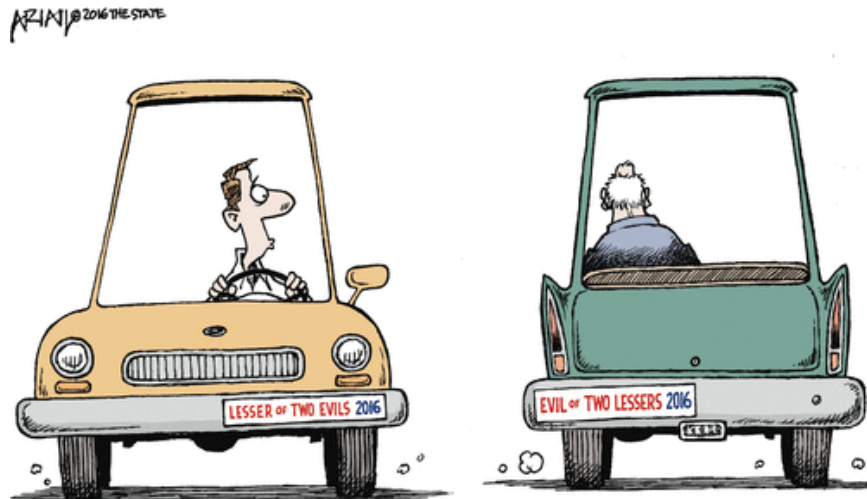


## **Military Resistance 14J4**



**Kansas City Library Gets A  
Taste Of Israeli Police State  
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# **His Knee When Police Officer Kneed Him In The Leg” “This Is A Big Violation Of The Very First Amendment To The Constitution Of The United States”**

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[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Veteran & Military Initiative Organizing Committee, who sent this in.]

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 BY IAN CUMMINGS, Kansas City Star & September 28, 2016 by Chip Gibbons, Bill of Rights Defense Committee

Kansas City Public Library officials said Friday they are outraged that the city continues to pursue the prosecution of an employee and a patron arrested at a public event earlier this year.

The arrests occurred after a question was asked at the question-and-answer period of a May 9 talk by diplomat Dennis Ross.

For months, library officials protested that the arrests and charges were a violation of the First Amendment.

The library did not go public with its opposition until recently, with city prosecutors appearing determined to pursue charges.

Police have stood by the arrests, saying that off-duty officers hired by an event sponsor acted properly in helping private security stop an audience member from asking follow-up questions after a short exchange with Ross.

**The audience member, Jeremy Rothe-Kushel of Lawrence, was standing still and speaking into a microphone when a private guard and off-duty police officers removed him.**

**Steve Woolfolk, director of public programming for the library, protested the police action and tried to intervene before the entire group left the room and both men were arrested.**

A friend of Rothe-Kushel recorded parts of the incident on video, while Woolfolk's arrest was captured by library surveillance video that is not available for public release but was viewed by a Star reporter.

**Rothe-Kushel is charged in city court with trespassing and resisting arrest.**

**Woolfolk is charged with interfering with an arrest.**

**On Friday, R. Crosby Kemper III, the executive director of the city's library system, said the private security guards were not acting on behalf of the library and had no right to remove a patron for asking a question.**

**Kemper said he could not understand why the police believed they should arrest the patron or the library employee.**

Kemper said he thought the charges would be dropped once the library explained the situation to police and prosecutors.

**"At this stage, I'm actually outraged," Kemper said. "This is a big violation of the very first amendment to the Constitution of the United States."**

The arrests occurred at the Plaza branch of the Kansas City library, where Ross gave the inaugural Truman and Israel Lecture, established by the Truman Library Institute and the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

The event, hosted by the library, was open to the public and appeared to proceed without incident until Ross, an author and diplomat who was involved in the Middle East peace process and served as a special assistant to President Barack Obama, after previously working for other presidents, took a question from Rothe-Kushel.

A video of the incident records Rothe-Kushel's brief exchange with Ross, who then appears ready to move on to another audience member.

When Rothe-Kushel tries to ask another question, a private security guard grasps his arm, followed by an off-duty police officer, both employed by the Jewish Community Foundation.

After Woolfolk tried to intervene, officers arrested both men.

**Woolfolk said he suffered a torn medial collateral ligament in his knee when a police officer kneed him in the leg. Kemper said the library is paying workers' compensation for the injury.**

On Friday, Woolfolk said he wasn't trying to resist arrest but was confused about what was happening and didn't know how to comply.

**"For Anybody, A Police Officer Or Someone Else, To Take It Upon Themselves To Silence A Person They Disagree With, It's Not Appropriate."**

**He said the first officer who grabbed him did so without saying anything to him.**

And he didn't think he did anything wrong in trying to intervene in Rothe-Kushel's arrest.

**"I was trying to be careful, with the hope of de-escalating. This isn't how we handle things at the library," he said. "For anybody, a police officer or someone else, to take it upon themselves to silence a person they disagree with, it's not appropriate."**

Rothe-Kushel said he had considered making a report against police with the city's Office of Community Complaints, but didn't do so.

"Every police officer who was on duty that evening was very communicative and respectful," Rothe-Kushel said. But he thinks it was wrong that the guard and off-duty officer put their hands on him. He said he would have left if he had been asked to and given the chance to do so.

"But I was not OK with being physically assaulted," Rothe-Kushel said. "The library tried to defend my person and my God-given rights of the First Amendment. We believe the charges should be dropped."

Capt. Stacey Graves, a Kansas City police spokeswoman, said the off-duty officers acted appropriately and with the full authority of the department, though they were on that night employed by the Jewish Community Foundation. "If security wants the person out, and the officer saw a person being disruptive at the event, then we would remove the person," Graves said. "We're there to keep the peace." "Anytime someone interferes with an arrest, they should be arrested. That's a city ordinance," Graves said.

All concerned, including police and library officials, agreed that the specifics of Rothe-Kushel's question were irrelevant.

Among other things, his question concerned whether Jewish Americans such as himself should be concerned about actions by the U.S. and Israel that amount to "state-sponsored terrorism."

"When are we going to stand up and be ethical Jews and Americans?" Rothe-Kushel asked.

As seen in the video, Rothe-Kushel was still standing at the microphone and speaking quietly when a guard grabbed him and he shouted, "Get your hands off of me right now!"

Woolfolk said he has hosted dozens of library events where more provocative questions have been asked, and no one was arrested.

The only time anyone has been asked to leave was when an audience member fell asleep and started snoring.

The library ordinarily does not have security or off-duty police at such events, but on occasion allows it if a speaker, such as an author on abortion issues, may be in danger.

In this case, the library agreed to have the Jewish Community Foundation bring security, in part out of sensitivity to the 2014 shootings that left three dead at Jewish sites in Overland Park.

**But library officials said they had specified that no one was to be removed for asking uncomfortable questions and not without permission of library staff, unless there was an imminent threat.**

**Kemper, the library director, said the security guards and police officers violated that agreement, along with the library's core reason for existence as a place to exchange ideas.**

"We're going to be living in a different kind of country" Kemper said, if people can be arrested for asking questions at a library.

"If this kind of behavior is unacceptable to the police, then I guess we're going to have to shut the library down."

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## **Official Statement From The Kansas City Public Library (9/30/2016**

**“An Overzealous Off-Duty Police  
Officer Violated The Rights Of One  
Of Our Patrons At Ambassador  
Ross’ Talk”**

**“The Off-Duty Officers Were Part Of A  
Small, Private Security Squad  
Arranged By The Jewish Community  
Foundation Of Greater Kansas City”**

# Also Arrested “Steve Woolfolk, Who Was Trying To Explain The Library’s Rules To The Officer”

The Kansas City Public Library continues to work through the aftermath of an incident near the end of its May 9, 2016, event featuring longtime Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, which resulted in the arrest of two people including a Library manager by off-duty police.

The episode at the Library’s Plaza Branch arose from a question to Ross, posed by a local activist during the evening’s question-and-answer session.

The reaction by members of an outside security detail, who immediately accosted the questioner, was improper and an infringement on free speech, Library Director Crosby Kemper maintains. And he says the ensuing arrests were unwarranted.

“The Library strives to be a place where people of all points of view can feel safe, welcome, and free to express themselves in an appropriate way,” Kemper says. “And so this incident deeply troubles us.”

What happened:

**The off-duty officers were part of a small, private security squad arranged by the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City, one of the Library’s partners in the event.**

That was to supplement standard Library security.

The activist, Jeremy Rothe-Kushel, was first to the microphone when Ross’ presentation turned to Q&A, and his question inferred that the U.S. and Israel have engaged in state-sponsored terrorism. Ross responded and, when Rothe-Kushel attempted to follow up, he was grabbed by one of the private security guards and then by others in the private security detail.

Steven Woolfolk, the Library’s director of programming and marketing, attempted to intervene, noting that public discourse is accepted and encouraged at a public event held in a public library.

Rothe-Kushel was subsequently arrested for trespassing and resisting arrest. Woolfolk was charged with interfering with his arrest. Their cases are pending.

Kemper termed the response of private security and police “an egregious violation of First Amendment rights.

“The First Amendment’s protection of the rights of free speech and assembly is cherished by all Americans but particularly by libraries and their patrons,” he says.

“An overzealous off-duty police officer violated the rights of one of our patrons at Ambassador Ross’ talk in the Library and doubled down by arresting Steve Woolfolk, who was trying to explain the Library’s rules to the officer.

“In defense of the freedom of speech, the Library stands fully in support of Steve.”

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## **ACTION REPORTS**

**“We Don’t Want You Being  
Chewed Up For A Bunch Of  
Politicians”**

**“No One Yet Has Taken Issue With  
That Observation”**

**“Instead ‘Roger That’ And ‘Yeah’ Are  
Heard At Various Voice Levels”  
[Outreach To New York National Guard]**

From: Alan S  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: Outreach To New York National Guard  
Date: Oct 8, 2016

At today’s commuter terminal outreach it struck me how troop reactions vary to my appearance(s).

Some who know me become tense and non-communicative as I approach and almost always decline whatever offers of material to be made. For instance, a sergeant this morning, tight lipped through reluctant eye contact, rebuffed me in monosyllables clearly refusing any offers I might have. His partner, unknown to me, followed suit in obedient fashion taking a cue from his senior patrol partner.

Often troops say they’re not allowed to accept anything, a position contradicted by their patrol sisters and brothers so often I couldn’t begin to count. Uniform trouser pockets accommodate a good deal in case you haven’t noticed. Check them out next time you see a soldier.

Anyway, not five minutes later a private acted quite differently. He knew me as well but answered, upon being asked, what he thought of material given him previously. How pleased he was about what he had read and “the resources he received from us and looked forward to more of the same.” No need to mention here he was provided with just that.

It’s also interesting to note new troops to patrol are almost always curious about our material but whether new or not they act with utmost courtesy in any case. Rudeness is a rare expression for sure.

Usually, whenever leaving a patrol contact I mention, among other reasons, why we do this, saying: “We don’t want you being chewed up for a bunch of politicians.”

No one yet has taken issue with that observation. Instead “roger that” and “yeah” are heard at various voice levels.

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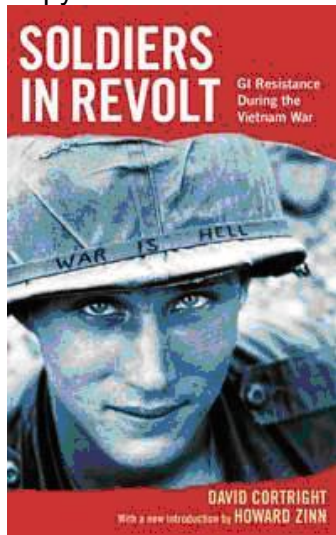
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**ACTION REPORTS WANTED:  
FROM YOU!**



An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

#### **NOTE WELL:**

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.

Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

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## **Military Initiative**

### **Organizing Committee Mission Statement:**

*July 4, 1776*

*Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.*

***But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.***

**1. Members of the armed forces have the right and duty to defend civilians from dictatorships and to aid civilian movements against dictatorships.**

**This applies whether dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or is imposed when those in command of the resources of society use their wealth for buying politicians to control the government.**

**The armed forces are not for use by politicians or corporations to attack movements fighting for improvement in the lives of working class citizens, or to attack the rights and liberties of Americans written in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution**

**2. The armed forces are not for use in wars of Empire.**

**Military Initiative is for immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Afghanistan and Iraq.**

**Members of the armed forces organizing to defeat wars of empire will receive encouragement and support.**

**The long term objective is to assist in eliminating wars of empire by eliminating all empires.**

**Nations attacked by Empires have the right to independence and to resist invasion.**

**3. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will be encouraged and supported.**

**This applies to the armed forces of every nation. There is no national government at this time organized by, for, and under the control of its citizens.**

**4. Military Initiative does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces because members of the armed forces working together is most effective.**

**That said, Military Initiative will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.**

**5. Military Initiative practices organizational democracy.**

**This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels. Anyone elected is subject to recall, by majority vote of the membership.**

**Any coordinating bodies will report their decisions and votes to the membership, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.**

**6. It is unnecessary for Military Initiative to be in complete political agreement with other organizations to work together toward a common objective.**

**Organizations working together on common objectives need to discuss differences about the best way forward.**

**7. The mission of Military Initiative is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians who are dedicated to these objectives.**

**In order to be prepared to defend and extend human rights and economic justice, we will meet together to organize wherever we may be, engaging in such activities as may be necessary, reasonable and effective.**

## **Membership Requirements:**

**8. Civilian member participate in organized action to reach out to and work with active duty armed forces.**

**9. Military Initiative or individual members may choose to support candidates for elective office who are for immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan and Iraq, but do not support candidates opposed to immediate, unconditional withdrawal.**

**10. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.**

**11. I understand and am in agreement with this mission.**

**I oppose bigotry against people because of their race, religion, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation.**

**I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.**

-----**(Signed)**

**(Date)**

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# **“People Need Not Be Helpless Before The Power Of Illegitimate Authority”**

*[Based on a statement by David Cortright, Vietnam Veteran and armed forces resistance organizer.]*

**In the final analysis the stationing of American forces abroad serves not the national interest but the class interest of the corporate and political elite.**

**The maintenance of a massive, interventionist-oriented military establishment is based on the need to protect multinational investment and preserve regimes friendly to American capital.**

**Imperialism is at the heart of the national-security system and is the force fundamentally responsible for the counterrevolutionary, repressive aims of U.S. policy.**

**Only if we confront this reality and challenge it throughout society and within the ranks can we restore democratic control of the military.**

**Of course nothing can be accomplished without citizen involvement and active political struggle.**

**During the Vietnam era enlisted servicemen created massive pressures for change, despite severe repression, and significantly altered the course of the war and subsequent military policy.**

**To sustain and strengthen this challenge we must continue to build political opposition to interventionism and support those within the armed services, including national guard and reserves, who defy the goals and program of Empire.**

**The central lesson of the GI movement is that people need not be helpless before the power of illegitimate authority, that by getting together and acting upon their convictions people can change society and, in effect, make their own history.**

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **US Military Says 2 Service Members Wounded In Jalalabad**

Oct 8, 8:53 AP

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -- Two U.S. service members were wounded in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday when their vehicle struck a roadside mine, the military said.

They were "conducting a normal security patrol" near the airport on the outskirts of Jalalabad city, capital of Nangarhar province, when "their vehicle hit the improvised explosive device," the U.S. military's spokesman in Afghanistan, Brig. Gen. Charles Cleveland said.

"The individuals were evacuated from the scene of the incident to Jalalabad Airfield for treatment," he said in a statement. The incident happened early Saturday morning, he said.

According to procedure, the troops were not identified.

The incident follows the death earlier this week of a U.S. service member, also in Nangarhar, where American military are involved in counter-terrorism operations against the Islamic State group and the Taliban.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE  
BLOODSHED**

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

# **Record Breaking Bad News In One Article For Afghan Sock Puppet Regime:**

**U.S. Commander In Afghanistan Babbles More Inane, Lying Bullshit During Panic Visit To Capital Of Helmand:**

**He Says “The Afghan Government And Security Forces Are Getting Stronger Each Day”**

**“Taliban Capture Four More Outposts Around The Provincial Capital”**

**“Overnight Battlefield Advances Brought The Insurgents Extremely Close To The City”**

**New Afghan Police Chief Of Helmand Says “Of The Approximately 26,000 Afghan National Defense Personnel**

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October 08, 2016 by Ayaz Gul, VOA

ISLAMABAD —

The commander of U.S.-led international forces in Afghanistan together with the country’s defense minister Saturday traveled to a nearly besieged southern Afghan city and assured residents they would not let it fall to the Taliban.

The visit to Lashkar Gah, capital of Helmand, the largest Afghan province, came after overnight battlefield advances brought the insurgents extremely close to the city.

A security source told VOA the Taliban captured four outposts around the provincial capital and both sides suffered heavy casualties in the fighting.

**He refused to give any figures for Afghan security forces.**

**The fighting in the area raged into Saturday, raising fears among residents the insurgents are about to force their way into the town.**

General John Nicholson, commander of NATO’s Resolute Support mission told tribal elders in Lashkar Gah that international air power and enablers will be available to Afghan security forces.

He promised the city will never fall to the opposition. He added that his coalition will increase consultant missions to help Afghan army and police personnel to improve the situation in Helmand.

**“The Afghan government and security forces are getting stronger each day and eventually they will be able to secure the entire province,” Nicholson said.**

**The Afghan government is believed to be in full control of only two of Helmand’s 14 districts.**

He reiterated that Afghan forces have secured most of the population centers throughout Afghanistan and explained to the elders it will take more time before the Taliban are expelled from the country.



## **In Kunduz, Helicopters Defend Regime Soldiers From Taliban Attack By Attacking And Killing Regime Soldiers**

Separately, sporadic clashes have continued to rage in the embattled northern Afghan city of Kunduz for a sixth day on Saturday.

Afghan officials requesting anonymity confirmed to VOA that two soldiers were mistakenly killed and several others wounded in overnight airstrikes by helicopters against Taliban positions.

The air raid in Bala Hesar area inside Kunduz was reportedly conducted in defense of Afghan forces who came under attack from the insurgents.

**A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed a U.S. aircraft carried out the attack that killed at least nine Afghan soldiers and wounded 30 others but no harm was done to Taliban fighters.**

## **“Dozens Of Border Police Personnel Surrender To The Taliban Friday Night In Bala Murghab”**

Afghan military commanders are reported to have confirmed that dozens of border police personnel surrendered to the Taliban Friday night in Bala Murghab district of northwestern province of Badghis.

Local officials and politicians told reporters the insurgents had besieged the police base for several days before they surrendered. Taliban ambushes and landmines prevented supplies and reinforcements from reaching the area, which borders Turkmenistan.

## **“Reports Of Thousands Of Afghan Non-Existent Or “Ghost” Soldiers And Police Personnel On The Payroll Of The Afghan National Defense And Security Force”**

**Separately, a U.S. government watchdog reported Friday its concerns over reports of thousands of Afghan non-existent or “ghost” soldiers and police personnel on the payroll of the Afghan National Defense and Security Force (ANDSF).**

John Sopko, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), conveyed his concerns through a letter he recently wrote to the U.S. Department of Defense.

“Persistent reports indicating discrepancies between the assigned force strength of the ANDSF and the actual number of personnel serving raise questions regarding whether the U.S. government is taking adequate steps to prevent taxpayer funds from being spent on so-called “ghost” soldiers,” Sopko wrote.

**Local media have quoted the new Afghan police chief of Helmand saying that of the approximately 26,000 ANDSF personnel assigned to the province “40 to 50**

percent of the force did not exist physically when we asked for help during operations,” Sopko noted.

ANDSF is believed to be losing thousands of personnel because of heavy casualties it is suffering in the battlefield and to a high attrition rate.

There are concerns salaries of these soldiers as well as those of “ghost” personnel are going to the pockets of corrupt Afghan leaders.

Sopko acknowledged the Pentagon, in responding to his questions, has outlined actions it is taking to improve the systems used for ANDSF personnel management.

The U.S. government has allocated more than \$68 billion since 2002 to creating and funding ANDSF to fight the Taliban and provide national security.

But recent battlefield setbacks have raised questions about the capacity of the Afghan forces. [Gee, who would have thunk it? T]

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## **Lying Afghan Regime Covering Up Combat Losses, As Usual: Official Said Saturday “Three Afghan Police Officers Were Killed In An Insurgent Attack” But Other “Officials Say Around 20 Policemen Were Killed”**

Oct 8 AP

Three Afghan police officers were killed in an insurgent attack on Friday in southern Kandahar province, an official said Saturday.

Samim Khpolwak, spokesman for the provincial governor in Kandahar said that insurgents attacked the police in the Maiwand district. He also said that four other police officers were wounded in the attack.

Other officials say around 20 policemen were killed. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

**This figure could not be independently confirmed, but officials are often wary of revealing the full extent of the casualties suffered by Afghan security forces in the war with the Taliban, which is now entering its 16th year.**

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## MILITARY NEWS

# Thieving Wells Fargo Seized 413 Cars Owned By Service Members Without A Court Order, A Violation Of Federal Law



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes: "It's gonna be a long walk back."]

02 October 16 By Jackie Wattles, CNN

Wells Fargo bank, already reeling from a scandal over fake accounts, will pay \$4.1 million to settle Justice Department charges that it seized 413 cars owned by service members without a court order, a violation of federal law.

**The Justice Department said the illegal repossessions took place from 2008 to 2015. The first complaint came from an Army National Guardsman in North Carolina who said the bank seized his car while he was preparing to deploy to Afghanistan.**

**Wells Fargo then auctioned his car and tried to collect a balance of \$10,000 from his family, the Justice Department said.**

The bank will pay \$10,000 to each of the affected service members, plus lost equity in the cars with interest, and repair their credit.

The bank was fined \$20 million more by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for breaking three provisions of the same law by denying members of the military certain banking protections, including capping their interest rates at 6%. Those violations began in 2006, the OCC said.

Wells Fargo said in a statement that it apologizes for not living up to its commitment of ensuring that all service members "receive the appropriate benefits and protections." "We have been notifying and fully compensating customers and will complete this work in 60 days," the company said.

News of the penalties came as Wells Fargo and CEO John Stumpf faced the wrath of the House Financial Services Committee at a hearing about the millions of fake bank and credit card accounts, plus claims that it retaliated against whistleblowers.

The company is also facing lawsuits from shareholders, former employees and customers.

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## **Veterans Exposed To Burn Pits In Iraq And Afghanistan Are Demand Government Leaders And The Public To Keep Paying Attention To Their Crippling Health Problems: “We Are Misdiagnosed” “We Are Not Getting The Medical Care We Urgently Need”**

October 6, 2016 By: Leo Shane III, Military Times

Veterans exposed to burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan are begging government leaders and the public to keep paying attention to their crippling health problems.

“We write because these veterans are seriously ill, dying or have passed away, and more must be done,” a group of 700 veterans and family members with Burn Pits 360 wrote in an open letter to President Barack Obama on Thursday. “Many of us went to war able to run marathons, but now our health has deteriorated so much that we cannot hold down steady jobs.

“We are misdiagnosed. We are not getting the medical care we urgently need. We need you to act in this, your final year in office.”

**The letter comes just days after a Government Accountability Office report found shortfalls in the Defense Department’s monitoring of burn-pit victims, and asks White House officials not to let the Pentagon and Department of Veterans Affairs “sweep us under the rug.”**

It also calls for significant changes in how the National Airborne Hazards Open Burn Pit Registry is administered, to allow more families to record veterans' post-service problems.

**“We’re receiving death entries from these families on a weekly basis,” said Rosie Lopez-Torres, executive director of Burn Pits 360. “But the national registry now doesn’t allow you to input a death entry. So there is no record of (those veterans’) illnesses.”**

Defense Department and Veterans Affairs officials have frequently cited the difficulty of linking troops' illnesses to burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan, given the undocumented nature of what was burned in each pit and just how much exposure individual veterans had.

More than 81,000 veterans and current service members are in the registry, reporting illnesses from respiratory fatigue to rare cancers and neurological disorders. But Lopez-Torres said she has at least 5,000 more cases that aren't included in that list, because of the reporting restrictions.

“The burn pits are this generation’s Agent Orange, but we are seeing deaths happen after three or five years, instead of decades later,” Torres said. “We cannot afford to wait for another delayed medical study, we need the president and Congress to recognize this crisis is happening now.”

In a 2009 White House roundtable with Military Times, Obama pledged the burn-pit issue would not be treated the same way as Agent Orange-related illnesses from the Vietnam War, which took years of research and political fights to be recognized for veterans benefits.

Lopez-Torres worries that after a flurry of attention to the issue in the early years of Obama’s presidency, the topic now risks being ignored.

One of the criticisms leveled in the recent GAO report is that despite work on helping troops exposed to burn pits in recent wars, military leaders have not established clear compliance policies on use of disposal fires in future conflicts.

“While most of the overseas geographic commands may not currently be involved in contingency operations within their areas of responsibility, waste disposal would likely be required if such operations arise in the future, and the use of burn pits would be one option for disposing of waste,” the report warns.

The Burn Pits 360 letter asks for Obama to use his final months in office to “speak out and educate the American people” about the long-term health effects of burn pits, as well as order more research into health conditions and medical impact of exposure to burning of hazardous materials.

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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**

**Democracy, true democracy, is never superceded. It is the first thing that a revolution establishes..**

**-- C.L.R. James; Notes On Dialectics**

## **FYI: Military Resistance Website Visits: Top Ten Sources Of Visits Ranked 1-10 September 2016**

- 1 Germany**
- 2 USA**
- 3 Ukraine**
- 4 France**
- 5 China**
- 6 Brazil**
- 7 Romania**
- 8 Poland**
- 9 South Korea**
- 10 Russian Federation**

Readers from an additional 114 have also accessed, including Afghanistan, Palestinian Territories, Ghana, Japan, Seychelles, Estonia, Canada & Virgin Islands (British).

Source: AWStats

## **Hillary Clinton's Transportation**



Photo by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: October 08, 2016  
Subject: Hillary Clinton's Transportation

Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact [hastiemike@earthlink.net](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net))

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

# The U.S. Election 2016 Poop Or Vomit? (An Extremely Short One-Act Play 😊)

October 6 by Zeljko Cipris, Facebooks

I dream that I'm in an oddly familiar-looking restaurant. The sole server, a cross between Bill Clinton and Stalin, comes over and shoves a menu at me.

Server: What'll you have?

I: Um, there are only two items on the menu...

Server: Most observant of you.

I: One is poop...

Server: Yes?

I: And the other is vomit.

Server: Correct. What'll you have?

I: Well, actually, I would prefer some broccoli.

Server: No broccoli.

I: Are you sure you couldn't come up with broccoli?

Server: No broccoli.

I: Do you have anything else?



Server: Nothing else.

I: You can't be serious. Who is your chef?

Server: Never mind our chef. What'll you have?

I: Who is the owner?

Server: Never mind the goddamned owner! Read my lips: What will you have?

I: What do you expect me to have? Both of your so-called dishes suck!

Server (conciliatory): Look, what I strongly recommend to you is vomit. It's our favorite. It's hot and delicious, nutritious, and good for you. I've had it myself a bunch of times and I love it. Frankly, the other dish does taste like shit – you would definitely not want it.

I: Well, to me they both look like shit. You know, I think you need a new menu, a new chef, a new owner, and a new restaurant.

Server: Don't you tell me what I need! And don't be so goddamned finicky! Even our most fastidious customers like Noam and Angela are ready to gobble up vomit this time around, but it's not good enough for you, is it? Narcissistic idiot!

I (getting up and heading out the door): I think I'll go now to look for broccoli, or anyway for something that's fit for human consumption. And I think the time's come to close down your rotten old restaurant and to construct something considerably better!

Server: Go, you moron! You have no idea, you empty-headed imbecile, that there is no other restaurant and there never will be! This is the most wonderful restaurant in the history of the world, you godforsaken fool!

Do you not comprehend that your stubborn refusal to choose the most sumptuous dish on offer will have consequences of absolutely cosmic dimensions? You'll regret your idiocy forever! In saecula saeculorum! You want to know what you can do with your broccoli?

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

### **October 11, 2002: Infamous Anniversary**



Carl Bunin Peace History October 8-14

The House voted 296-133 to pass the “Joint Resolution to Authorize the Use of United States Armed Forces Against Iraq,” giving President George W. Bush broad authority to use military force against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, with or without U.N. support.

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

### **Zionist Occupation Troops Destroy Palestinian Farmland, As Usual**

30-9-2016 The Palestinian Information Center

SALFIT -- Israeli bulldozers on Friday morning continued to destroy, under military protection, Palestinian agricultural lands and pastures in Deir Ballut town, west of Salfit city.

Local sources said that the Israeli army prevented farmers and landowners from approaching the area as bulldozers were embarking on leveling their land and uprooting trees.

One farmer was reportedly assaulted and arrested a few days ago by Israeli soldiers as he was trying to reach his land. These land bulldozing activities have been taking place in Bab al-Marj area to the east of the town, according to the sources.

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## **Palestinian Families Rally In Al-Khalil To Demand Occupation Regime Give Back Relatives' Dead Bodies “Part Of Its Mass Punishment Policy Against The Palestinians”**

30-9-2016 The Palestinian Information Center

AL-KHALIL -- Palestinian families on Thursday organized a protest rally in al-Khalil city to demand the Israeli security authorities to release the bodies of their relatives.

According to Quds Press, dozens of families staged a sit-in near Ibn Rushd intersection in al-Khalil to protest the detention of 17 bodies belonging to their relatives for several months and to demand their release.

In speeches during the protest, relatives of martyrs and representatives of national institutions called on the Palestinian Authority to intervene for the release of those bodies.

The relatives condemned Israel's persistence in detaining the bodies of their sons and brothers and demolishing their homes as part of its mass punishment policy against the Palestinians.

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## **Zionist Regime Destroys 33 Palestinian Residential And Livelihood-Related Structures In The Past Three Days: “35 People, A Third Of Them Children, Have Been Displaced”**

# **“A Coercive Environment Pressuring Residents To Leave”**

September 30, 2016 By The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Between 26 and 28 September, the Israeli authorities demolished 33 residential and livelihood-related structures in multiple locales across Area C and East Jerusalem, on grounds of lack of building permits.

As a result, 35 people, a third of them children, have been displaced, and more than 100 have been otherwise affected.

The incidents took place in nine Palestinian communities, including Khirbet Tell al Himma in the northern Jordan Valley (Tubas); Huwwara and Beit Dajan in the Nablus governorate; Khan al Ahmar (Makab as Samn) and Abu Nuwwar in the Jerusalem governorate; Jurat al Kheil and Susiya in Hebron; and At Tur and Beit Safafa in East Jerusalem.

**Five of these are Bedouin or herding communities, which are among the most vulnerable in the West Bank in terms of humanitarian needs.**

**These incidents bring the total number of structures destroyed or confiscated by the Israeli authorities in the West Bank since the beginning of 2016 to 878.**

**This represents a 60 per cent increase compared to the figure for the whole of 2015 and is the largest number of structures targeted in any full year since 2008, when OCHA began systematically documenting this phenomenon.**

Due to discriminatory and unlawful planning processes, it is almost impossible for Palestinians to obtain building permits in the vast majority of Area C and East Jerusalem, the systematic destruction of property in this context, along with other factors, contributes to the generation of a coercive environment pressuring residents to leave.

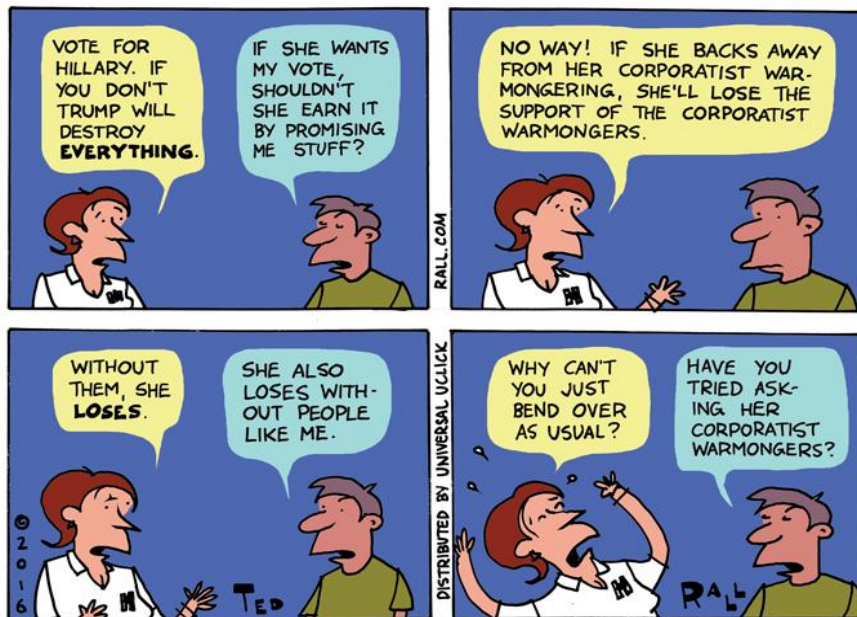
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<http://www.palestinemonitor.org/list.php?id=ej898ra7yff0ukmf16>**

**The occupied nation is Palestine.**

**The foreign terrorists call themselves “Israeli.”**

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