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U.S. Department of Defense

# **POLL: U.S. TO BUSH: PULL OUT OF IRAQ**

[Thanks to DB, who sent this in.]

4.29.05 United Press International

**The top piece of advice Americans would give President Bush is to pull out of the war in Iraq, a poll released Thursday indicated.**

**Nearly a quarter of respondents to a Gallup Poll said that if they had 15 minutes to talk to the president they would tell him to end the war in Iraq, making it the No. 1 response.**

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**IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

# ONE TASK FORCE LIBERTY SOLDIER KILLED, FOUR WOUNDED BY HAWIJI IED

April 29, 2005 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS  
RELEASE Number: 05-04-29C

TIKRIT, Iraq -- **One Task Force Liberty Soldier was killed and four were wounded when an improvised explosive device detonated near Hawija** at about 7:30 p.m. on April 28. The wounded Soldiers were evacuated to a coalition medical facility and are in stable condition.

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## Soldier Died And Two Injured In Taji VBIED Attack

April 29, 2005 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS  
RELEASE Number: 05-04-30C

LSA ANACONDA, BALAD, Iraq – **One 1st COSCOM Soldier is dead and two others were wounded as the result of a vehicular born improvised explosive devise attack 5 miles north of Taji** April 29 at approximately 12:30 p.m.

The Soldiers were evacuated to the theater hospital at LSA Anaconda where one died as a result of the wounds. The other two Soldiers are being treated at the hospital.

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## TWO SOLDIERS KILLED NEAR DIYARAH

April 29, 2005 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS  
RELEASE Number: 05-04-31C

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq – **Two Soldiers assigned to the 155th Brigade Combat Team, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), were killed April 29 by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device near Diyarah, Iraq.**

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## 7 Wounded In Series Of Attacks By Resistance

4.28.05 By THOMAS WAGNER, Associated Press Writer

**At least seven American soldiers were wounded in the attacks in and around the capital, said military spokesman Greg Kaufman.**

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## **Local Marine Killed In Action**

4.28.05 John Doherty, Orange County Publications

New Windsor -- Joseph Tremblay of New Windsor, a Marine stationed in southern Iraq, was killed in action this week. Tremblay's father, Lawrence, said today that the family had been notified by Department of Defense officials of Joseph's death late Wednesday afternoon.

"He was a great kid and we're very proud of him," Lawrence Tremblay said. "This is just horrible."

Tremblay, 24, was engaged to be married to Jennifer Coloni, also of New Windsor.

Tremblay joined the Marines just after graduating from Newburgh Free Academy in 1999 and had completed a four-year tour. But he remained in the Marine Reserves and signed up for active duty when the call went out for volunteers, his father said.

He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Battalion's 25th Infantry Regiment based out of Moundsville, W. Va., and deployed to Iraq in January.

**Tremblay was stationed at Camp Hit, about 90 miles west of Baghdad. The area had been the site of recent roadside bombings.**

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## **Italian Troops Attacked In Al-Shatra**

April 29 (KUNA)

**In the village of Al-Shatra in the southern governorate of Al-Nassiriah, a roadside bomb blast, late on Thursday, targeted a patrol of the Italian military forces serving in the country, damaging one military vehicle.**

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## **US Drone Shot Down Near Baghdad**

April 29 (KUNA)

**An American pilotless reconnaissance aircraft was shot down over Abu Ghraib region west of Baghdad on Friday.**

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# **Soldier Recalled As Team Player, First-Rate Athlete: Over The Past Four Months, 11 Iowans Have Been Killed**

April 28, 2005 By William Petroski, REGISTER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Army Spc. David Rice, 22, of Sioux City, who was killed this week in Iraq, is being remembered as first-rate athlete, a team player and a young man with a warm personality.

Rice was a three-sport athlete for the Black Raiders at Sioux City East High School, where he graduated in 2001. He played defensive lineman in football, wrestled as a state-qualifying heavyweight, and threw the shot and discus in track.

Perhaps the defining moment in his sports career came in 2000 when he won a final, crucial match in a dual wrestling meet against Sioux City Heelan, ending Heelan's long reign of dominance against other city teams, recalled Phil Hamman, the school's former wrestling coach. "He was an excellent kid, very much of a team person, always smiling, a hard worker," said Hamman, a special-education teacher who cried Tuesday upon learning of Rice's death.

Rice died Monday after his armored Humvee rolled near Muqdadiyah, about 50 miles northeast of Baghdad, said Lt. Col. Gregory Hapgood, a military spokesman. Rice had been a gunner standing in the middle of the vehicle at the time the incident happened, he said.

**Family members said Tuesday they had been told the Humvee had been struck by a rocket-propelled grenade, but the U.S. Central Command issued a statement that described the death as an accident that was under investigation.**

**Rice was serving with a regular Army unit based at Fort Riley, Kan., and he was on his second tour of duty in Iraq.** He had joined the Army after high school and had planned to attend community college after his enlistment was completed.

Funeral arrangements are pending, Hapgood said.

Jeff Washinowski, a history teacher who coached Rice on the football and track fields, said Rice was the type of person high school athletic coaches enjoyed having on their teams. "He was your lovable teddy bear, a quiet leader. The older guys always took him under their wing, and as a result of that, he would take the younger guys under his wing," Washinowski said.

**"He had a great work ethic. He was not a Rhodes Scholar, but the kind of kid you want to have with you wherever you are," Washinowski said.**

Tuesday was a particularly difficult day at East High School because Rice's sister, Stevie, is a ninth-grader there, and her mother had to come to the school to notify her daughter about her brother's death, Hamman said.

Rice is the 27th Iowan to die in Iraq since March 2003, while two Iowa soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan.

Over the past four months, 11 Iowans have been killed in the two countries.

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## **UAV Chaos As War Profiteers Infest Iraq**

Defense Daily, April 29, 2005, Pg. 1

With unmanned aerial vehicles crowding the airspace over Iraq, the Defense Department needs to better coordinate how it uses the aircraft, according Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff.

"We've got a plethora of people out there selling their UAVs out of their back pocket to various entities over there," Jumper told a Heritage Foundation audience. "We're jamming each other in the radio frequency . . . where we're using these things."

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## **TROOP NEWS**

### **Rumsfeld Finds His Rightful Place At Last: In A Comic Book**

Washington Post, April 29, 2005, 2004, Pg. C1

It's clobberin' time! How else to explain the appearance of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld (normal human strength, no known superpowers), wedged between Spider-Man and Captain America, trying his best to melt that icy glare of his into a boy-am-I-glad-you-guys-showed-up kind of smirk?

**Either Marvel Comics is really hard up for readers and needs an ultra-dynamic, Pentagon-heavy publicity gimmick to boost its sales, or Rumsfeld is finally ready to admit that only a superhero can extricate us from Iraq.**

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# Pablo Paredes Puts The War On Trial:

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From: Victor Paredes  
Sent: April 29, 2005 6:09 PM  
Pablo Paredes puts the War on trial

**Below please find details on upcoming events in support of Pablo Paredes leading up to his Court Martial. Stay tuned for potential presence from high profile celebrities as well.**

3 days of protest and events to support war resister Pablo Paredes as he faces court martial by the US Navy

**May 10th - May 13th 2005  
San Diego, CA**

Pablo is the first active duty member of the US Navy to publicly refuse to participate in the Iraq war and occupation. He will be tried inside the San Diego 32nd St. Naval Station, which houses 20 piers and 40 war vessels. Everyone on the San Diego area who opposes this war needs to come out to support Pablo. Help spread the word, organize a caravan or bus if you're from out of town, and come out to show your dissent!

**EVENTS:**

May 10th @ 7pm: Voices of Resistance  
War resisters Pablo Paredes, Camilo Mejia and Aiden Delgado with surprise guest!  
MLK Center 6134 Benson Avenue (619-262-8384)  
\$5 suggested donation, no one turned away

May 11th @ 7:30pm: Put the WAR on Trial  
Author Naomi Klein, international law expert Marjorie Cohn and Pablo Paredes  
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Directions to the MLK Center:  
Go EAST from the 805 on Imperial Avenue, about 1.5 mi. Turn RIGHT on 61st Street.  
The large church at the corner of Benson Ave. at top of the hill is Bayview Baptist church  
- the gymnasium (our Venue) is next door.

**PROTEST:**  
May 11th - May 13<sup>th</sup>  
At the court martial - main gates of the Naval Station: 32nd St & Harbor Mock trial and street theater!

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<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/> And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! ([www.ivaw.net](http://www.ivaw.net))

## **Pigs At The Trough: While Soldiers Die, War Profiteers Laughing All The Way To The Bank**

4.28.05 By Christian Plumb, Reuters

[Thanks to PB who sent this in. He writes: Surprise, surprise.]

**U.S. defense contractors reported strong quarterly earnings on Thursday as the Pentagon put billions into high tech military equipment and services.**

**Earnings soared 76 percent at Northrop Grumman Corp., 30 percent at Raytheon Co. and 22 percent at Goodrich . All three aerospace and defense companies beat analysts earnings forecasts, and they raised their earnings outlooks for the rest of the year.**

**After the news, shares of aircraft part maker Goodrich rose 6.4 percent, while Northrop Grumman stock was up 1.6 percent and Raytheon's shares were 1.9 percent higher.**

**"Everybody's coming in like gangbusters," said Paul Nisbet, an analyst with independent research firm JSA Research. "They were all well above expectations, and there is certainly every indication of increased guidance for the year on all three."**

**He added that the Iraq war has created demand for about \$8 billion a year in weapons replacement and repairs.**

Defense contractor Lockheed Martin Corp., which reported earnings this week, also beat forecasts and raised guidance for the rest of the year.

Demand from the Pentagon as well as the Department of Homeland Security also boosted results at Titan Corp. which provides intelligence and translation services. Titan said on Thursday its earnings rose sixfold, sending its shares 2.9 percent higher.



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# **Pentagon Report On Abuse Has To Be Joke: Miller Told Officers There "To Treat The Prisoners Like Dogs" *Top Brass Exonerated; GIs Blamed***

April 28, 2005 Helen Thomas, Hearst White House columnist

The Pentagon has got to be kidding.

**It turns out that only those rogue enlisted men and women, and one woman general, are to blame for the horrifying treatment of prisoners and detainees of the Iraqi war, according to Lt. Gen. Stanley Green, the Army Inspector General.**

He cleared four senior Army officers of any responsibility for the abuse of prisoners at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison after reviewing the results of 10 separate inquiries into the prison abuse, some of which the world was able to view through photos.

**The responsibility ultimately lies with President George W. Bush, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales -- then White House counsel -- who decided that the Geneva Conventions on Humanitarian Treatment of Prisoners of War didn't apply in the "war on terrorism."**

Among the military hierarchy, only Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, an Army reserve officer who commanded the military police unit at Abu Gharib, has paid a price. Karpinski, who was relieved of her command and given a written reprimand, claims she is a scapegoat and plans to fight the charge.

In a recent interview with the San Francisco Chronicle, Karpinski pointed to the role of Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, who had been sent from his duty at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba prison -- known as "Gitmo" -- to Iraq where his orders were to "Gitmoize" Abu Ghraib.

**Miller told officers there "to treat the prisoners like dogs."**

Green exonerated Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, who headed the command in Iraq from June 2003 to July 2004. Green said charges against Sanchez and three of his senior deputies were "unsubstantiated."

So, once again, it's those GI renegades whose imaginative abuse of prisoners ran to nakedness, stacking nude men in a pyramid and using leashed dogs to intimidate during questioning.

Anthony D. Romero, the ACLU executive director, denounced the latest Army inquiry giving the topside of the Pentagon a clean bill of health.

**"The government cannot ignore the systemic nature of the torture that implicates the military chain of command to the very top," he said.**

**Oh, yes, it can. It already has done so.**

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## **Idiot Senator Compares Silly General To Eisenhower**

[Thanks to DB, who sent this in.]

April 28, 2005 By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower helped build and run the coalition that defeated Nazi Germany. Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens thinks that Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers compares favorably with Ike. "I have been a devotee of General Eisenhower since World War II and had the privilege of serving under him," he said. "As I've told you personally and I'd like to say publicly now, you come as close to Ike as any general I've ever known."

**Senator Stevens probably doesn't remember how great a soldier/statesman Ike was, nor does he remember General Myers' recent silly statement on Iraq: "I'm going to say this. I think we are winning. Okay? I think we're definitely winning. I think we've been winning for some time."**

**And the Senator probably doesn't remember Rummy's more accurate statement on March 29th: "Oh, I think it certainly is reasonable to say that the coalition is not going to defeat the insurgency."**

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## **Italian Government Tells Pentagon To Shove It: Refuses To Sign Off On Report About Killing Of Intel Officer;**

# Murder Investigation Opened

Apr 29, 2005 By Arshad Mohammed (Reuters)

**The United States and Italy on Friday disagreed on the conclusions of a joint investigation into the killing of an Italian agent by U.S. troops in Iraq, further straining ties between the two allies.**

U.S. soldiers killed Italian intelligence officer Nicola Calipari on March 4 when they opened fire on a car heading for Baghdad airport in which he was escorting Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, who had just been released by kidnappers.

U.S. officials said the soldiers followed their rules of engagement in firing on the car as it moved toward a checkpoint and should not be punished. Italy disputed this and left open the possibility of pursuing the matter in the courts.

**State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said the United States and Italy disagreed on some facts as well as on the probe's conclusions and said no joint report would be issued.**

**In Rome, Italian Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini told reporters, "The Italian government could not be expected to sign a reconstruction of events that did not correspond to our own version of events," Fini told reporters.**

**"As far as Italy is concerned, it will be up to the judiciary to do everything it can, obviously with the support of the government," Fini said, without elaborating.**

**In March, Rome prosecutors opened a murder investigation into Calipari's death and Italy's justice minister signed documents requesting information from witnesses.**

A U.S. Army official earlier this week said Italy was disputing two factual issues in the report: the car's speed as it approached the checkpoint and the nature of communications between the Italians and U.S. forces before the incident.

The Army official said one of the "trip wires" in the incident was that "there was, in fact, poor communications between the Italians and the Americans."

**Italy's government has said the Italians had been driving slowly, received no warning and had advised U.S. authorities of their mission to evacuate Sgrena from Iraq.**

**MORE:**

## **"Wanted" Poster Showing Bush Spreading In Italy**

USA Today, April 28, 2005, Pg. 14

An incident in Iraq last month in which U.S. forces killed an Italian agent who had just secured the release of a kidnapped Italian journalist is generating new anti-American sentiment in Italy.

**Small, colorful signs critical of the United States started appearing in store windows around Rome this week. The most popular of the homemade posters resembles an Old West-style "wanted" poster showing the face of President Bush.**

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## **Families Of Iraq War Dead Prepare To Do Battle In Court; "My Son Died For That Lie And I Am Determined To See Justice Done"**

[Thanks to Artisan, who sent this in.]

28 April 2005 By Robert Verkaik, Legal Affairs Correspondent & By Colin Brown, Deputy Political Editor, Independent News & Media (UK) Ltd.

**The Attorney General's doubts about the legality of the Iraq war were finally laid bare after his secret advice to the Prime Minister was leaked.**

**The publication of Lord Goldsmith's report last night could prove to be the "smoking gun" that shows Tony Blair misled Parliament and the country over the war.**

The families of British soldiers and Iraqi civilians killed during the Iraq conflict will seize upon the publication of the Attorney General's advice to support their claim for a full judicial inquiry into the war.

Phil Shiner, the human rights lawyer taking the landmark case, said that it would also be possible for the families of the soldiers killed in the conflict to show that they too were victims under the European Convention of Human Rights and were entitled to a proper investigation.

Families of some of the British soldiers killed in Iraq said they were preparing a case against the Prime Minister, based on the leaked document. The Stop the War Coalition and Military Families Against the War said the case would be presented to the High Court in London today.

**Peter Brierley, whose 29-year-old son, Shaun, died in Iraq, went further and called on Mr Blair to stand down as Prime Minister.**

**Rose Gentle, whose son, Gordon, was killed in Basra last year, said she and other families were preparing an indictment against Tony Blair. The case will be supported by the Stop The War Coalition and the Military Families Against The War.**

**The publication of the advice could also trigger successful appeals on behalf of war protesters in this country who have argued that offences of public disorder and criminal damage were only committed to stop a greater crime, namely an illegal war with Iraq.**

A spokesman for the Stop The War Coalition said: "There were no weapons of mass destruction, no 45- minute warning, and now we know, there was no proper legal advice for war. Tony Blair has to take responsibility for what happened in Iraq and for the deaths of tens of thousands of Iraqis and 88 British servicemen."

**Mrs Gentle, who is standing against Adam Ingram, a Defence minister, in the parliamentary constituency of East Kilbride, said: "We now know that the war was based on a lie. There was no legal advice in favour of the war. My son died for that lie and I am determined to see justice done."**

**She added: "If Tony Blair had a shred of decency he would resign tonight. He is a disgrace to his party and to his country."**

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## **Army Aiming To Enlist Minorities: Parents Do Counter-Recruiting At Home; "War Is Legal Genocide"**

April 29, 2005 By SUSAN ELAN, THE JOURNAL NEWS

To counteract anti-war sentiment and beef up forces without reinstating the draft, the Army is spending \$8 million to develop and produce advertisements promoting enlistment. Four new commercials aimed at black and Hispanic young people and their parents began running last week.

But many of the two dozen black and Hispanic students, parents, religious and community leaders interviewed locally say the Army recruiting blitz won't overcome their deep opposition to the war and Bush administration policies.

Targeting blacks and Hispanics for recruitment, at a time when more than 1,570 service members have been killed and another 13,000 wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, is a cynical attempt to capitalize on persistent racial and economic inequities in American society, some say.

**"They have the temerity to ask those who live in communities with the fewest services, the least amount of investment in the educational system and the least**

job creation to possibly give up their lives when most people don't believe in this war," said Ernest Davis, the mayor of Mount Vernon and an African-American.

**"They reach out in the guise of opportunity when they don't provide opportunities in civilian life. We should be extricating ourselves (from Iraq) instead of spending trillions there and continuing to cut opportunities at home."**

The Rev. Rafael Garcia of the Summerfield United Methodist Church in Port Chester said Hispanic immigrants have been lured into joining the military because they are told it will help them become U.S. citizens more quickly. Unfortunately, too many become citizens posthumously, he said.

"Minorities are usually the first put into combat," he said. "It is why we have such heavy losses."

**The number of noncitizen enlistees in the U.S. military has fallen nearly 20 percent from fiscal year 2001, with much of the decline in the past year alone.** Some 142 noncitizen troops have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Noncitizen casualty rates represent 8 percent of the total, despite being less than 3 percent of the active duty military personnel.

Col. Thomas Nickerson, director of strategic outreach for the U.S. Army Accessions Command, expects the Army's new "tighter message" pitching "the tangible and intangible benefits" of a military career to overcome what marketing studies describe as "a lack of perceived legitimacy of the war in Iraq" and "strong concerns relating to mistrust of the military and recruiters" among young blacks and Hispanics.

Many parents conduct counter-recruiting at home. William Cradle Jr., who served with the Air Force in Vietnam from 1968-69, advised his two sons, now 30 and 29, to steer clear of the military when they were in high school. To ensure that they did so, Cradle and his wife paid for their sons' undergraduate education. The young men paid for their graduate degrees.

"I told them not to serve after what I experienced in Vietnam as a black man," said Cradle, who lives in White Plains and works as a teacher's assistant for the school system there. "I came back from Vietnam in 1969 hoping for a better opportunity and found nothing changed. There was still racism, and it was just as strong here as between white and black soldiers in Vietnam. Minorities were the first ones put on the frontline to fight. **War is legal genocide.**"

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## **Next Joint Chief Proves Self Utterly Lacking In Good Judgment**

April 29, 2005 By Robert Burns, Associated Press

Top Pentagon officials bade an official farewell Friday to Paul Wolfowitz, the deputy secretary of defense who is leaving to become president of the World Bank.

Wolfowitz, 61, often described as a leading architect of the Bush administration's plan for overthrowing the Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq,

**Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the Joint Chiefs vice chairman whom President Bush has nominated to be the next chairman, said he found Wolfowitz to be a man of intellectual courage and genuine humility.**

## Murder

Christian Science Monitor, April 29, 2005

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Ilario Pantano, 33, faces a military version of a grand jury at Camp Lejeune, N.C., on charges of premeditated murder. **Marine prosecutors say he shot two suspects in the back during a tense search mission in Iraq and laid a scrawled sign with a unit motto—"No better friend, no worse enemy"—on their bodies.**

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## Pentagon Scum Fighting To Stop Reservists' Income Protection: They Push Hiring Discrimination Instead

**"The Pentagon has opposed this legislation from the outset, and always without a sound reason," Lantos said in a statement. "Now we also know that their reasoning lacks a legal foundation. Isn't it about time the professional military brass stops standing in the way of fair pay for our citizen-soldiers?"**

April 29, 2005 By Rick Maze, Army Times staff writer

**The federal office responsible for enforcing the employment and re-employment rights of mobilized reservists complains in an April 28 letter that a Pentagon official appears to be condoning hiring discrimination.**

**The letter from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel comes in response to testimony from a senior Pentagon personnel official who opposes legislation requiring the federal government to make up the difference between military and civilian salaries for mobilized reservists who are federal employees.**

In February testimony before a House subcommittee Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness said he worries about income protection legislation for federal workers because of the cost to federal agencies, which Congress is unlikely to completely cover.

**That could make such a concept a “negative incentive” for federal managers to hire National Guard and reserve members, he said.**

Abell's remarks drew the attention of the Office of Special Counsel because that office is responsible for enforcing reservists' employment and re-employment rights.

**Rejecting applicants because they are in the reserves and might be mobilized “would be an egregious and prosecutable federal offense for any federal hiring official,” said Deputy Special Counsel James Renne, who signed the letter to Abell.**

Renne said his office is the only federal agency empowered to investigate and prosecute other federal agencies for violating the rights of reservists, and has been working over the past year to educate agencies, particularly about “the strict prohibition” on “discrimination against military personnel in the federal workforce.”

Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., the chief sponsor of a House bill that would require income protection for federal workers who are in the reserves, was pleased to see the Special Counsel's reaction.

**“The Pentagon has opposed this legislation from the outset, and always without a sound reason,” Lantos said in a statement. “Now we also know that their reasoning lacks a legal foundation. Isn't it about time the professional military brass stops standing in the way of fair pay for our citizen-soldiers?”**

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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

### **Assorted Resistance Attacks: "They Should Go And Kill Our Occupiers"**

4.28.05 & Apr. 29, 2005, By THOMAS WAGNER, Associated Press Writer & (KUNA)

**At least 11 car bombs exploded in and around Baghdad on Friday, including four attacks in quick succession in the Azamiyah section of central Baghdad.**

Among Iraqis, there was anger at Friday's destruction.

"Why are they killing innocent Iraqis? Why are they trying to set Sunnis and Shi'ites apart?" asked onlooker Adnan Aziz Salman, inspecting the destruction of one of the car bombs.



**"They should go and kill our occupiers. We don't care who our leaders are. We just want security."**

**The first hit an Iraqi army patrol, the second a police patrol, and the third and fourth exploded at separate barricades near the headquarters of the police special forces unit.**

**The Azamiyah blasts killed at least 20 Iraqis, including 15 soldiers and five civilians, Col. Hussein Mutlak said. At least 65 were injured, including 30 troops and 35 civilians, he said. Adding to the chaos, fighters fired several mortar shells into the area at the same time, the interior ministry official said.**

**Policemen crouched in fear after the explosions, which set fire and caused heavy damage to the special forces headquarters.**

One residential building was severely damaged, its white facade blackened and its first-floor shops completely destroyed.

**As Louay Mohammed Saleh writhed in pain, covered with bandages, his uncle said the police officer was in a patrol rushing to one of the bomb sites when another bomb exploded near his car.**

Two other car bombs targeted police in the eastern district of al-Salikh.

Walid Khalid, an Iraqi journalist, told Aljazeera the car bombs in al-Adhamiyah exploded within 10 minutes of one another.

He said the first bomb exploded in Antar Square hitting an Iraqi police two-vehicle patrol.

**A second car bomb targeting an Iraqi National Guards patrol near the Qasim Abu al-Qat restaurant, killed two policemen and two national guards.**

Another car bomb exploded targeting a joint police and Iraqi National Guards patrol in Nadhim al-Tabaqchari Square, killing and injuring people.

**In another highly coordinated attack, insurgents detonated a roadside bomb in Madain, then sent two car bombers from two different directions into police special forces as they arrived to investigate, said police Lt. Jassim al-Maliky.**

At least two more car bombs detonated in the area, one near the city hospital and another targeting a police patrol, police said.

**The attack killed a policeman, wounded three others and knocked out a police vehicle.**

**In a second attack in the same town, another car bomb went off near a police patrol close to a hospital, killing two personnel and wounding five others, and the third blast took place near a mail station and claimed the lives of two government troops and wounded six others, including four civilians.**

**The Madain attacks came less than two weeks after Iraqi forces raided the region to clear it of insurgents in an operation praised by the U.S. military as evidence of the progress made by Iraq in assuring its own security..**

**In Baqouba, 35 miles north of Baghdad, an attacker blew up an ambulance packed with explosives near a police special forces patrol, killing four Iraqis, including two policemen, said police Brig. Gen. Adel Molan. Twenty Iraqis were injured, including four police, he said. Maj. Steven Warren, a U.S. military spokesman, said the bomber drove his vehicle up to a truck carrying the Iraqi troops.**

Also in Baqouba, an Iraqi man armed with grenade walked out of the city's al-Aqsa mosque and threatened to throw it at Iraqi and U.S. forces surrounding the building, the U.S. military said. They opened fire and killed the man, the military said.

**West of Basra, about 340 miles southeast of Baghdad, a roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi border guard patrol killed one soldier and wounded two, said Iraqi Lt. Col. Abdul Hadi al-Najar.**

**A car bomb hit a joint U.S. military and Iraqi police patrol in eastern Baghdad, injuring five Iraqis, police Lt. Col. Abdul Jabar Yousif said.**

**In al-Dawoodi neighborhood of western Baghdad, unidentified gunmen opened fire on a police patrol, wounding one policeman, said police Lt. Majid Zaki.**

**In the latest reports of today's bloodletting events, police in the northern city of Irbil said two people were killed when a bomb disposal expert tried to defuse a bomb in the region of Banslawaha. The Irbil police bomb expert, Mohammed Anwar, died on the spot.**

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE  
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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

**The nationalist not only does not disapprove of atrocities committed by his own side, but he has a remarkable capacity for not even hearing about them. George Orwell**

# **The Case For Immediate Withdrawal: A Crucial Question For Activists**

**[Thanks to CZ, who sent this in.]**

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THE REPUBLICANS and Democrats can agree on one thing--the U.S. can't withdraw its troops from Iraq right now.

According to the Bush administration, U.S. forces have to help Iraq complete its transition to democracy, and prevent a slow spiral toward civil war.

Despite occasional criticisms of Bush's rush to invade, the argument from mainstream Democrats isn't much different. "Now that we're there, we're there, and we can't get out," said Howard Dean, the new chair of the Democratic National Committee. Last week, Dean lectured 1,000 members of the ACLU on the "dangers" of an immediate withdrawal. "I hope the president is incredibly successful with his policy," declared Dean.

Unfortunately, some voices in the antiwar movement have adopted the same attitude. For example, Erik Gustafson, director of the Education for Peace in Iraq Center, criticized nationwide antiwar protests on March 19--the second anniversary of the invasion--for "abandoning the Iraqi people." "The only responsible way out of Iraq is through nation-building," he said.

**The national antiwar coalition United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ) is promoting liberal Democratic Rep. Lynn Woolsey's proposed congressional resolution advocating U.S. withdrawal.**

Only Woolsey's resolution isn't for immediate withdrawal. Instead, it calls on the Bush administration to "develop and implement a plan to begin the immediate withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq"--**a tortured formulation designed to avoid a simple call for an immediate exit. [And also exactly what Nader proposed during his run for President: more Imperial occupation, more dead U.S. troops, and more dead Iraqis. Wrong now? Wrong then.]**

As Woolsey insisted at a February 9 press conference, "Let me be clear--I am not advocating a cut-and-run strategy. It would be irresponsible for the United States to abandon the Iraqi people. We must play a role in facilitating their transition to stable democracy."

All of this highlights a debate that antiwar activists must confront--should we be for getting U.S. troops out of Iraq now, or something else?

For starters, it should be said that an overwhelming majority of Iraqis--85 percent, according to Iraqi pollster Saadoun al-Dulaimi of the Iraq Center for Research and Strategic Studies--now favor the withdrawal of U.S. troops as soon as possible. The antiwar movement in this country ought to champion the sentiments of this vast majority.

**The case for delaying the withdrawal--that U.S. forces are providing security or promoting democracy--is completely wrong.**

The U.S. military is the single greatest source of violence and chaos in Iraq--and has been from the beginning. For example, when looting of government buildings broke out after the fall of the former regime, U.S. forces looked on--except at the Iraqi Oil Ministry, where Marine guards were posted. And while U.S. officials portray Iraq as menaced by "terrorists," the truth is that survey after survey--from the Iraqi Health Ministry to the British medical journal The Lancet--has found that occupation forces are responsible for the vast majority of all civilian killings in Iraq.

In fact, every moment that the U.S. stays in Iraq, it erects more barriers to the development of Iraqi self-government. First, the U.S. is building more than a dozen permanent military bases throughout the country--in order to rule Iraq well into the future, and by extension the rest of the Middle East.

"One of the most important things we can do right now is start getting basing rights with (the Iraqi authorities)," retired U.S. Gen. Jay Garner, who oversaw the occupation until May 2003, said last year. "Look back on the Philippines around the turn of the 20th century. They were a coaling station for the Navy...That's what Iraq is for the next few decades: our coaling station that gives us great presence in the Middle East."

The U.S. is also determined to accomplish another aim before any withdrawal--the privatization of Iraq's economy. That was the point of U.S. overseer Paul Bremer's notorious "100 orders" governing domestic Iraqi affairs.

"By almost any mainstream economist's standard, the plan...is extreme--in fact, stunning," wrote economist Jeff Madrick in the New York Times. "It would immediately make Iraq's economy one of the most open to trade and capital flows in the world, and put it among the lowest taxed in the world, rich or poor. And it abolishes almost all restrictions on foreign investment. It would allow a handful of foreign banks to take over the domestic banking system."

If this seems a far cry from bringing democracy to Iraq, that's because the U.S. always uses such rhetoric as a cover for its real agenda.

**Those in the antiwar movement who support Woolsey's resolution--and other similar calls for "responsible withdrawal"--are moving away from the position that has long guided organizations and movements opposed to U.S. military intervention around the world.**

The basic right of self-determination for Iraq--that Iraqis themselves should determine their own future--needs to be reasserted. The U.S. military is the chief obstacle to Iraqis having this right.

**It's not more "sensible" or "compassionate" to call for "eventual withdrawal," while hoping that U.S. forces will "bring democracy" or aid in building institutions of Iraqi self-rule--something that the U.S. military machine has never done, anywhere in the world.**

**The antiwar movement needs to stand fast on its call for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Iraq. [Right. And no more "moving away from the position that has long guided organizations and movements opposed to U.S. military**

intervention around the world” by campaigning for political candidates opposed to “the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Iraq.” Duh.]

**What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org). Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential.**

## **Asymmetrical Warfare 101: “Resistance Movements Are Highly Motivated, And Can Be Creative In Improvising Tactical Support Capabilities”**



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## **A Soldiers’ Revolution: Portugal 1974: Part 1**

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**The unsuccessful attack on the RALIS barracks had been part of another attempt by the right-wing generals to cancel the revolution. The generals had expected the soldiers to follow orders dutifully, but their assumptions were wrong. They**

had not realized to what extent the example of independent thinking had taken hold among privates, and how the revolution had changed the balance of power within the ranks.

It became apparent that the privates of Group 4 not only could think for themselves but could also act for themselves. Initially the revolution had been made by the captains and the generals, then by the captains alone. Now, after March 1975, the privates would have their say as well.

When the bosses appealed to the police to protect their property, the workers began calling on “their” soldiers—soldiers who had been told for the last year that it was their duty to defend “the people.” And now they believed it. Often the police found it safer not to interfere.

Spinola and the generals assumed that they were going to run the country and that the captains who had helped make the coup would, as captains normally do, obey their superiors’ orders.

Matters came to a head very quickly, though, over the issue of political prisoners.

No sooner had the dust settled from the revolution than demands were raised for the release of all “politicals” imprisoned in Caixas, a prison near Lisbon. General-President Spinola said no, but the Armed Forces Movement captains said yes. The prisoners were freed.

For five months the captains and the generals shared power in an increasingly uneasy alliance. Then on September 28, 1974, General Spinola made a determined attempt to end the revolution and restore order. His attempt to eliminate the political influence of the MFA captains failed completely, and the general was abruptly forced into retirement.

Once Spinola was removed, the Portuguese government quickly moved to accept the independence of the African colonies and that of East Timor as well.

In order to defeat General Spinola’s attempts at counterrevolution, the captains had sought the active support of the noncommissioned officers and had even begun to accept, hesitantly, the participation of soldiers.

More to the point, the repression that Spinola had attempted to maintain inside the barracks now almost completely ceased. For the first time Portuguese soldiers were able to discuss issues openly.

Particularly in the Lisbon region, there were growing contacts between soldiers and politicized civilian youth.

*In several regiments soldiers now elected their own delegates and began to hold meetings in the barracks.*

One of the most developed of these units was, surprisingly enough, the military police regiment in Lisbon. In fact these MPs were a new unit, specially formed to take the

place of the old “national police” (GNR), which had remained loyal to the fascist regime to the bitter end. Another activist unit was RALIS 1, a light artillery regiment based in a suburb of Lisbon.

On the morning of March 11, 1975, an extraordinary event occurred at the RALIS 1 barracks—all of it recorded live on television and preserved for posterity in the film *Viva Portugal in the Barracks*. The soldiers of the RALIS 1 regiment, to their complete surprise, suddenly found themselves under aerial and ground attack. Planes and helicopters were strafing and bombing their barracks. The generals had launched a preemptive strike in an attempt to quell further leftist developments within the ranks. Parachutists from the Tancos air force base were activated by the generals, ferried to Lisbon by helicopter, and ordered to overrun the base. The RALIS artillery men resisted, though, and an uneasy stalemate ensued.

**As the television cameras continued to roll, a crowd of local citizens gathered to taunt and heckle the parachutists. The captain in charge of the parachutists held his ground and shouted to the RALIS barracks: “We have our orders. Surrender!” Suddenly, however, a Pfc in the parachutists’ unit jumped up on a truck and yelled to his mates: “Hey, let’s go, let’s stop this now.”**

**Quickly and in mass the paratroopers put their guns down, kept the sheaths on their bayonets, and walked toward the barracks to greet their would-be enemies.**

**The paratrooper officers cried out: “Where are you going?”**

**The soldiers replied: “Over to the RALIS, to discuss this mess with them.” The RALIS soldiers watched uneasily as the paratroopers approached, but when they saw that the Tancos troops no longer had guns, they jumped from their armored personnel carriers and jubilantly embraced their fellow soldiers. Another right wing putsch had failed--this time on camera.**

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Once the Tancos parachutist privates had fraternized with the RALIS soldiers and stopped the second counterrevolution, the balance of forces within the military swung sharply toward the lower ranks and toward the left.

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### **Spring 1975: The (Brief) Flowering of Socialism**

Until now the revolution of carnations had indeed brought much liberty and even some democracy to Portugal. After the unsuccessful coup of March 11, the third aspect of the original MFA program, socialism, began to come to the fore. Portuguese capitalists, particularly the "100 families" who controlled big business and agriculture, came under increasing attack for their close associations with fascism. They were blamed for the two botched attempts to overthrow the revolutionary government and were discredited.

**For the first time in Portugal some owners of industry and large landed estates lost control and for a while even ownership of "their" property. Sometimes it went directly to the people who did the work, sometimes to the government.**

Private banks, insurance companies, and major industrial concerns were taken over by their employees and often nationalized. The homeless squatted in empty urban housing. In southern Portugal landed estates were occupied and run by the agricultural workers.

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**Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward this E-MAIL along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on 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 the war, at home and inside the armed services. Send requests to address up top.**

## **This Is Winning? We'd Hate To Imagine What "Losing" Would Be Like**

Los Angeles Times, April 29, 2005

**This week's declaration by Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that insurgents are as able to wreak havoc now as a year ago calls into question the credibility of his other assertion that the United States and the Iraqi people are "winning" this fight.**

More than 100,000 American troops patrol the nation and more than 100,000 Iraqi security forces have supposedly been trained, yet guerrillas show increasing coordination in their attacks.

**We'd hate to imagine what "losing" this fight would be like."**

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**

# **Bush Offers Strategic Advice On How To Get Rid Of Bush**

29 April 2005 Reuters

"And in order to defeat the terrorists, in order to defeat their ideology of hate, in the long run we must spread freedom and hope," Bush said.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **U.S. Soldier Wounded In Afghan Convoy Ambush**

April 29, 2005 By Noor Khan, Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan — Ambushes by suspected Taliban militants triggered shootouts that left two rebels dead and a U.S. soldier wounded, officials said on Friday.**

**The American soldier was injured Friday when rebels attacked a convoy of U.S. and Afghan troops in Zabul province, about 150 miles northeast of Kandahar, said an Afghan government official, Zahir Khan.**

Coalition forces and Afghan soldiers returned fire, killing one Taliban and wounding two others, Khan said, adding that the attackers fled with the dead fighter and the wounded after an intense gunbattle.

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## **Received:**

# **Nat'I Day Of Action For GI Resisters**

From: Jeff Paterson  
To: GI Special  
Sent: April 29, 2005

Subject: May 10: **Nat'l Day of Action for GI Resisters**

We are asking people from different parts of the peace, justice, and anti-war movement to join us in signing the call below for widespread public support of courageous military resisters Pablo Paredes and Kevin Benderman on May 10.

**Both of who face military trials scheduled to begin the following day. Would you sign the letter below and help spread the word through your organizational and personal networks? We have little time, but we do believe your contribution as an initial signer of this call is important.**

Peace,

Monica Benderman, spouse of Kevin Benderman  
Susan Galleymore, Motherspeak, military mother  
Jeff Paterson, Not in Our Name, former USMC CPL and 1991 Gulf War resister  
David Solnit, People Powered Strategy Project, Courage to Resist  
Fr. Louie Vitale, O.F.M., St Boniface Church, Korea War veteran

## **CALL FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR GI RESISTERS ON MAY 10, 2005**

We urge you to join us in a "National Day of Action for GI Resisters" on Tuesday May 10, 2005.

**This is the day before the US military is planning to bring sailor Pablo Paredes and soldier Kevin Benderman before military court martial tribunals for their opposition to the Iraq War. They face forfeiture of pay and benefits, and military jail time.**

On December 6, 2004, Navy Petty Officer Pablo Paredes refused to board his ship as it left the San Diego Naval Station in support of the Iraq War and occupation. At the time of his refusal, Pablo said he hoped his protest might inspire other GI's to refuse to take part in the war.

**On January 5, 2005, Kevin Benderman refused to deploy for a second tour of duty in Iraq with the Army's Third Infantry Division.**

**At the same time seventeen other soldiers from his unit went AWOL, two tried to kill themselves and one had a relative shoot him in the leg to avoid deploying.**

Both men applied for discharge from the US military as conscientious objectors. The military has wrongly rejected both claims.

It's time for us to escalate public pressure and action in support of Pablo, Kevin and the thousands of other courageous men and women who have followed their conscience to uphold international law and to take a principled stand against the unjust, illegal war and occupation of Iraq. It's time we had their backs.

Objection and resistance by military servicepersons is a healthy and important assertion of Democracy in a country where the decisions to invade Iraq, to maintain an occupation, and engage in widespread human right violations and torture were made undemocratically in violation of international law and based on continuing lies and disinformation.

**Please join us by organizing a public demonstration, vigil or rally of support on May 10. Every action, no matter how large or small is important.**

Also,

\* Send letters of support and donations to cover legal fees to Pablo and Kevin via their websites listed below.

\* Come to San Diego, California (Pablo) or Fort Stewart, Georgia (Kevin) to show your support during their trials.

\* Write letters to the editor, and help educate your organization, church, union, school, co-workers and community.

Resisting illegal occupation and war is not a crime! The right to conscientious objection is being systematically violated by the military. Those objectors who are publicly asserting their rights are being singled out for punishment.

We demand that military personnel retain their right to follow their conscience, publicly dissent and that their basic democratic rights be respected.

A better world is possible,

More info on Pablo Paredes:

<http://www.swiftsmartveterans.com>

More info on Kevin and Monica Benderman:

<http://www.bendermandefense.org>

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR GI RESISTERS

<http://www.CourageToResist.org>

Courage to Resist, a project of military families, veterans and concerned community members, will provide some resources (flyers, sample press releases, a national press release with a list of all planned actions, etc.).

Please check our website [www.CourageToResist.org](http://www.CourageToResist.org) for resources and more information and let us know what you are planning by

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