute conversation in January, Witkus never mentioned the Millers' baby.

Asked if he had anything else he wanted to say, he brought up a conversation he once had with a psychiatrist.

"I had a psychiatrist when I was in prison over in Jackson County, over in Black River Falls," he said. "She was a student and she asked me, she says, 'With all your bad things that happened to you, what would you change in your life?' I said, 'Ma'am, I would not change a thing.' "

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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**

**He is whipped oftenest, who is whipped easiest.  
-- Frederick Douglass; My Bondage And My Freedom**

## **Full Disclosure**

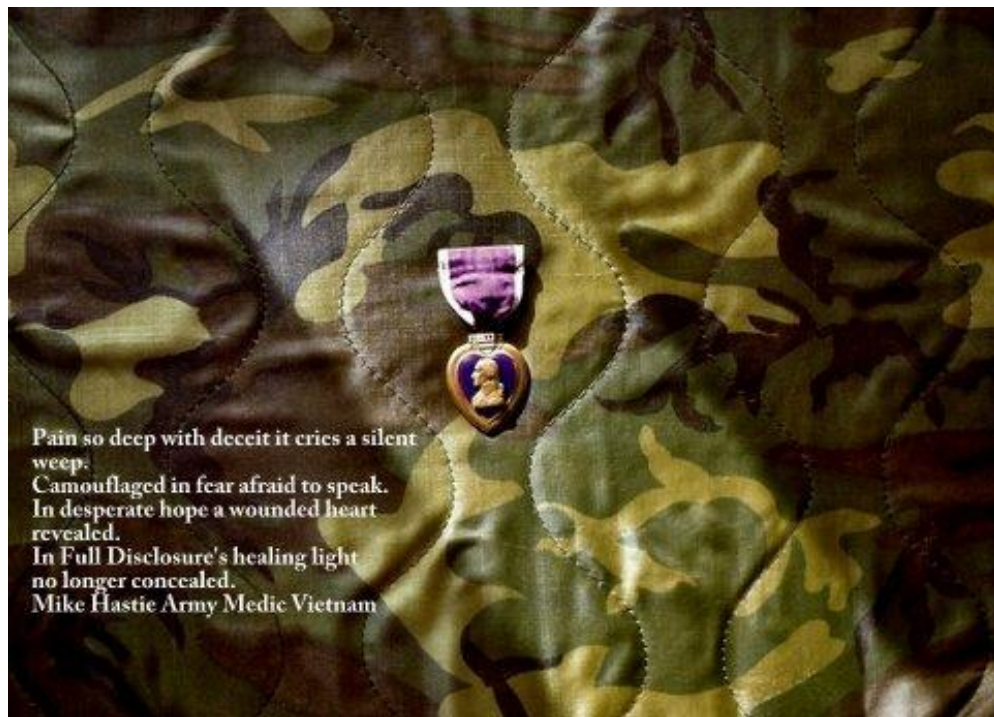


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From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: April 11, 2015  
Subject: Full Disclosure

**It is the writer's duty to tell the terrible truth,  
and it is a reader's civic duty to learn this truth.  
To turn away, to close one's eyes and walk past  
is to insult the memory of those who have perished.  
Vasily Grossman**

**Whenever the truth threatens one's core beliefs,**

there is an urgent instinct to deny its reality. That is why history repeats itself.

Mike Hastie

Army Medic Vietnam

April 10, 2015

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

## 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.**

# **Srebrenica -- Ode To Carla Del Ponte: She Was The Only One Who Listened The Only One Who Cared For The Mothers Of Srebrenica**

July 11, 2013 by Francis A. Boyle, Attorney for the Mothers Of Srebrenica; Peace  
Palace Library

[ICTY: International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia]

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## **Srebrenica: Ode To Carla Del Ponte**

There she sat

In her Hague Office

Newly ensconced

third ICTY Prosecutor

Tough as Nails

Having just gone after

The Russian Mob

In Switzerland

At risk to her life

we could get somewhere with her

Unlike her two predecessors

Both Judges

Your Honor This, and Your Honor That  
Excuse me Your Honor  
While I blow a fart  
  
There I am  
With the 3 Presidents  
Of the Mothers of Srebrenica and Podrinja  
Arguing that she should indict  
U.N. Officials  
And Slobodan Milosevic  
For the Massacre at Srebrenica  
  
You see Clinton's Richard Holbrooke  
Had given Milosevic  
A get out of jail free card  
So long as he signed Dayton  
That was honored by Carla's  
Two Flatulent Predecessors  
But I figured Holbrooke would cut no ice  
With the Prosecutor of the Russian Mob  
  
At the end of an hour  
We asked Carla to visit  
All the Mothers of Srebrenica  
In Vogosca, near Sarajevo  
Where they had all been forced to retreat  
After the genocidal massacre



Carla accepted our invitation  
said she would look into our complaint.  
True to her word, nine months later  
She was in Sarajevo to meet with the Mothers

As I landed at the airport, a crisis ensued  
The UN Bureaucrats had sabotaged Vogosca  
Consciousness of Guilt  
What should we do?

If Muhammed cannot go to the Mountain  
Then bring the Mountain to Muhammed  
Bus the Mothers into Sarajevo  
6 a.m. sharp  
We will mount a demonstration  
In front of the fortified UN Compound  
So it was done.

230 Mothers showed up for the task  
All dressed in their colored, long flowing dresses  
Down to their ankles  
Wearing Babushkas

These were sturdy farming women  
Not the slim femmes fatales of Sarajevo  
Dressed in their latest Paris chic  
Used to plowing fields

*Herding Cows*

With their now dead husbands and sons  
On the Killing Fields of Srebrenica

A formidable army indeed.

They were mad

They wanted justice

And they wanted it now

No Justice, No Peace!

Don't cross these Mothers!

8 am limousine pulled up

With tinted windows

slowly parted our midst

UN gates swung open and closed

we continued our protest

*No justice, no peace!*

Around 830 we got the call

Carla would see the Lawyer

And our 3 Presidents

The UN Goon frisked us all

An insult to the Mothers

While waiting in the Lobby

I spied Jacques Klein

Clinton's Administrator for Bosnia

So I went to say hi and ask for his help

He threw a temper tantrum

*Right there* in front of his staff

Embarrassing them all

*More Consciousness of Guilt*

What do the Mothers of Srebrenica want?

Klein bellowed at the top of his lungs

I turned away in disgust

Justice, it was clear, that was all

typical American Imperial Baboon

The Ugly American

We walked up to see Carla

Surrounded by her male staff

Before we could sit down and me say hello

Carla told me:

I have seen the women

I will hear them all out

I will order the guards to open the gate

We will get a hall and meet them all there

*Astounding!*

I walked back to the Mothers

Announcing the Joyous News

The UN Gates Flung Open

*A parting of the seas*

We all marched in *en masse*

*No frisking this time*

Me at the head of my Srebrenican Women

I felt like Moses leading his people to the promised land

There in the Hall was Carla in front

Surrounded on both sides by her men

I made a few words of greeting

Then turned it over to the Mothers of Srebrenica

For two and one half hours

They vented their spleens

Suffering and horror *and death*

and loneliness and disgust *and terror*

They wanted to take out the Serb Leaders

String them all up by their short and curlies

draw and quarter them

*then* hang them out to dry

I understood why

When they had all said what they had come to say

It was my turn to retrieve the day

Madame Del Ponte, you have heard many terrible things

But I know the Bosnians

I have worked with them for years

They are a peaceful people

They are a just people,  
But If there is no justice, there will be no peace  
That is where you come in  
You must give them justice!

Carla looked at me and replied  
Yes, that is clear  
Then rose to address the Mothers  
I agree with you  
A genocide occurred here  
She would do something about it  
The Mothers were satisfied  
The First Time Ever

Woman to woman  
Mother to Mother  
Daughter to Daughter  
Wife to Wife  
Sister to Sister

Carla had bonded  
With the Mothers of Srebrenica

True to her word  
Carla indicted Slobodan  
For every crime in the ICTY Statute  
Including two counts of genocide  
One for Bosnia

The other for Srebrenica

While her predecessors had farted

Carla acted

*Turned over by his own people*

Milosevic went on trial at The Hague

Carla opened it up

The Mothers were there for the Justice

When the Prosecution had ended their case

Milosevic moved to dismiss all charges

Denied by the Judge, including the 2 genocides

We all waited with baited breath

For Milosevic to open his case

Implicating the Internationals

In his hideous crimes

Bush Sr and Clinton

Major and Blair

Hurd, and Hogg

Owen and Stoltenberg

Boutros Ghali, Kofi Anan,

Akashi and Bildt

The Unprincipled Wimp Warren Christopher

Whom I had crossed swords with before

most of all Holbrooke

Slobo's boon companion

Whiskey Drinking Partners at Dayton

**Then all of a sudden**

**out of nowhere**

**Milosevic Mysteriously died**

**Taking his genocidal secrets**

**With him To his grave**

**A collective sigh of relief went out**

**All over the Capitals and Fleshpots of the West**

**In Washington, and Paris,**

**and London and New York**

**and Brussels at least**

***How convenient***

Milosevic was found guilty in his next life

*By the Ultimate Judge*

May he rot in purgatory for 8000 million years

Ditto for Holbrooke

As for Carla: STOLAT!

She brought Milosevic to Justice

She was the only one who listened

The only one who cared

*For the Mothers of Srebrenica*

*Abandoned and Betrayed*

*By the Complicit Male Chauvinist Pigs*

*In Their Own Government*

May Carla live forever

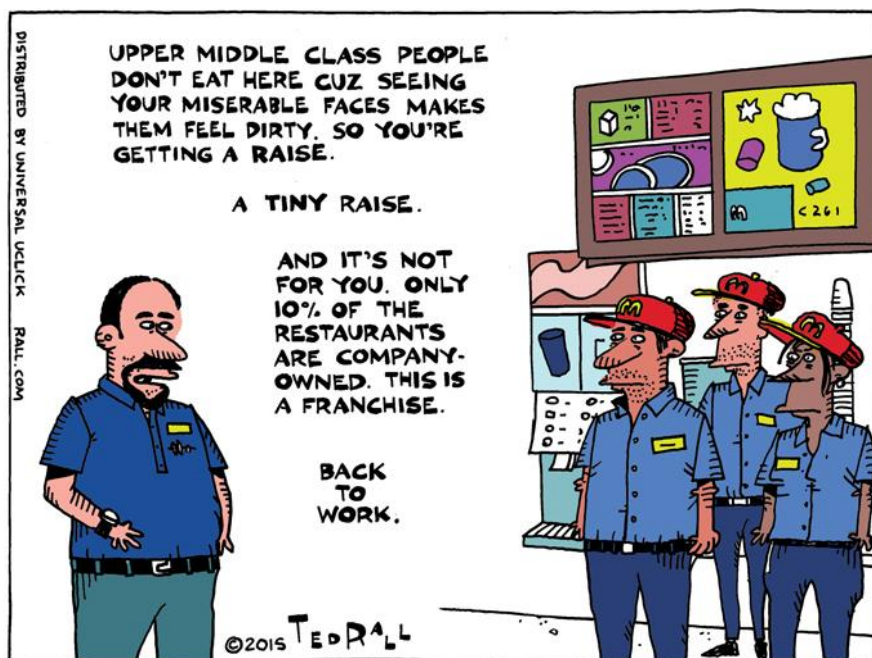
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## CLASS WAR REPORTS



**Huge Mexican Farm Workers Strike “At The Peak Of The Winter Harvest Season”**



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“Their Fight Continues. It’s A Fight Against The Greed Of Big American Corporations”**



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Thousands of farm workers in the Mexican state of Baja California walked out of the fields on Tuesday, March 17, at the peak of the winter harvest season.

This strike pits against each other two diametrically-opposed social forces.

On the one side, there are some of the biggest and richest companies in the world. The large farms in Baja, about 200 miles south of San Diego, specialize entirely in produce for the U.S. market – for big companies that we all know: Walmart, Safeway, Kroger,

Albertsons, and others. Mexico's produce exports to the U.S. are a business worth more than 7.5 billion US dollars a year.

On the other side are fruit pickers, the vast majority of whom are indigenous people from the southern states of Mexico.

Many of them are illiterate and don't even speak much Spanish. Trying to escape extreme poverty, they have migrated hundreds of miles north, only to be caught up in extremely bad working and living conditions.

**The companies pay the fruit pickers as low as 7 dollars a day for more than 10 hours of back-breaking work in the sun – if they pay them at all.**

**The bosses often withhold the pickers' wages in order to keep them on the farm until the harvest is completed.**

**Many of the dorms where workers sleep have no beds, no electricity, no running water, no functioning toilets. The farms are in effect prison camps, surrounded by barbed wire and patrolled by armed guards.**

**Child labor is rampant. Farm bosses harass and assault women workers, without fear of criminal charges.**

**Any worker who complains, let alone tries to organize, risks being fired and blacklisted.**

**In fact, the companies that run the farms break dozens of labor and criminal laws every day.**

**The authorities not only don't prosecute company officials, they in fact work for the companies themselves.**

For example, when police catch a worker that has managed to escape a farm, they take him or her back to the farm – under the pretext that he or she owes money, because the workers are constantly indebted to the stores on the farm that overcharge for all necessities.

This is what the farm workers rebelled against.

Thousands of workers walked out. Entire families, children, the elderly, women with babies in strollers lined up along the highway across the farming area, holding signs and shouting at passing drivers, occasionally also blocking the road. They marched into the towns, shutting down schools and stores, occupying government buildings.

The authorities, ever at the service of the bosses, sent in more than 1,000 cops and soldiers in riot gear and armored vehicles. They fired rubber bullets and tear gas at the strikers, roughed them up and put hundreds of them in jail.

And the companies that own the fields are digging in.

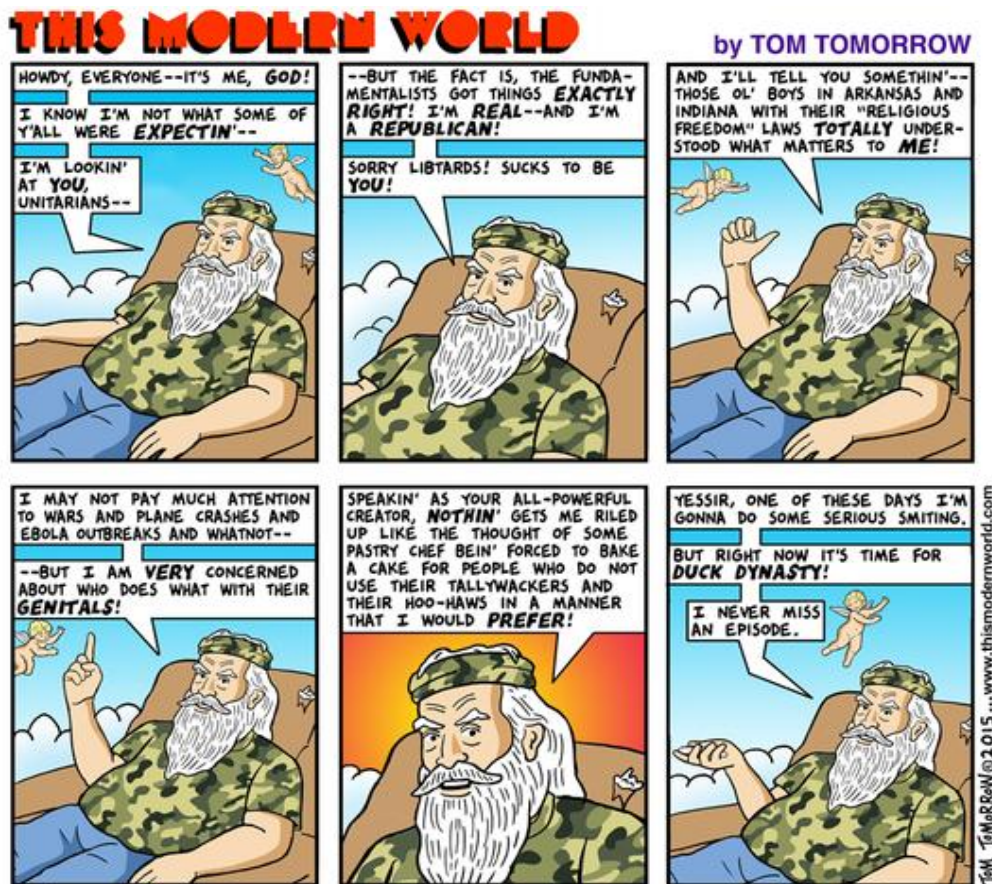
Sitting on the billions of dollars they have accumulated by not paying their workers, backed by the Mexican federal and state armies, the capitalists are prepared to let an entire strawberry harvest rot rather than concede to the workers' demands – no matter how modest those demands may be.

The striking farm workers of Baja have shown so far that it's possible to organize under the most oppressive conditions and stand up to the biggest companies, despite all the bosses' efforts to intimidate them.

Their fight continues. It's a fight against the greed of big American corporations.

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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**“Our Billionaires Can Beat Their Billionaires”**

# Heinous Waste Of Money Officially Begins



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April 11, 2015 By Andy Borowitz, The Borowitz Report

WASHINGTON — The two major political parties' unconscionable waste of money officially commences this weekend, as Democrats and Republicans will soon begin spending an estimated five billion dollars of their corporate puppet masters' assets in an unquenchable pursuit of power.

The billions, which could be spent rebuilding the nation's crumbling infrastructure, improving schools, or reducing the scourge of malaria in Africa, will instead be squandered in a heinous free-for-all of slander and personal destruction, alienating voters as never before.

The media will inevitably focus on the personalities of the bloated roster of narcissists lusting after the White House, but scant attention will be paid to the Wall Street bankers, industrial polluters, and casino magnates whose grip on American democracy will remain vise-like.

While attention this weekend turns to the Democrats, the Republicans remain quietly confident about their chances of purchasing the nation's highest office. In the words of one top operative, "Our billionaires can beat their billionaires."

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