

## GI SPECIAL 5A13:



# **Ft. Benning Troops Headed For Iraq Refuse To Cheer For Bush: Shitbird Maj. Gen. Refuses To Allow Them To Talk With Reporters;**

**“If Any Of Them Harbored Doubts About  
Heading Back To Iraq, Many For The  
Third Time, They Were Kept Silent”**

**[This report should be enough give Imperial politicians, in or out of uniform, the kind of cold chills and stark fear they might experience standing in front of a firing squad. Our troops will not suffer to be butchered for much longer. The enemies domestic who control the government think they can keep their evil war going against the will of the majority of Americans, especially against the will of the majority of those in the armed services, but the avalanche will come down on them, not so soon as we might wish, but sooner than the politicians can possibly imagine. T]**

January 12, 2007 By Joseph Curl, THE WASHINGTON TIMES & Mediamatters.org

**FORT BENNING, Ga. -- President Bush sought a friendly audience and a patriotic backdrop yesterday to continue to make his case for sending 21,000 more troops to Iraq, but he received only tepid applause at this Army base, where the commanding general forbade soldiers from talking to reporters.**

Mr. Bush visited Fort Benning because the base will send a combat brigade to Iraq earlier than planned, by March instead of late May or early June. The brigade has done two tours in Iraq, and on its last yearlong deployment, in 2005, 34 soldiers from the 4,000-member unit were killed.

Before meeting with families, Mr. Bush watched as five members of a parachute team floated to the ground in a demonstration of base training. "We're proud of you," he told the men.

**The 300 soldiers who, with their families, heard the afternoon speech were banned by Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski, commandant of the 32,000-soldier base, from talking to reporters.**

**Journalists were barred from re-entering Freedom Hall, where Mr. Bush delivered the speech, or from approaching soldiers outside the hall.**

While the president met with family members of 25 soldiers from the base who were killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, several reporters waited for word from the base on whether the ban would be lifted.

A senior administration official said, "We have no control over that."

The [Washington] Post noted that "(t)o ensure that there would be no discordant notes here, Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski, the base commander, prohibited the 300 soldiers who had lunch with the president from talking with reporters," adding, "If any of them harbored doubts about heading back to Iraq, many for the third time, they were kept silent."

**TRAITOR  
CRIMINAL  
DOMESTIC ENEMY:**

# UNFIT FOR COMMAND; UNWORTHY OF OBEDIENCE



(AFP/Brendan Smialowski)

## THIS IS THE ENEMY; BRING THE WAR HOME NOW

MORE:

# “Down With The Traitors, Up With The Stars”

[He who would act the tyrant, sending Americans to die in an evil war for Empire against the expressed wishes of the American people, had best remember we have a history and know what to do with traitors. T]

The Battle Cry of Freedom, By George F. Root, marching song of the troops at war with the slaveholders. 1862.

Yes, we'll rally round the flag, boys, we'll rally once again,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom,  
We will rally from the hillside, we'll gather from the plain,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah!

**Down with the traitors, up with the stars;  
While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!**

**We are springing to the call of our brothers gone before,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!  
And we'll fill our vacant ranks with a million free men more,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!**

**The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah!  
Down with the traitors, up with the stars;  
While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!**

**We will welcome to our numbers the loyal, true and brave,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!  
And although they may be poor, not a man shall be a slave,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!**

**The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah!  
Down with the traitors, up with the stars;  
While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!**

**So we're springing to the call from the East and from the West,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!  
And we'll hurl the rebel crew from the land we love best,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!**

**The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah!  
Down with the traitors, up with the stars;  
While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!**

**Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward GI Special 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 email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657**

## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

## Three Airmen Killed By Baghdad Car Bomb



Senior Airman Elizabeth A. Loncki, 23, of New Castle, Del., Tech Sgt. Timothy R. Weiner, 35, of Tamarac, Fla., and Senior Airman Daniel B. Miller Jr., 24, of Galesburg, Ill. from Hill Air Force Base were killed in Iraq after a car bomb exploded, the U.S. Air Force said Monday, Jan 8, 2007. All three were members of the 775th Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight. (AP Photo/U.S. Air Force via Standard-Examiner)

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## British Soldier Killed In Basra

13 January 2007 BBC

One British soldier has been killed in Iraq. The soldier died while on duty in Basra

The family men has been informed.

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## Two British Soldiers Wounded In Basra

Jan 13 By Malik Saadon (VOI)

Two British soldiers were wounded in separate incidents in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, media spokesperson for the Multi-National Forces in southern Iraq said on Saturday.

“An explosive charge was detonated last night at a British vehicle patrol in al-Baladiyat area, 8 km west of Basra, wounding a soldier and damaging a vehicle,” the spokesperson told the independent news agency Voices of Iraq (VOI).

The spokesperson said “the patrol soldiers launched a search campaign in the nearby area after the blast and clashed with gunmen there.”

The clashes resulted in wounding another British soldier, the spokesperson added.

Meanwhile, she said “nine Katyusha rockets slammed today morning outside the British base at Shatt-el-Arab hotel, 10 km north of Basra, causing no damage to the base

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**REALLY BAD IDEA:  
NO MISSION;  
HOPELESS WAR:  
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW**



U.S. soldier at a checkpoint on the edge of Baghdad's Sadr City, Oct. 28, 2006. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

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**U.S. Vehicle Destroyed In Ramadi:  
Casualties Not Announced**

Jan 12 (VOI)

Anbar- A U.S. vehicle was destroyed when an explosive charge went off on Friday at a U.S. vehicle patrol in the restive Anbar's major city of Ramadi, an eyewitness said.

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**Notes From A Lost War:**

**“I Don’t Think You Can Use The  
Word ‘Winnable,’” Sgt. MacClellan  
Said:**

**Idiots Who Command U.S.  
Occupation Expect Iraq Troops Loyal  
To Anti-Occupation Nationalist Al-  
Sadr To Go To War With Al-Sadr**

**Sgt. 1st class Matt MacClellan, 37, a father of two who trains another division of Iraqis but lives on Old MOD, said he is not in Iraq to fight the war on terrorism. If anything, he said, the United States spread terrorism by invading Iraq.**

January 13, 2007 By Nancy Trejos, Washington Post Staff Writer [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD -- The Iraqi soldiers broke into chants to commemorate the 86th anniversary of the creation of their army.

"Muhammad, Haider, Fatima, Hasan and Husayn!" shouted a group of dancing soldiers, bellowing the names of the prophet and other long-dead Islamic icons revered by Shiite Muslims.

A second later, the name of a living Shiite figure came out of the din. "Moqtada! Moqtada!" one soldier exclaimed, invoking the name of Moqtada al-Sadr, the radical Shiite cleric and leader of the Mahdi Army militia that American officials blame for many of the worst acts of violence in Baghdad.

Standing quietly in the crowd were four U.S. Army officers, there to represent the team of American soldiers advising the Iraqis. "Sounds like the Mahdi militia is in the tent," said their interpreter, Mohammed Noshi.

**"Some people are trying to create sectarian violence to divide this country," said the colonel, who asked that his name not be published out of fear for his life.**

**At best, said several U.S. soldiers interviewed at the base this month, some of the Iraqi troops they advise are sympathetic to Sadr and his army. At worst, they said, some are members of the militia, also known as Jaish al-Mahdi.**

**U.S. military officers say that the Iraqi police force is deeply infiltrated by militiamen and predict that the army will be quicker to operate independently.**

**But a four-day visit to the base known as Old MOD, for the former Ministry of Defense complex, showed that the army is not immune to the militias' influence.**

According to the Americans, most of the Iraqi soldiers are Shiites, and some come from Sadr City, a sprawling Baghdad slum that is a Mahdi Army stronghold.

**Some carry pictures of Sadr.**

**"Does it mean that they're Jaish al-Mahdi? No," said Lt. Col. Edward Taylor, head of the U.S. military transition team, which is attached to the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade, based at Fort Carson, Colo. [Some carry pictures of Ho Chi Minh. "Does it mean that they're VC? "No," said the brain dead Lt.]**

**The U.S. military would not let a reporter interview the Iraqi soldiers. [God forbid. They might flash a photo of Sadr and say what they plan to do with occupation officers like Lt. Taylor if the fools in Washington order them to attack The Mahdi Army and Al-Sadr.]**

But during a meeting with Taylor, the Iraqi brigade commander responded to a question about the presence of militias in his unit. "It's just rumor," he said. **[Care to guess which side he's on? If you say "The Occupation" you've just won a senior position at DoD, with the rest of the blind mice there.]**

"They know what they want to do. They have a vision. They have a plan," Taylor said. **[Right, and Taylor is in it. Like a hunter has a plan for a deer. Mmm, fresh meat.]**

In addition, the Americans say, they suspect that some members of the Iraqi army have leaked information about raids. **[Oh, how can that be? The Iraqi commander just assured the reporter there is no infiltration.]**

"I have to operate under the assumption that within this unit there are people loyal to Jaish al-Mahdi and actively working for Jaish al-Mahdi," Taylor said. "I have to make that assumption so I have the proper security measures in place to protect my soldiers." **[Don't look now, but Taylor just contradicted all the happy talk he's been puking out.]**

**Sitting in his room on the base, Capt. James Ojeda, 32, of Logan, W.Va., a newlywed who hopes to quit the Army soon, gestured out his door toward the building where the Iraqi soldiers live. "You never know who's a bad guy over there," he said.**

That sentiment is a window onto the complexity of the conflict: Taylor's soldiers said it is often unclear who the enemy is.

During a visit last week to another Shiite area in eastern Baghdad, known as Fadhil, about a dozen American soldiers walked through an empty square ringed with bullet-riddled buildings. On the wall of a bank was a picture of Sadr walking on an American flag.



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"Now that we are here, though, it definitely has morphed into the war on terror," he said. "We took over a country that had structure and took that structure away."

**"I don't think you can use the word 'winnable,' " MacClellan said. "Really, I've scrubbed that from the vocabulary of my thinking. 'Subdued' would be about the best."**

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **British Marine Killed At Kajaki**

13 January 2007 BBC & By RAHIM FAIEZ, The Associated Press

A British marine has been killed in Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence has said.

The MoD said the British marine was killed during an ongoing mission to clear Taliban positions and firing points at Kajaki, in Helmand province.

Air support was used against insurgent positions

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### **Canadian Soldier Wounded: "He's Got A Tough Time Ahead Without Any Feet"**

01/12/07 NationalPost

AFGHANISTAN - The accident yesterday that badly injured Master Cpl. Jody Mitic from 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment put the spotlight on a unique Canadian surveillance and patrol squadron that is performing a pivotal task in the international military effort to rid this strife-torn and impoverished area of armed insurgents.

Cpl. Mitic, who is based in Petawawa, Ont., is one of the 88 men and women of ISTAR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance) squadron.

A sniper, Cpl. Mitic stepped on an improvised explosive device while on an overnight patrol, and suffered serious but non life-threatening injuries to his legs. Three of the squadron's members have been killed and six others wounded since September. Cpl.

Mitic's father, Hemi Mitic, said he spoke lovingly with his wounded son yesterday morning.

"It was after he had an operation -- they've amputated his feet," Hemi Mitic said in an interview from Toronto.

"It's good news to the extent that he's alive, but he's got a tough time ahead without any feet." Hemi Mitic said his son is not married.

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

# ***Great Moments In U.S. Military History:*** **Attack On "Terrorists" Slaughters Nomads Avoiding Mosquitoes; Incompetent Operation "Seems To Have Backfired Spectacularly"** **"The Civil War Has Been Rekindled"**

[Thanks to James Starowicz, Veterans For Peace, who sent this in. He writes: Damn 'TERRORIST' Herdsmen!!]

Yesterday concern was mounting at the high number of civilian casualties, despite a claim by the US ambassador, Michael Ranneberger, that no civilians had been killed or injured and that only one attack had taken place.

13 January 2007 By Anne Penketh and Steve Bloomfield, Independent News and Media Limited & Jan 12, 2007 (Reuters) & VOA

The herdsmen had gathered with their animals around large fires at night to ward off mosquitoes. But lit up by the flames, they became latest victims of America's war on terror.

It was their tragedy to be misidentified in a secret operation by special forces attempting to kill three top al-Qa'ida leaders in southern Somalia.

"Oxfam has been receiving reports from our partner organizations in Somalia that nomadic herdsmen have been targeted in recent bombing raids.

**And what this has been is bombs have hit vital water sources, as well as the nomads and their animals, who had been gathering around large fires at night in order to ward off mosquitoes.”**

**Oxfam yesterday confirmed at least 70 nomads in the Afmadow district near the border with Kenya had been killed.**

**The nomads were bombed at night and during the day while searching for water sources.**

Meanwhile, the US ambassador to Kenya has acknowledged that the onslaught on Islamist fighters failed to kill any of the three prime targets wanted for their alleged role in the 1998 US embassy bombings in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

**The operation, which opened a new front in Washington's anti-terror campaign, seems to have backfired spectacularly in the five days since it was launched.**

**In addition to the scores of Somali civilians killed, the simmering civil war in the failed state has been rekindled.**

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The UN's refugee agency, UNHCR, reported that an estimated 100 people were wounded in Monday's air strikes on the small fishing village of Ras Kamboni launched from the US military base in Djibouti after a mobile phone intercept.

The operation was only confirmed by the Pentagon a day after it was launched and it continued despite international protests and warnings that it risked being counterproductive.

**Yesterday the Americans had boots on the ground for the first time since a 1993 mission backfired and led to a humiliating withdrawal from Somalia.**

**According to The Washington Post, a small number of US military personnel are in southern Somalia trying to determine exactly who was killed in the raids by an AC-130 gunship. [Why? Bush's Ambassador already said no civilians were killed, didn't he. It couldn't be that he's just one more lying sack of shit, could it?]**

"Under international law, there is a duty to distinguish between military and civilian targets," said Paul Smith-Lomas, Oxfam's regional director. "We are deeply concerned that this principle is not being adhered to, and that innocent people in Somalia are paying the price."

**There is also concern that the attacks by American and Ethiopian gunships have fanned the country's civil war.**

Somalia's main warlords yesterday appeared to agree to disarm their militias and form a new national army.

**But as the warlords met with the Somali President, Abdullahi Yusuf, gun battles raged outside the presidential villa underlining the scale of the security problems.**

**Somalia has witnessed a fresh surge in violence this week as warlords have fought to regain old ground and Islamists have attacked government forces and their allies.**

The Ethiopian military, acting in support of the US-backed transitional government in Somalia, had only recently routed the Islamists from the capital.

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## **TROOP NEWS**

**THIS IS HOW BUSH BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME:  
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**



The casket of Sgt. John T. Bubeck, of Collegeville, Pa., Arlington National Cemetery Jan. 9, 2007. Bubeck, 25, died of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations Dec. 25 in Baghdad, Iraq. (AP Photo/Kevin Wolf)

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## **The Associated Press Lies To America About What Really Happened At Ft. Benning**

[Thanks to Alberto Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace & Military Project, who sent this in.]

Jan 12, 2007 Mediamatters.org

**In a January 11 article on President Bush's appearance at the Fort Benning Army military base in Georgia, the Associated Press claimed that Bush was "surrounded ... by cheering soldiers" as he promoted his plan to send more than 20,000 additional troops to Iraq.**

The AP article, headlined "Bush Cheered at Fort Benning," began by stating that "President Bush, surrounded on Thursday by cheering soldiers in camouflage, defended his decision to send 21,500 more U.S. troops to Iraq and cautioned that the buildup will not produce quick results." The AP later added that "Fort Benning ... offered Bush a patriotic backdrop and a friendly audience in which to sell his retooled plan for Iraq."

**The New York Times reported that Bush "came to this Georgia military base looking for a friendly audience to sell his new Iraq strategy," but added that he "received a restrained response from soldiers who clapped politely but showed little of the wild enthusiasm that they ordinarily shower on the commander in chief."**

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# **The Heartbreaking Betrayal Of The Minnesota National Guards: Sgt. Nick Bope Wrote In His Blog, "You Can Feel The Misery That The Soldiers Are Feeling" "Under Bush's Plan, The Minnesota National Guard Drew The Longest Extension Of Any Combat Team In Iraq"**

January 12, 2007 By Stephanie Simon and Tony Perry, L.A. Times Staff Writers

Sgt. Scott Peer woke his wife, Sara, last week with a call in the middle of the night. He'd been stoic throughout his nine months in Iraq with the Minnesota National Guard. This call was different.

I'm homesick, he told her. I miss you and the kids.

She reassured him: Just a few more months. We'll see you soon.

And Sara Peer let herself believe it.

But late Wednesday, she learned that her husband would not be home in March as planned. The "Red Bulls" — 1st Brigade, 34th Infantry Division — will remain in Iraq as part of a military buildup ordered by President Bush. Their mission could stretch into July.

"I'm so angry at myself for letting my guard down," Sara Peer said. "With the military, nothing's definite until it happens."

In Cannon Falls, Minn., Sara Peer canceled the workshop she had arranged for National Guard spouses this weekend. It was to have been about helping soldiers readjust to civilian lives when they come home. "No one will want to hear that now," Peer said. "I've asked the chaplain to come be with us instead."

The 2,600 Minnesota troops with the National Guard's Red Bulls have been on active duty since early October 2005. They left their civilian lives — driving trucks, changing diapers, studying for a master's degree — for training in Mississippi. In March 2006, they flew to Iraq.

The troops have since been split up and assigned to Army combat units throughout the country. Their new orders have extended their missions for up to 125 days, or nearly 18 weeks.

That means Capt. Joshua Simer, 31, will not make it back to St. Paul in time to see his daughter, Amy, gobble her first birthday cake in May.

He missed her birth as well, and her first smile. Simer was home on leave for two weeks in November. But Amy knows her daddy mostly from his photos — laminated so she can drool all over them — and from the videotape he made of himself singing "Itsy Bitsy Spider."

"The big thing that's getting me through this is thinking that if he stays another four months, maybe he'll be a lot less likely to be deployed again in a few years," said his wife, Kelly Simer, 29.

**She had tried to brace herself for an extension, but her husband had not: "He had been assuring me he had no more than 100 days left to go," Simer said.**

**Others in Joshua Simer's brigade had also been counting down. Many viewed Christmas as a turning point, a milestone that gave them license to begin planning their homecoming after months of trying not to look that far ahead.**

"I have my eye on the finish line," Spc. Lance S. Buckley wrote on his blog in mid-December.

He was depressed, he wrote, about spending the holidays without his family, but added, "My mind is almost home now."

**Under Bush's plan, the Minnesota National Guard drew the longest extension of any combat team in Iraq.**

Many soldiers heard the news first not from their commanders, but from their relatives, who received an e-mail alert on Wednesday evening, a few hours after Bush discussed the buildup in a speech to the nation.

**As the news spread Thursday, Sgt. Nick Bope wrote in his blog, "You can feel the misery that the soldiers are feeling.... They have to try and console their families and themselves at the same time, a quite difficult task."**

As for himself, Bope wrote, he has tried to adopt the motto "semper Gumby — always flexible."

"That is more true than ever today," he wrote. "You just can't make this stuff up."

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## The Heartbreaking Betrayal Of The New Jersey National Guards



Holly Kokas wipes away a tear as she talks about her son, Spc. Ryan Lawton from the 250th Brigade Support Battalion, at the New Jersey National Guard armory in Bordentown, New Jersey, January 13, 2007.

Approximately 150 soldiers from New Jersey will have their tours of duty extended for an additional 125 days in Iraq, bringing them home in either July or August after being deployed to Iraq since March 16, 2006.

Seated with her are her sisters Colleen Kokas (C) and Ann Bell. REUTERS/Chip East (UNITED STATES)



Annette Chavers, right, wife of National Guardsman Jerry Chavers, and her mother-in-law, Marjorie Chavers, console each other at a meeting to learn of Jerry Chavers' extended deployment in Iraq in West Orange, N.J., Jan. 13, 2007.

The 149 citizen-soldiers of the 117th RSTA (Reconnaissance Surveillance Target Acquisition) and 250th Brigade Support Battalion will have their tours of duty in Iraq extended up to 125 additional days. (AP Photo/Tim Larsen)

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## **No Silly Lies About Loving The Mission From This Guard Officer: He Says Bush Plan “Is A Hardship”**

01/12/07 WEAU

**Wisconsin National Guard and Reserve units that have already spent a year or more on active duty could be called again.**

**The Pentagon has lifted the limit on how long the Guard and reservists can be required to serve on active duty.**

Until now, cumulative active duty for the Iraq or Afghan wars could not exceed 24 months. That limit is now lifted. The limit on 24 consecutive months remains.

In Wisconsin, more than 80% of the National Guard has been deployed since the September 11th terrorist attacks. The new policy means units that already spent a year or more on active duty could get called again.

**Wisconsin National Guard Major Scott Southworth says telling soldiers who've been deployed a long time that they could serve additional time is a hardship.**



Southworth spent more than a year in Baghdad as commander of the 32nd Military Police Company.

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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

**Shia And Sunni Agree:  
“Many Americans Will Be Killed,  
And Those Who Are Coming  
Will Also Be Killed”  
“Iraqis Were Hoarding Weapons,  
Prepared To Fight Additional U.S.  
Troops Alongside The Militias”**



[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, who sent this in.]

**"We don't want them to increase the number of the American troops; we want the contrary," he said. "When the Americans leave, tranquillity and friendship between Sunni and Shiite will return."**

January 12, 2007 By Molly Hennessy-Fiske, L.A. Times Staff Writer [Excerpts]

**BAGHDAD — Hours after President Bush announced his latest plan to shore up Iraq's beleaguered government, some Iraqis were hoarding weapons, prepared to fight additional U.S. troops alongside the militias they say protect them.**

Among the militiamen in the capital on Thursday was a man who asked to be identified as Abu Karrar. Affiliated with the Al Mahdi militia loyal to radical Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada Sadr, Abu Karrar refuses to lay down his weapons until militia leaders give the word.

"This can be done only when there will be some guarantees, and only when security has improved," he said.

"If the situation would remain like this, then we will never give up our weapons, because we are skeptical that there is a ... side that is able to provide us with security," he said.

He said militiamen continued to carry weapons.

**"If these groups are attacked, they will defend themselves," he said.**

The remarks from Sadr's camp and street-level sympathizers contradicted a renewed promise Thursday by Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Maliki's government to disarm the militias and ban them from the streets.

Khalid Furajee, 31, a Sunni grocery store owner, said he lived in fear of Shiite militias, and added that U.S. troops would only anger them.

"We don't want them to increase the number of the American troops; we want the contrary," he said. "When the Americans leave, tranquillity and friendship between Sunni and Shiite will return."

**"The new strategy that Bush has worked on will serve America's interests alone. It will not serve the interests of the Iraqi people," said Mohammed Diani, a Sunni member of parliament who called Maliki "weak" and unable to confront Shiite militias.**

**"In coming days, Iraq will witness great chaos," Diani said, warning that "many Americans will be killed, and those who are coming will also be killed."**

<p><b>OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!</b></p>
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## **Assorted Resistance Action**

Jan 12 By Nasser Khalil (VOI) & Jan 13 By Issam Taha (VOI)

An Iraqi army base was attacked on Friday in Anbar's city of Falluja, a police source said.

The source added "the gunmen fired RPGs at the base in eastern Falluja, and then engaged in a 15-minutes-long fight with the soldiers there."

**"There were casualties among the base personnel," the source added but declined to give a specific figure.**

At least two civil engineers were killed and two workers were wounded on Saturday morning when an armed group attacked a construction company team working near the fourth bridge in Kirkuk, a police source said.

"An armed group opened fire today morning at a construction company work team near the fourth bridge in Kirkuk," the source told the independent news agency Voices of Iraq (VOI).

The source added "the attack resulted in killing two civil engineers and wounding two workers.

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

## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

# **Troops' Moms Anguish; "You're Going To See An Escalation In Death And Destruction"**

January 12, 2007 BY RICH SCHAPIRO, DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

**Just the thought of her Marine son being sent back to Iraq for a second tour is enough to make Elaine Brower consider drastic measures.**

**"I don't know what I would do," said Brower, whose 25-year-old son James could be redeployed in the next six months. "I fantasize about breaking his legs."**

Brower, a 52-year-old computer project manager from Staten Island, was among hundreds of New Yorkers who banded together yesterday to protest President Bush's plan to send 21,500 more troops to Iraq.

"You're going to see an escalation in death and destruction," fumed Brower, a member of the group Military Families Speak Out.

It is a plan that has left Tina Smarro, the mother of an Army infantryman, "disgusted."

Her son, Nick, 25, is slated to go to a training facility in California this week. His unit was supposed to be there for a month. But Smarro said they were recently told they'd be heading to Iraq within two weeks.

"It's terrifying," said Smarro, who lives outside of Albany.

More than 200 people gathered outside the armed services recruiting center in Times Square holding signs and chanting, "Stop the funding. Stop the war. Troops out now."

Among them was Lilian Pierre, 40, a Brooklyn public school teacher.

"We should bring the troops home where they belong," she said. "We don't need additional people going over there to die for no good reason."

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## **“Soldiers Have The Right To Refuse To Serve As Disposable Pawns In A Game Of World Domination” “Bring Everyone You Know To The January 27 Demonstrations In Washington And San Francisco”**

From: Susan Rosenthal  
To: GI Special  
Sent: January 13, 2007  
Subject: Soldiers as workers

1.13.07 by Susan Rosenthal

Imagine working for a corporation that pays you crappy wages, exposes you to extreme risk of injury and death, and discards you when you can no longer work. Such inhumane conditions compel workers to organize and strike in self defense.

The American soldier faces all these horrors and more, yet is denied the right to organize or strike.

By the end of 2006, Washington had spent half a trillion dollars and sacrificed the lives of 3,000 American soldiers and 650,000 Iraqis in its quest to control the world's richest oil reserves. The war that was built on lies is sustained by lies.

**Soldiers who sign up for what they are told is an honorable mission are plunged into a barbarism unlike anything they ever imagined. Immersed in a population**

**that hates them and wants them out, sent on suicide missions with faulty equipment, witnessing their comrades killed and mutilated, they live in fear of constant death.**

Thousands of soldiers have deserted. Others have faced jail rather than participate in an illegal, immoral war.

Some prefer death.

On Christmas day, 29- year-old Army Reservist James E. Dean barricaded himself inside his father's home. He had been ordered to Iraq after having already served eighteen months in Afghanistan. Distraught and desperate, he refused to surrender to authorities. After a 14-hour standoff, he was shot and killed by police.

The military promises to take care of soldiers "no matter what." Half a million homeless veterans prove this to be a lie.

After being traumatized by his experience in Iraq, William Wooldridge was told that he was suffering from a personality disorder, not post-traumatic stress disorder. Veterans with PTSD can get up to \$2,000 a month in disability benefits. In contrast, no disability benefits are provided for a personality disorder.

Doug Barber was also falsely diagnosed with a personality disorder. He shot himself after a two-year fight to get treatment for PTSD. Wooldridge blames the military for Barber's death. "We are being used as a resource, then discarded as trash when no longer useful to them. Our lives are destroyed, and the military blames it on us."

**Most Iraqis want American forces to leave. Most Americans want the war to end and so do most American soldiers.**

**In contrast, U.S. commanders seek victory at any cost and are pushing more troops into battle.**

To block anti-war organizing, Washington insists that opposing the war is unpatriotic, that support for the troops can only take the form of support for U.S. foreign policy.

This is like saying that the only way to support GM workers is to support GM management.

Workers have the right to refuse unreasonable demands, and soldiers have the right to refuse to serve as disposable pawns in a game of world domination.

We cannot abandon them to do this on their own.

Our soldiers need the support of a strong anti-war movement.

**Bring everyone you know to the January 27 demonstrations in Washington and San Francisco. If you can't get there, demonstrate where you are. Bring our troops home now!**

Go to [www.ipetitions.com/petition/OutNow/](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/OutNow/) to support immediate U.S. military withdrawal from Iraq.

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For more information check out [www.militaryproject.org](http://www.militaryproject.org).

Also see POWER and Powerlessness, Chapter 9, "The Lies That Bind Us." Available at [www.powerandpowerlessness.com](http://www.powerandpowerlessness.com) & weblog: [powerandpowerlessness.typepad.com](http://powerandpowerlessness.typepad.com)

**“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.” Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send to [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org):. Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential. Same to unsubscribe.

## Happy Anniversary: January 14, 1941



Carl Bunin Peace History

A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (and widely considered de facto chief spokesperson for the African American working class) called

for a March on Washington, demanding racial integration of the military and equal access to defense-industry jobs.

"On to Washington, ten thousand black Americans!" Randolph urged. He said in the fight to "stop discrimination in National Defense...While conferences have merit, they won't get desired results by themselves."

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## **OCCUPATION REPORT**

### **Iraqi Politician Delivers Late, Unenthusiastic Support For Stupid New Bush War Plan**

1.13.07 BAGHDAD (AFP)

Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has delivered a lukewarm endorsement of a new US policy to rescue his country from civil war as Baghdad braced nervously for stepped-up security operations.

A curt statement from his office, issued three days after US President George W. Bush unveiled the plan on television, amounted to Maliki's first public comment on the strategy with the premier yet to speak in person.

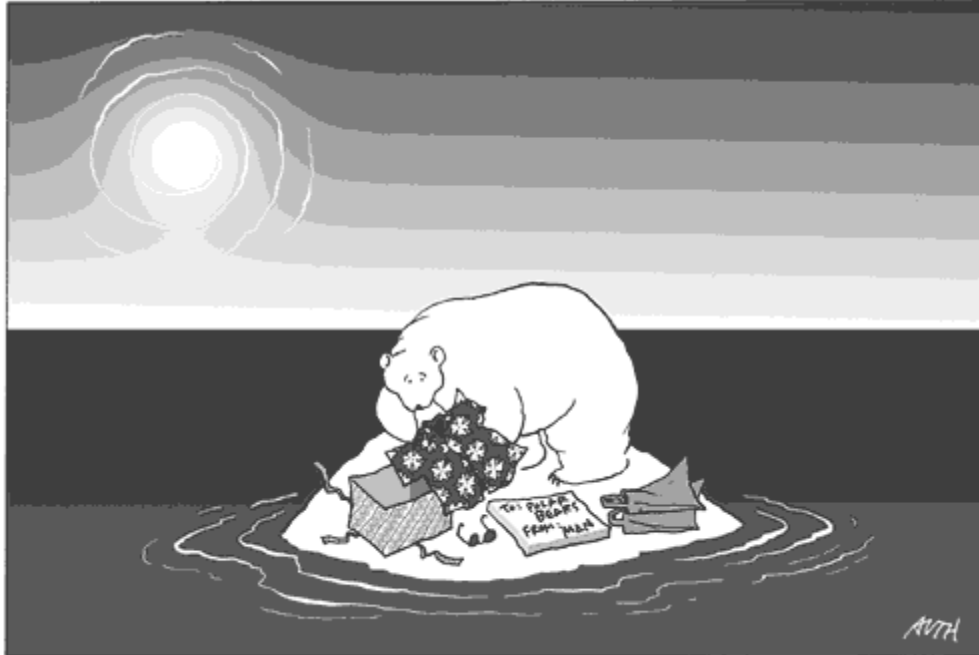
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Telling the truth - about the occupation or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance - whether it's in the streets of Baghdad, New York, or inside the armed forces. Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces. If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers.

<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))

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**



11-28-06 THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, COURTESY FROM SPONSOR.

[Thanks to David Honish, Veteran, who sent this in.]

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## **Bush's Liars-In-Chief Babble Bullshit To Congress: UNFIT FOR COMMAND; UNWORTHY OF OBEDIENCE**

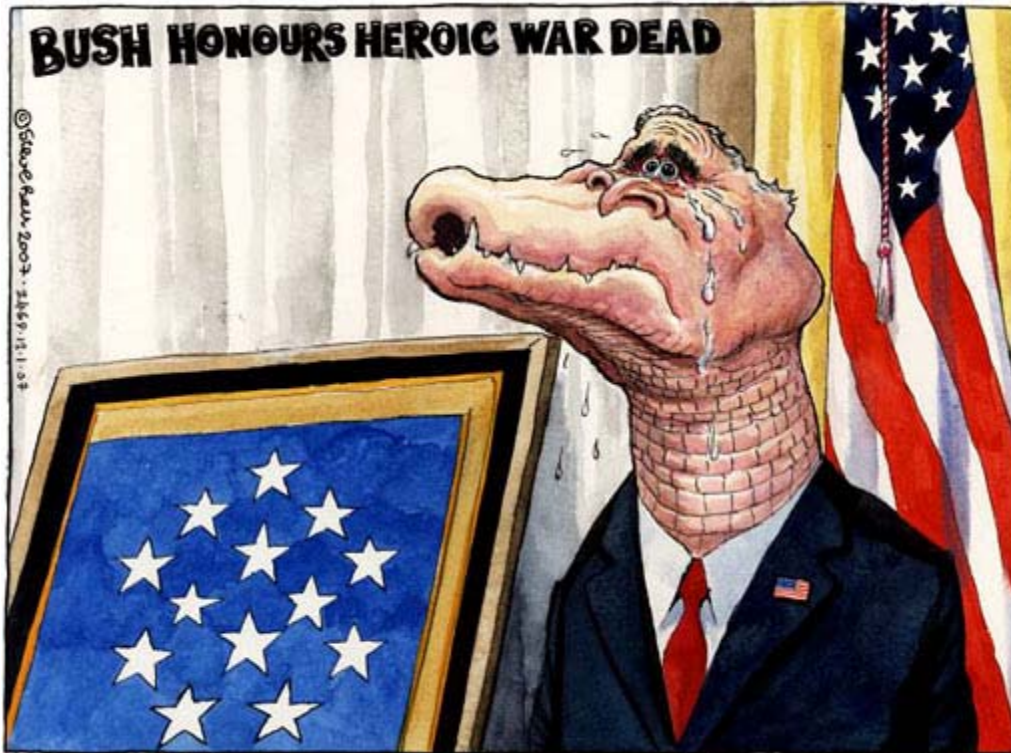


Secretary of Defense and Chairman JCS Chair Pace explain how they plan to kill more U.S. troops and Iraqis to the Senate Armed Services Committee January 12, 2007.  
REUTERS/Larry Downing



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## “The Ceremony, Which Drew Tears From Mr. Bush”



Thanks to Alberto Jaccoma, Veteran & Z & NB, who sent this in.]

January 12, 2007 By Joseph Curl, THE WASHINGTON TIMES [Excerpt]

Earlier in the day, the president awarded the Medal of Honor to the late Marine Cpl. Jason Dunham of Scio, N.Y., who covered a hand grenade in Iraq two years ago, saving the lives of his comrades. He is the second Iraq war soldier to receive the prestigious award.

"I've lost my son, but he became a part of history," Cpl. Dunham's mother, Deb, said after the ceremony, which drew tears from Mr. Bush.

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## Bush's Approval Rating Hits New Low

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Traveling Soldier, who sent this in. He writes: Funny thing is, Bush's trough in approval ratings is Congress' peak.]

Jan 12 By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press Writer

Public approval of Congress has edged up a bit now that Democrats are back in control, but it's still nothing to write home about. Approval for the way Congress is handling its job rose to 32 percent in the latest AP-Ipsos poll, up from a meager 27 percent a month earlier.

**That puts Congress on par with President Bush, whose 32 percent approval rating represents a new low for him in AP-Ipsos polling.**

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## **CLASS WAR REPORTS**

**Student Guantanamo Protester  
Denied Freedom Of Speech And  
Suspended By “Mr. Hill,” The  
Disgusting Piece Of Shit Running  
His School;  
Then This Twisted Freak  
Threatens Another Student So He  
Can Erase A Recording Of What  
He Did:  
Call The Bloomington District  
Superintendent TODAY And Express  
Your View Of People Like “Mr. Hill” Who  
Hate Our Freedom**

January 11, 2007, Via Georgia Veterans For Peace, from Amy Hendrickson  
[mailto:amyh@texnology.com]

On Wednesday, January 10th, Youth Against War and Racism (YAWR) activists were disciplined for attempting to educate their fellow students at Thomas Jefferson High School in Bloomington, MN.

They distributed literature and did guerilla theater to advertise for January 11th, the international day of protest to shut down the US prison for "terror suspects" at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The student activists decided to mobilize for the Minneapolis demonstration and to table at their high school the day before the protest to increase awareness about the torture, abuse, and lack of due process for detainees at Guantanamo.

**Senior Ben Zabel explained what happened, "We chose to put on an informative display concerning the human rights abuses taking place in Guantanamo bay. The main feature of the demonstration was me dressing up as a Guantanamo bay prisoner in the schools cafeteria.**

**"Midway through the demonstration, Jefferson's principal, Mr. Hill, demanded that we stop the demonstration immediately. I refused and was suspended for insubordination.**

"This is an abuse of the school's administrative authority, and this is a blatant example of censorship of political dissent."

Zabel asked Hill to discuss the issue in front of the other YAWR students and have a public dialogue about what their rights to speech are at school, instead of in Hill's office.

**Another student, senior Nick Groenke, photographed Zabel and Hill's interaction and the guerrilla theatre. Principal Hill demanded Groenke's blackberry. Hill threatened that if Groenke refused to turn over his blackberry he would be suspended.**

**After Groenke gave the blackberry to the principal, the principal erased the incriminating photographs.**

"This is just another incident in the administration's ongoing campaign of intimidation, but we won't be silenced. We have the right to talk about and organize against human rights abuses and the war on Iraq," explained Groenke.

**Students have repeatedly been threatened with suspension for their efforts to pass out flyers, and to organize participation in several city-wide walk outs.**

This is the first actual suspension of a Jefferson YAWR activist for their organizing efforts.

CALL TODAY to voice your PROTEST: Student activists deserve to have their voices be heard, both in the community and in their own schools.

**Please contact the Bloomington School Superintendent Les Fujitake by phone at 952-681-6402 or by fax at 952-681-6406 to voice your solidarity with the YAWR chapter at Jefferson High School. [And what you think of shitbag Hill.]**

Calls should cover the following demands:

Jefferson students have the right to free political speech in school, including wearing symbolic clothing while tabling at lunch.

The administration should reverse the suspension of Ben Zabel, who was within his rights to wear an orange jumpsuit in the lunchroom as a way to protest torture in Guantanamo.

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## **Received:**

### **“An Excellent Article On Medics In Iraq”**

From: Diane R  
To: GI Special  
Sent: January 13, 2007  
Subject: Re: Iraq Medics - EXCELLENT Natl. Geographic article

The December 2006 issue of National Geographic has an excellent article on medics in Iraq.

It is long, and goes into a lot of detail about the kinds of injuries our troops are sustaining and how they are treated.

It's worth going to your library to check it out.

Peace,  
Diane

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## **Received:**

### **“Tempting Fate Comes To Mind”**

From: Felicity Arbuthnot  
To: GI Special  
Sent: January 12, 2007  
Subject: '800.000 Privileged Youths Enlist ...'

Dear Military Project people.

I read the disparate input from your excellent sites with interest and to learn. Thank you for your work.

The : '800.000 Privileged Youths Enlist to Fight in Iraq', was illuminating. And ironic.

For instance in the Titanic disaster which is Iraq, John Jacob Astor V111, states that, with his enlisting, his family's name will now forever be associated with Iraq.

Apart from the Waldorf and the fur trade, Astors have forever been associated with the death of his forbear in the Titanic and the (just) survival of his young wife.

Tempting fate comes to mind.

Best,  
felicity a.

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