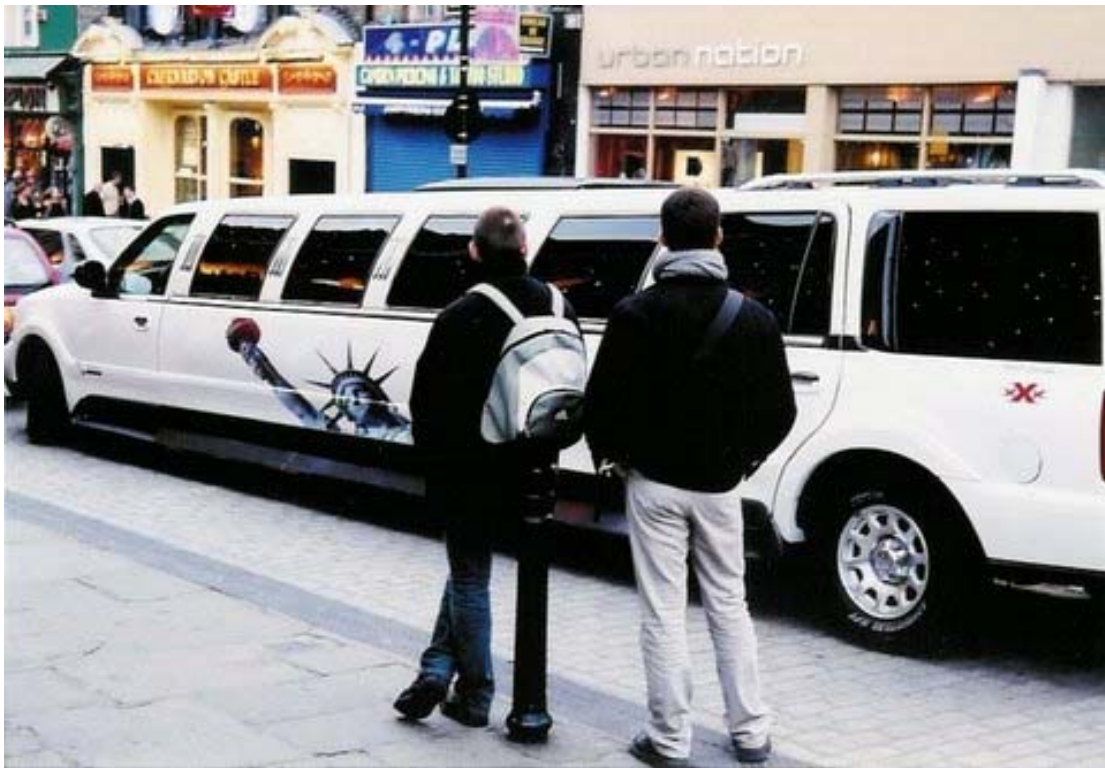


## GI SPECIAL 5A8:

# SURGE



From: Mike Hastie  
To: GI Special  
Sent: January 07, 2007  
Subject: SURGE

### **SURGE**

**When I came back from Vietnam,  
this is what welcomed me home.**

**This is the shit I put my life on the line for.**

**This is what 58,000 American soldiers  
died for.**

**This is what 300,000 American soldiers  
were wounded for.**

**This is what over 50,000 Vietnam veterans have committed suicide for.**

**This is why a close vet friend of mine hung himself in a motel room last January for.**

**The Roman Empire is alive and well in Washington, D.C.**

**Why?**

**Because all of the books have been burned.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
January 7, 2007**

**Photo from the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: [hastiemike@earthlink.net](mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net)) T)**

**One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004**

## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **3 U.S. Airmen Killed By Baghdad Car Bomb**

Jan 7 By SINAN SALAHEDDIN, Associated Press Writer

A car bomb in Baghdad on Sunday killed the three airmen assigned to the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Division, the U.S. military said.

With the deaths, at least 3,011 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

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## **Insurgent Attack Kills Baghdad Soldier**

07 January 2007 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE  
No. 20070107-03

BAGHDAD – Insurgent small arms fire targeted a Multi-National Division - Baghdad patrol, killing one Soldier in a southwestern section of the Iraqi capital Jan. 6.

The unit was providing route security on a well-traveled route in the area when they received small arms fire, killing one Soldier.

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## **Soldier Killed In west**

07 January 2007 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE  
No. 20070107-02

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq – One Soldier assigned to 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group died Jan. 5 from wounds sustained due to enemy action while operating in Al Anbar Province.

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## **Shots Kill State Soldier**



December 26, 2006 By Julie Bisbee, Staff Writer, News OK.Com

QUINTON — Army Spc. Joshua Sheppard wanted to promise his mother that he'd make it back to Oklahoma and stay.

"He had promised me he would come back," said Julie Young, Sheppard's mother. "He wasn't sure he could keep that promise."

Sheppard, described by his mother as a "peacemaker," was killed Friday during a gun battle in Baghdad, Iraq. Sheppard, 22, and members of his patrol encountered an enemy using small arms fire, Young said.

Sheppard was a member of the 642nd Engineer Support Company out of Fort Drum, N.Y. He began his tour in Iraq on Sept. 15. He had been issued a four-day pass for the Christmas holiday, but was told to he was needed as senior operator on a mission, said Young, who talked to her son a day before he was killed.

She had expected to talk to him Christmas, but instead got news he had died.

"He's a good boy," Young said. "Everybody loved him. I'm just amazed by the outpouring of love we've received from the community."

Sheppard, a 2003 graduate of Quinton High School, enlisted in the Army when he was 19. He was hoping to learn skills that would allow him to come back to his community and work as a contractor with heavy equipment, Young said.

But his real love was hunting and fishing.

"He was a die-hard Okie," Young said. "He always said he was coming back to Oklahoma and he was never going to leave again. I guess he doesn't have to now."

Sheppard was quiet, but never met a stranger and had compassion for nearly everyone he met. While in elementary school, Sheppard told his mother he wanted to be a preacher of the "gospel of love, that's what he called it," Young said.

For career day that year, he dressed up in a white dress shirt, black pants and red tie and tucked a Bible under his arm.

"For a bashful little boy, that was a big step," Young said. "He was polite as the day is long. He was every parent's dream of a good kid."

Sheppard didn't mind dressing up if the occasion warranted it, but he was most comfortable in a flannel shirt and jeans.

"That's all he'd ever wear," Young said. "I used to have to make flannel shirts for him when he was little."

Sheppard loved the outdoors and enjoyed the woods and lakes of southeastern Oklahoma.

"His favorite thing was fishing. He could eat his weight in fish and wild game," Young said. "He liked squirrel and dumplings, fried rabbit, deer jerky. He's redneck to the bone. He loved being outside."

Sheppard, who was single, was second in a string of five boys. Although he wasn't the oldest, he was often the leader, his mother said.

"He was really a peacemaker," Young said. "He was No. 2, but a lot of times he took the role of No. 1. He was real subtle, but it was his nature to be a peacemaker."

Sheppard's older brother is also in the Army and a younger brother is in the Marines, Young said.

Joshua Sheppard will be awarded a purple heart and a bronze star posthumously. Funeral arrangements are pending, his mother said.

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**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO  
COMPREHENSIBLE REASON TO BE IN THIS  
EXTREMELY HIGH RISK LOCATION AT THIS  
TIME, EXCEPT THAT A TRAITOR WHO LIVES  
IN THE WHITE HOUSE WANTS YOU THERE  
That is not a good enough reason**



U.S. Marines from 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment in western Al Anbar Province December 21, 2006. REUTERS/U.S. Marine Corps/Gunnery Sgt. Michael Q. Retana/Handout

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## **TROOP NEWS**

# **Give Bush A Surge Where It Hurts**

January 07, 2007, James Starowicz, Veterans For Peace [Excerpts]

**A call has gone out for Actions on the day of the call for Escalation or the following day, days!**

I am using one of the groups involved letter as the opening in this post, information and coalition groups involved follows that!

Get Involved, in large groups, small groups, individually, for as before this Escalation in forces will Not Work and will only fan the already Blazing Fires, causing much more Destruction and Devastation!

The Iraqi people have Suffered Enough from our Imperialism and Arrogance!

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**“Get Out On Street Corners”**

From: Mainstreet Moms: Organize or Bust [Excerpt]

**I just got a call from Matt Holland at True Majority and he is very much hoping MMOBsters (known for action!) would be some of the first to join a national push to get out and say NO MORE TROOPS as soon as Bush makes his expected announcement of pointless escalation this week.**

**We're thinking we should harken back to MMOB's "Rush Hour Roadside VOTE Shows" with this, and get out on street corners with the "NO MORE TROOPS" posters True Majority has (or make your own!), tape posters in car windows for the commute, do some yard banners, t-shirts on our dogs of course, whatever inspires.**

Megan & the MMOB

Other groups in the surge, along with MMOB:

- 20/20 Vision
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
- American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
- Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities
- Center for International Policy (CIP)
- Conference of Major Superiors of Men
- Council for a Livable World
- Families USA
- Feminist Majority
- Fourth Freedom Forum
- Friends of the Earth
- Global Exchange
- Greenpeace
- Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)
- MMOB (Mainstreet Moms Organize or Bust)
- MoveOn
- NAACP

National Council of Churches  
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
National Organization for Women (NOW)  
NETWORK A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby  
Pax Christi USA  
Peace Action  
Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR)  
Psychologists for Social Responsibility  
Rainbow/Push Coalition  
Shalom Center  
Sierra Club  
Sojourners  
Soulforce  
The Tikkun Community  
TrueMajority  
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations  
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee  
United Church of Christ  
United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society  
Us Foundation  
USAction  
War Resisters League  
Veterans for Peace  
Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)  
Working Assets  
Artists United to Win Without War  
Musicians United to Win Without War

**Bring Them Home, NOW!**

**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**

**Anthrax Vaccine “Unapproved  
For Its Applied/Intended Use;”  
Troops “Will Suffer Substantial  
And Irreparable Injury If They**

# **Are Forced To Take The Vaccine” “Defense Department Has Failed To Follow Presidential Orders And Federal Laws”**

December 25, 2006 By Gayle S. Putrich, Army Times Staff writer [Excerpts]

Six unnamed plaintiffs filed a class-action lawsuit against the government Dec. 13, resuming a legal tug-of-war over the military's mandatory anthrax immunization program.

**According to court documents, the basic premise of the lawsuit is the plaintiffs' claim that the vaccine is “unapproved for its applied/intended use.”**

**The lawsuit says the “plaintiffs will suffer substantial and irreparable injury if they are forced to take the vaccine,” which the suit says has not been properly approved by the government — despite the Food and Drug Administration issuing its “final rule” on the vaccine a year ago.**

**The suit also says the Defense Department has failed to follow presidential orders and federal laws that require the government to obtain informed consent before giving an unapproved and experimental vaccine to anyone.**

**“FDA’s certification of the vaccine, which is based on slipshod statistical analysis and improper use of testing data, as well as DoD’s alteration of the vaccine dosing schedule, render the vaccine a drug unapproved for its applied use under current federal law,” said Chicago lawyer John J. Michels Jr., co-counsel in the lawsuit.**

**“Under these circumstances, the vaccine may not be administered to service members without their informed consent. It is patently illegal.”**

In particular, the suit says:

The original science and reasoning behind the FDA's original 1970 approval of the vaccine was flawed.

**The vaccine now being used by the Defense Department has a different formula from the one that was originally approved.**

No new studies were conducted on the current vaccine to determine if it is effective against inhaled anthrax.

“The key in the lawsuit is efficacy,” said Mark Zaid, co-counsel for the plaintiffs.



The Pentagon and FDA “have no animal data and no human data to show that it’s actually effective,” he said. “They have to show that it’s safe, effective and not misbranded, and they have to show all three.”

**Because, they claim, the FDA did not follow its own rules in approving the vaccine, Zaid and Michels also say the Defense Department is in violation of Executive Order 13139, which requires informed consent from anyone receiving an unapproved or investigational drug unless the president issues a waiver.**

Zaid said these are not the same plaintiffs from the first suit.

Robert Gates, who will be sworn in as defense secretary Dec. 18, replacing Donald Rumsfeld, is named in the lawsuit, along with Heath and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt and Andrew Von Eschnebach, FDA commissioner.

**MORE:**

## **Pentagon Admits Additive In Anthrax Vaccine Kills Brain and Muscle Cells**

**“The greatest overall effects were seen in mice injected with aluminum hydroxide,” the study states. The substance killed brain neurons and led to “progressive and significant decrease in muscular strength and endurance,” loss of long-term memory and motor control, and behavioral problems.**

**Researchers also compared the symptoms of veterans suffering from Gulf War illnesseses and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis —Lou Gehrig’s disease — with the symptoms observed in mice given aluminum hydroxide.**

**In addition to spinal cord problems, the mice suffered neuron death in the same parts of the brain affected in human motor-function diseases like ALS and Parkinson’s. Several studies have shown an above-average incidence of ALS among Gulf War veterans.**

December 25, 2006 By Gayle S. Putrich, Army Times Staff writer [Excerpts]

A persistent criticism from opponents of the Pentagon’s anthrax vaccination program is the charge that defense officials purposely put squalene in some vaccine lots to boost troops’ immune responses and increase the length of time vaccine stocks would remain effective.

The Pentagon and the vaccine’s manufacturer have repeatedly denied those charges, but opponents continue to question whether the fatlike substance may have played a role in illnesses developed by some troops who got anthrax shots during the 1991

Persian Gulf War and in the early stages of the Pentagon's mandatory anthrax vaccine program in the late 1990s.

Although squalene occurs naturally in the human body, some scientists say injecting even small amounts can cause illness.

Now, a study is drawing attention to another anthrax vaccine additive with possible serious side effects — aluminum hydroxide, a substance routinely added to many common vaccines to spur production of antibodies, though scientists are not sure how it does that.

**Defense officials acknowledge the vaccine contains aluminum hydroxide, which the Federal Drug Administration considers safe for use in vaccines in small amounts.**

**But a study to be published in the February 2007 issue of Neuromolecular Medicine says aluminum hydroxide at levels normally found in vaccines killed neurons in the brains of mice and sparked serious side effects.**

Squalene, a cholesterol-building compound, is produced naturally by the body in small amounts.

A Pentagon-initiated test by Stanford Research Institute International conducted between May 1999 and September 2000 found no squalene in the anthrax vaccine.

In late 2000, the FDA announced it had found traces of squalene in five lots of anthrax vaccine.

All had been sent to Dover Air Force Base, Del., where scores of pilots reported muscle aches, memory loss, headaches, severe fatigue and other symptoms after being ordered to take the shots in 1999.

Defense officials have insisted the presence of squalene in those lots was accidental.

"The level ... identified by the FDA test is so minute that it is likely the result of squalene in the oil of a fingerprint not cleaned from lab glassware," states the Pentagon's anthrax vaccine Web site, [www.anthrax.osd.mil](http://www.anthrax.osd.mil).

But then-base commander Col. Felix Grieder told the media as recently as 2004 that he believed his airmen were used as guinea pigs for illegal medical experiments.

A 1999 Tulane University study also found squalene antibodies in veterans of the 1991 Gulf War who had received anthrax shots.

No medical study ever has pointed to a conclusive cause of the symptoms collectively known as Gulf War illnesses.

But participants in the 1999 Tulane study all had similar symptoms and the same squalene antibodies in their blood — even those who never actually deployed to the Persian Gulf.

In the study to be published in February, a collaboration by one American and four Canadian scientists, mice were injected with two doses of adjuvants, chemicals that boost immune response, at a level normally expected in vaccines, scaled down to mouse-sized proportions.

Some mice received aluminum hydroxide, some got squalene, and others received both.

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“These results are consistent with a potential role for aluminum in motor neuron death in ALS,” the study says.

The researchers acknowledge that variables such as stress, multiple vaccinations and exposure to other toxins could cause or intensify negative reactions to adjuvants.

**But they also say even the possibility of negative effects from aluminum hydroxide suggests that its use in anthrax vaccine and other vaccines for the military and the general public should be reconsidered and studied further.**

**“Whether the risk of protection from a dreaded disease outweighs the risk of toxicity is a question that demands urgent attention,” the study says.**

**MORE:**

## **Anthrax Vaccine Contract Voided, Thwarting Administration**

**Until a new vaccine is developed, the government will rely on its stockpiles of antibiotics, including ciprofloxacin, for dealing with anthrax exposure and 10 million doses of an older vaccine made by Emergent.**

**Some soldiers have complained of significant side effects from the Emergent vaccine and have refused to take it, though the FDA says it's safe.**

December 20, 2006 By Renae Merle, Washington Post Staff Writer

Federal health officials yesterday scuttled the largest piece of the Bush administration's two-year program to counter bioterrorism, canceling an \$877.5 million contract with VaxGen to develop an anthrax vaccine after the company missed a deadline to begin human testing.

The decision, delivered in a one-page letter, ends a troubled effort by the small California firm that has come to symbolize the failures of the government's ambitious \$5.6 billion Project BioShield. The termination occurred on the same day President Bush signed legislation attempting to salvage the program by reorganizing its management and pumping more money into firms doing the work.

"It's very disappointing that they took such aggressive and dramatic action without engaging in a discussion with us about potential ways for salvaging all the work that has gone into this program," said Lance Ignon, VaxGen's vice president of corporate affairs. "We believe there is a high probability that this technology would lead to a modern anthrax vaccine."

The company has spent more than \$175 million of its own money on the project, its only current contract, he said.

**The cancellation means the government will continue to depend on a controversial anthrax vaccine, used by the military and made by Emergent BioSolutions of Gaithersburg, years longer than expected.**

A spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services said the agency remains committed to developing a next-generation anthrax vaccine but has not decided whether to hold another competition.

**VaxGen was picked for the project in 2004 despite having never successfully produced a drug. It was known for a failed attempt at an AIDS vaccine, and the company has had accounting and management problems, which caused it to be delisted from the Nasdaq Stock Market.**

In signing on to develop an anthrax vaccine, the company agreed to meet the government's aggressive timetable, producing a drug in five years, half the industry standard for such a product.

But VaxGen struggled from the beginning. The product's expected delivery was delayed two years as the company attempted to improve the vaccine's potency and reliability.

**In November, the company suffered another blow when the Food and Drug Administration refused to allow the firm to begin human testing because of those long-standing concerns.**

The anthrax contract was canceled for default, meaning the government does not plan to reimburse VaxGen for its costs and could even hold the company liable if there are extra costs from buying the product from another source.

Yesterday's cancellation of the VaxGen effort "is a step back for an anthrax vaccine, but I think we have said this was a flaw in BioShield," said Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.), one of the chief architects of the legislation revamping the program. "I would like to think if

that happened under the new system, we would have caught the problem at a much earlier point."

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



The casket of Army Pfc. Eric R. Wilkus at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery Jan. 5, 2007, in Wrightstown, N.J. Wilkus died Christmas morning from injuries he sustained in Iraq. (AP Photo/Mel Evans)

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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

### **Assorted Resistance Action**

07 Jan 2007 Reuters & By SINAN SALAHEDDIN, Associated Press Writer & (KUNA)

Habib al-Shimiri, a senior Education Ministry official, survived a roadside bomb attack on his car near the al-Shaab football stadium in east central Baghdad, but two of his guards were killed, police said.

Insurgents killed a policeman on Saturday in Samarra, police said.

A drive-by shooting targeted four guards for the Iraqi Finance Ministry, killing one of them.

Attackers shot dead a Defense Ministry employee on his way to work south of Baghdad, and a provincial councilman was injured in an assassination attempt in Hillah.

An Iraqi Police source told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that two Iraqi soldiers were wounded when masked fighters opened fire on a car transporting five soldiers in northwestern Mosul.

The source added that a policeman was wounded when masked fighters showered a police patrol with bullets in northeastern Mosul as well.

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

## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

**At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation's ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke. For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. Frederick Douglas, 1852**

**They Have Made A Killing:  
“The US Has Spent A Million Dollars For  
Every Dead Iraqi - Is That What They  
Mean By Value For Money?”**

[Thanks to Phil G, who sent this in.]

January 6, 2007 Terry Jones, The Guardian [Excerpts]

Early this year the Bush administration is to ask Congress to approve an additional \$100bn for the onerous task of making life intolerable for the Iraqis. This will bring the total spent on the White House's current obsession with war to almost \$500bn - enough to have given every US citizen \$1,600 each.

I wonder which the voters would have gone for if given the choice: shall we (a) give every American \$1,600 or (b) spend the money on bombing a country in the Middle East that doesn't use lavatory paper?

**Of course, there's another thing that George Bush could have done with the money: he could have given every Iraqi \$18,700.**

**I imagine that would have reduced the threat of international terrorism somewhat. Call me old-fashioned, but I can't help thinking that giving someone \$18,700 brings them round to your side more quickly than bombing the hell out of them.**

In 2002 the house budget committee and the congressional budget office both guesstimated the cost of invading Iraq at approximately \$50bn; \$500bn seems a bit wide of the mark.

What's more, with over half a million dead, it means that the world's greatest military superpower has spent a million dollars for every Iraqi killed. That can't be value for money!

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## **Comfort The Afflicted; Afflict The Comfortable**

From: Donald Storing, Veterans For Peace Chapter 50  
To: GI Special  
Sent: January 07, 2007  
Subject: Bush

As bad as things are for a lot of people, it appears they are acceptable for the majority. As with any organization I have ever been associated with, 90% of the work gets done by 10% of it's members. Those of us who speak out are doing it for everyone not just ourselves.

**A day will come when the majority feel the minority (the wealthy) have gone too far. That is when this country will change.**

**When it is no longer comfortable for the wealthy and the middle class, if there still is one, are totally miserable we ALL will be forced into action, whatever it takes to get OUR country back.**

**That is when we will again be the land of the free and the home of the brave. Hopefully it is not too late.**

Donald Storing, VFP chapter 50

**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.**

## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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

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## ***Breaking News:*** **“Some American Officials” Not Brain Dead**

07 January 2007 By David E. Sanger, The New York Times [Excerpt]

Washington - President Bush's new Iraq strategy calls for a rapid influx of forces that could add as many as 20,000 American combat troops to Baghdad, supplemented with a jobs program costing as much as \$1 billion intended to employ Iraqis in projects including painting schools and cleaning streets, according to American officials who are piecing together the last parts of the initiative.

Nonetheless, even in outlining the plan, some American officials acknowledged deep skepticism about whether the new plan could succeed.

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# Imperial Democrat Launches A World-Class Sleazy Lie: “There Is Nothing A United States Senate Can Do To Stop A President From Conducting His War”



**Danger: Shit-Mouthed Liar At Work**  
REUTERS/Alex Wong

[Thanks to Katherine GY, Military Project, and Phil G, who sent this in.]

January 5, 2007 By Glenn Kessler, Washington Post Staff Writer & 1.7.06 By HOPE YEN, Associated Press Writer [Excerpts]

Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-Del.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday that he believes top officials in the Bush administration have privately concluded they have lost Iraq and are simply trying to postpone disaster so the next president will "be the guy landing helicopters inside the Green Zone, taking people off the roof," in a chaotic withdrawal reminiscent of Vietnam.

**"There is nothing a United States Senate can do to stop a president from conducting his war," Biden said.**

**"As a practical matter, there's no way to say, 'Mr. President, stop,' Biden said.**

**[The Senate could indeed devise many ways and means to do so. But the truth is that the political advantage goes to the Democrats if they refuse to do so, putting all the blame for the disaster on Bush. Scum like Biden figure that will help them**

in 2008, rather taking the risk of stopping the war and getting attacked for “losing” Iraq by the Republicans in 2008

[He and the rest of the Democrat pack in DC really don't care how many U.S. troops and Iraqis have to die. After all, winning the Presidency for their Party is more important isn't it?

[At least he has some grip on political reality, unlike the anti-war movement leaders who are so clueless they still piss away their time and resources on their knees begging Congress to stop the war. Their endless merry-go-round trips to Washington have become an absurdity, as if the Imperial government gives a shit what they say or do.

[As they turn their faces toward Congress, the “anti-war” suits turn their backs on the troops, who can stop the war, as they stopped the war in Vietnam. What a pathetic, disgusting, deadly display of organized stupidity. A lawyer name of William Kuntsler said it during Vietnam: the only thing that moves the government is fear, and the only thing the government fears is hundreds of thousand of angry people in the streets of every major city in the USA and rebellion in the armed forces. T]

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## **“One Of The Absolutely Essential Keys To Ending The Iraq War Is Not Congress, But The Troops In The Field” *What Are Your Priorities?***

January 05, 2007 By David McCreynolds [Excerpts]

I do know that one of the absolutely essential keys to ending the Iraq War is not Congress, but the troops in the field, getting them to examine what they are doing, why we went to war, and, perhaps most of all, to let them know they are not alone when they raise questions, and refuse orders.

There is no way to stress how important this "front" in the struggle is.

Bush has clearly shown he and his cabal can wage war without Congress, without public support, in defiance of the constitution and world law.

But he cannot wage it if the men and women in the military refuse to fight it.

This work is at least as important as any letter to Congress, any demonstration.

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