

## GI SPECIAL 5C25:

**HOW MANY MORE FOR BUSH'S WAR?  
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**



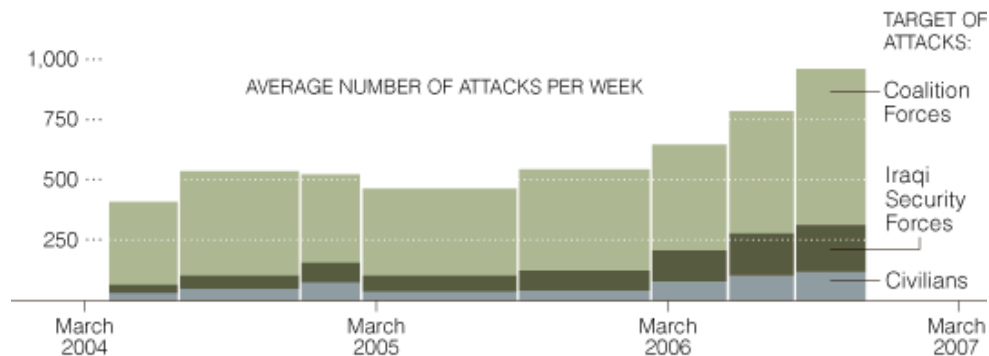
A horse-drawn carriage transports the casket of U.S. Army Pfc. John Landry Jr. en route to Wildwood Cemetery for burial services, March 27, 2007, in Wilmington, Mass. Landry was killed with three fellow soldiers by a roadside bomb, March 17 in Baghdad. (AP Photo/Chitose Suzuki)

**NOT ANOTHER DEATH!  
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR!  
NOT ANOTHER DAY!**

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# Reality Vs. Stupid, Silly Lying Bullshit:

**Next Time You Hear Some Idiot  
Babble About The “Religious Civil  
War” In Iraq, Shove This Up Their  
Ass With A Sharp Stick:  
Attacks In Iraq Are Overwhelmingly  
Directed Against U.S. Troops;  
Bush’s Psyops Messengers Try To Make  
You Think That Is Not So**



The New York Times 3.18.07: Sources Include United States Department Of Defense;  
Defense Intelligence Agency & Multinational Force Iraq

## MORE:

### **The Civil War Is Between Iraqi Patriots And Iraqi Collaborators**

March 26, 2007 By Alissa J. Rubin, International Herald Tribune [Excerpts]

**Anyone who works with the government, whether Shiite or Sunni, is an enemy in the eyes of the Sunni insurgents, who carry out attack after attack against people they view as collaborators.**

**While that chiefly makes targets of the Shiite-dominated Iraqi Army and the police, the militants also kill Sunnis from government ministries.**

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **California Staff Sgt. Killed**



Staff Sgt. Darrell R. Griffin Jr., of Alhambra, Calif., a 36-year-old Stryker infantry squad leader from Fort Lewis, Wash., died March 21, 2007, at the U.S. military hospital in Balad after being shot in Baghdad. (AP Photo/U.S. Army)

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### **Marine Killed In Anbar**

March 27, 2007 Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE No. 20070327-12

CAMP FALLUJAH -- A Marine assigned to Multi National Force-West died March 24 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province.

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## **Another Marine Killed In Anbar**

3/28/2007 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND NEWS  
RELEASE Number: 07-01-03C

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq – A Marine assigned to Multi National Force-West died March 27 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province.

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## **Rocket Attack On Green Zone Kills U.S. Soldier And Mercenary; Five More Occupiers Wounded**

27 March 2007 By STEVEN R. HURST, Associate Press Writer & Public Affairs Office,  
Camp Victory Release A070328a

BAGHDAD (AP) - Two Americans, a contractor and a Multi-National Force-Iraq Soldier, were killed in a rocket attack on the heavy guarded Green Zone on Tuesday, according to statements from the U.S. Embassy and the military.

Five other people were wounded, one contractor who was seriously hurt and three with slight wounds.

Another Soldier is currently being treated at a local Coalition Force treatment facility for wounds suffered by the attack.

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## **Resistance Launches Fierce Attack On Main Gate Of U.S. Fallujah Base: Many Casualties; Number Of U.S. Troops Down Not Yet Announced**

March 28 (Xinhua)

Two car bombs, including a truck carrying Chlorine toxic gas, struck a U.S. base in Fallujah City, 50 km west of Baghdad, on Wednesday, killing eight Iraqi policemen and wounding more than 20 others, local police said.

A bomber drove an explosive-laden car into the checkpoint on the main gate of a U.S. military base in central city and blew it up at about 9:00 a.m. (0600 GMT), the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Few minutes later, another bomber drove a booby-trapped truck carrying Chlorine gas into the same entrance to the base and blew it up, causing a powerful explosion and sending a cloud of toxic gas, the source said.

A total of eight policemen were killed at the checkpoint and at least 20 others were wounded, he said, adding that there was undetermined number of U.S. soldiers killed or wounded but he couldn't give exact number.

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## **SC Soldier Dies In Bomb Attack; 3rd From SC In Last Week**

Mar. 27, 2007 SUSANNE M. SCHAFER, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. - An Army tank mechanic from South Carolina was killed in a bomb attack in Iraq, his father said Tuesday.

Pvt. Anthony White, 21, was one of four U.S. soldiers killed in the blast Sunday, said his father, Harry White.

White is the third South Carolina soldier to die in the Mideast war effort within the past week. "He was killed on the spot," White said.

His son was a 2003 graduate of Richland Northeast High School and played on the varsity basketball team.

White, 50, said his son followed in his footsteps, training as a tank mechanic and joining the famed 82nd Airborne. It took his son two years to get through basic and advanced training as a mechanic at nearby Fort Jackson and train as a parachutist, he said.

"I pinned his jumpmaster wings on him. Now, I'll put those wings on his coffin," White said.

White, who works as a civilian mechanic at Fort Jackson, said he retired as a command sergeant major after 29 years. "It was like father, like son," White said.

White said his son's body had arrived at Dover Air Force Base, Del., and was expected to be sent to South Carolina in a matter of days.

"I hope we can have the funeral sometime next week. I want to bury him. I want to start healing," White said.

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## **Eight U.S. Soldiers Wounded By Resistance Attack In Force Near Karmah**

March 27, 2007 The Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) U.S. soldiers foiled two truck bombings against their base in a small town west of Baghdad.

The attacks began when a water truck tried to drive into the base just north of Karmah, a town not far from the city of Fallujah, at about 2 p.m. Monday. A soldier opened fire and the truck bomb exploded.

The military said 30 insurgents responded with small-arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars.

Five minutes into the firefight, a dump truck following the same path as the exploded water truck tried to smash into the base but the driver was shot and the load of explosives blew up.

Eight soldiers were wounded. Seven of the wounded returned to duty after treatment by medics at the site. One soldier was hospitalized.

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## **Four U.S. Soldiers In Sadr City Outpost Wounded By Rocket Attack**

03/27/07 VOI

Four U.S. soldiers were lightly wounded when a police station used by U.S. forces as a headquarters in Sadr city in eastern Baghdad, came under Katyusha attack on Tuesday,

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## **Injured Sleepy Eye Soldier Recovering In Texas Hospital**

3/27/2007 The Associated Press

A Sleepy Eye soldier who was wounded in Iraq is recovering at a military base in San Antonio, Texas, according the soldier's uncle and his former high school.

Specialist B.J. Sprenger, 22, was burned on more than 30 to 35 percent of his body when a roadside bomb exploded while he was on patrol March 19, according to a Web site run by Sleepy Eye High School. Sprenger is a member of the National Guard's 125th Field Artillery Unit based in New Ulm.

The soldier's uncle, Brad Sprenger, said his nephew has been going through skin graft surgeries at the hospital. Two other soldiers were traveling in a Humvee with Sprenger when they were injured by an explosion, he said.

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## **U.S. Armored Vehicle Blown Up; One Soldier Wounded**



An armoured vehicle burns shortly after it was attacked in Baghdad March 27, 2007 by a roadside bomb. One soldier was wounded in the attack, the U.S. military said on Tuesday. REUTERS/Kareem Raheem

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## **Two British Soldiers Wounded In Northern Basra**

3.28.07 By Hussein Kadhim, McClatchy Newspapers

Last night, two British soldiers were injured in two separate attacks during their daily patrols in northern Basra according to the spokeswoman Captain Kate Brown of the multi forces said. The patrols had been attacked by machineguns and RPG7's in Al-Najibia(10 kilometers to the north of Basra).

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## **British Soldier Shot At Basra Police Headquarters**

3.28 Reuters & By Hussein Kadhim, McClatchy Newspapers

A British soldier was shot and wounded at police headquarters in the southern city of Basra, a British military spokesman said. "His condition is not graded as very serious," the spokesman said, giving no further details of his injuries. Asked about Iraqi police reports that a sniper was responsible, the spokesman said: "We don't know if he was a sniper or not."

A British helicopter sent to pick him up was attacked by machinegun fire.

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## **More British Troops Attacked In Basra**

3/27/2007 (KUNA) & VOI

A British military force came under an armed attack while it was carrying out a crackdown on a village in Basra City, south Iraq, a British military spokeswoman said here Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for British forces in south Iraq said unidentified militants attacked a British military force which was cracking down a village in north Basra. But, no member of the British force was injured in the attack, she added.

The British base in former president Saddam Hussein's palaces in central Basra came under attack, the spokeswoman for the Multi-National forces in southern Iraq said

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## **U.S. Military Convoy Attacked In Baghdad; Casualties Not Announced**





A truck burns following an attack on a US military convoy in Baghdad's al-Amiriyah neighborhood. (AFP/Wisam Sami)

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**GUESS WHO'S WORRIED  
GUESS WHO ISN'T  
GUESS WHY:  
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW**



U.S. soldiers of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion of the 8th Cavalry Regiment (1/8 Cavalry), out of Fort Hood, Texas as they patrol a market in Baghdad January 26, 2007. REUTERS/Erik de Castro

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## **Helicopters Going Down Faster Than They Can Be Replaced**

3.24.07 Wall St. Journal

The Army said it has 130 helicopters in Iraq and Afghanistan, a third to enemy fire, and replacements aren't arriving fast enough.

**MORE:**

# **HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE LOSING THE WAR #1259: YOU IMPOSE NO-FLY ZONES ON YOURSELF AND NOT ON YOUR ENEMY**

**“It’s Just A Matter Of Time Before The  
Enemy Realizes, ‘Hey, They Used To  
Come That Way, Now They’re Coming  
This Way’”**

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Traveling Soldier, who sent this in. He writes: HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE LOSING THE WAR #1259: YOU IMPOSE NO-FLY ZONES NO YOURSELF AND NOT ON YOUR ENEMY.]

March 22, 2007 By Rick Jervis, USA TODAY

**CAMP SPEICHER, Iraq — The U.S. military is countering a recent wave of Iraqi insurgent attacks on helicopters by limiting the airspace where U.S. pilots can fly.**

**The enlargement of several “no-fly zones” north of Baghdad — marked as red circles on aviation maps — may be yielding results.**

Enemy fire brought down at least seven U.S. military helicopters between Jan. 20 and Feb. 21, but there have been no new reported shootdowns since that period.

**Helicopters are also flying higher and conducting more missions at night. Some pilots say such tactical changes carry new risks, but commanders say they are succeeding for now.**

Pilots are required to avoid the no-fly zones while transporting troops from base to base, said Maj. Rich Gordon, executive officer of the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade. The brigade is made up of about 600 helicopter pilots who fly in an area from Baghdad north to the Turkish border.

**American helicopters are increasingly relied upon in Iraq as roadside bombs target U.S. troops, making ground travel deadly.**

U.S. helicopter pilots are expected to fly about 400,000 hours this year, up from 240,000 in 2005.

**Enlarging the no-fly zones may push pilots repeatedly into the same areas, creating a pattern insurgents could detect, said Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Remington, who pilots a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter with the 2nd Battalion.**

**“It’s just a matter of time before the enemy realizes, ‘Hey, they used to come that way, now they’re coming this way,’” Remington said.**

Insurgents have been closely studying the brigade’s flying patterns since it arrived in Iraq last summer, said Chief Warrant Officer Antonio Ruiz, another Black Hawk pilot with the battalion.

**“They’re not stupid,” he said. “They’re learning things. We change, then they change.”**

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **2 Canadians Wounded By Afghan Bomber**

Mar 27, 2007 John Cotter, Canadian Press

SPERWIN GHAR, Afghanistan – Two Canadian soldiers were injured when their LAV-3 armoured vehicle was damaged by a car bomber minutes after fighting through a Taliban ambush.

The convoy of three LAV-3s was fired on by rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire Monday night a few kilometres east of Patrol Base Wilson in Zhari district, military officials said Tuesday.

The convoy was then hit by a car bomber on the outskirts of Kandahar city in an area known as ambush alley.

One soldier suffered a badly broken arm and was to be transported to Germany for treatment.

The other soldier suffered minor injuries. They were not identified.

After the car bomb exploded the convoy continued to limp along until it linked up with troops of Charlie company, 3 Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry.

Soldiers from India company of the 2 RCR swept the ambush site but didn’t find any of the insurgents.

During the ambush soldiers in the convoy returned fire with machine guns. There were no reports of Taliban casualties.

**Units from the Gagetown, N.B.-based battle group have been reporting a spike in roadside bombs and random rocket attacks this week in the Zhari, Panjwail and Maywand districts.**

Most of the attacks have occurred between the main highway and the Arghandab river, an area of poppy farms and vineyards that is starting to green up under the hot spring sun.

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## **Assorted Resistance Action; Helicopter Shot Down**

26 March 2007 (DPA) & March 27 IRNA & By VOA News

**Defence spokesman General Zahir Azimi said on Friday that the Taleban was controlling four districts in Helmand - Musa Qala, Bughran, Gramsir and Washir - but expressed confidence that Afghan and NATO forces would soon retake those areas.**

**Witnesses said that shots were fired at an army helicopter, forcing the helicopter not to land at a port of the Frontier Constabulary Post.**

**They said that one paramilitary soldier was injured in exchange of fire on the occasion**

A bomber disguised as a soldier has blown himself up in front of police headquarters in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, killing himself and four policemen.

A police chief in Helmand says the bomber dressed in an Afghan army uniform detonated his explosives after police stopped him as he tried to enter the station in Lashkar Gah, the province capital. At least one other policeman was injured.

A police inspector and a head of an armed group, who claimed to be a local Taliban leader, were killed in a gun battle in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, officials said.

According to Pakistani officials, a militant was arrested while his companion was seriously injured and taken to hospital. This incident occurred near Oxford Public High School in Tank, a major city at the edge of the restive South Waziristan tribal region.

Police said that the head of the militant group Ehsan Barqi alias 'Gernail' told the school management that he wanted to address the student assembly to deliver a talk on Jihad.

The school management called the police and on resistance, the militants hurled a hand grenade on the police, which followed a gun battle.

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## SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

### **Somalis Kill Bush Allies In Mogadishu**

3.22.07 Wall St. Journal

Somali fighters dragged foes' bodies through Mogadishu and set them afire after a battle with Ethiopian-backed [translation: U.S. government-backed occupation] forces that left 16 dead.

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## TROOP NEWS

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



The coffin of Spc. Michael D. Rivera, St. Agatha's Roman Catholic church, March 21, 2007 in New York. Rivera died March 7 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during combat operations. (AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

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# **U. S. Marine Iraq Vet Murdered In Public By Terrorist In Cop Uniform; The Assassin Still At Large, Armed And Dangerous; Until Killer Cop Is Named, Be Advised Of Necessity To Assume All Wilmington Cops Are Psychopathic Kill Freaks And Act Accordingly**

[Thanks to Al Jaccoma, Vietnam Veteran & The Military Project, who sent this in.]

March 22, 2007 By LEE WILLIAMS, The News Journal

**The 25-year-old man shot to death last week by a Wilmington officer never threatened police, according to five witnesses working nearby and a sixth witness standing next to the victim when the confrontation began.**

**Derek J. Hale, a U.S. Marine who served two tours in Iraq, died on the front steps at 1403 W. Sixth St. after a Wilmington police officer fired three .40-caliber rounds into his chest. He was killed after receiving multiple shocks from electronic Tasers.**

**“He didn’t deserve to be shot. He wasn’t any kind of threat,” said Fred Mixson, 53, a contractor working in the home next door who watched the shooting unfold from across the narrow street.**

From the initial confrontation with police to the fatal shooting, only two to three minutes elapsed, witnesses said.

Four members of Mixson’s work crew witnessed the shooting from a variety of angles and distances, although Mixson was the only one interviewed by investigators after the shooting and the only one willing to allow his name to be used for this article.

But in interviews with The News Journal last week, all five said Hale did not pose a threat.

**“No matter what his background was, he didn’t deserve that,” Mixson said. “They had him surrounded. They could have grabbed him.”**

The News Journal canvassed the neighborhood. Residents across the street and living next door said they either were away or saw nothing of the events.

Police said Hale, who had recently joined the Pagans Motorcycle Club, was a “person of interest” in a recent drug investigation conducted by the Delaware State Police. The U.S. Department of Justice classifies the Pagans as an outlaw motorcycle gang with a history of violence and drug offenses, but Hale, police have said, has no arrest record in Delaware.

**At the time of his death, Hale had a valid permit in Virginia to carry concealed weapons, according to the clerk of Circuit Court in Manassas. Concealed-carry permits in Virginia are issued only to people who never have been convicted of a felony, narcotics or a domestic violence charge and who have no history of mental illness or substance abuse.**

Two days before the shooting, officers searched the residence as part of a wide-ranging drug and weapons investigation and had charged the owner. According to a written statement by state police, Hale was seen Nov. 6 moving items from inside the house to a vehicle and officers “had reason to believe he was preparing to flee.” Mixson said he saw Hale place a large Tupperware container into the vehicle.

“It was during the attempt to take Hale into custody outside of the residence that a confrontation ensued, and Hale was fatally shot,” police said.

Hale never displayed a weapon, police said, but a spokesman for the Wilmington police said officers found a can of pepper spray and a switchblade knife in Hale’s pockets after the shooting.

Hale’s stepbrother, Jason Singleton, who lives in Missouri, never knew his brother to carry a switchblade. “The last time I saw Derek, he had a small Swiss Army knife. To my knowledge, I’ve never seen Derek with anything like a switchblade.”

In a written statement issued last week, Wilmington police Master Sgt. Steven Elliott said Hale was shot three times because an “officer in close proximity to the developments feared for the safety of his fellow officers and believed that the suspect was in a position to pose an imminent threat. That officer then utilized deadly force.”

**Wilmington police denied a request from The News Journal for their use-of-force policy, which addresses how and when officers may use deadly force and less-than-lethal weapons such as Tasers.**

They cited an August 2005 Freedom of Information request in which the Attorney General’s Office found that the policies are not public documents.

Asked if Hale ever threatened the officers, Elliott said in an interview last week: “In a sense, when he did not comply with their commands” to show him his hands.

Wilmington police Chief Michael Szczerba did not respond to calls, e-mails or messages left with his staff about the shooting, although Elliott handled press calls after the incident.

The News Journal informed city and police officials that it had received eyewitness accounts that questioned the need for Hale's shooting. In his written statement, Rago said: "If the News Journal, or any other organization or individual, has information regarding this incident that can be helpful to the investigation, it is recommended that they present that information to the Wilmington Police Department, the City Solicitor's Office or to the Delaware Attorney General's Office to aid in the thoroughness of the investigation."

On Monday, Nov. 6, Mixson arrived at the 1400 block of W. Sixth St. just before 4 p.m., quitting time for his work crew, which was renovating one of the row houses next door to the shooting.

Mixson parked across the narrow street from 1403 and was standing by the driver's door of his work van when a black SUV sped up the wrong way of the one-way street and screeched to a halt in the middle of the road.

Several police officers jumped out and ran to where Hale was sitting on the steep steps of 1403, approximately six feet higher than the sidewalk.

Mixson and his crew had barely noticed Hale before he was confronted by police. Hale, they said, was chatting with Sandra Lopez and two children at the top of a 10-step concrete stoop. Hale was seated on the third step from the top. Mixson and another witness were standing across the street from 1403, while others were on the sidewalk in front of a row house adjacent to the site of the shooting.

**The officers ordered Hale to take his hands out of the front pockets of his hooded sweat shirt.**

**"About a second later, they Tasered him," Mixson recalled. "He was just sitting there. He didn't do anything."**

A compressed air charge in the Taser cartridge launched two metal barbs, attached to wires trailing back to the hand-held device, at a speed of more than 160 feet per second.

**On impact, a strong electric charge was carried into Hale's body, which caused what the manufacturer, Taser International, describes as "an immediate loss of the person's neuromuscular control and the ability to perform coordinated action for the duration of the impulse."**

**The witnesses said Hale shook violently from the charge, as if sitting on an electric chair. His right hand came out of the front of his sweat shirt and was shaking violently.**

**Seconds later, police repeated their command for Hale to show them his hands, and they Tasered him a second time.**



Mixson and others said Hale, who was still seated on the steps, rolled onto his left side and vomited into a flower bed.

“My brother yelled at the police that this was overkill. That this was crazy,” Mixson said. “They told him to ‘shut ... up,’ or they’d show him overkill.”

Hale rolled back to his right, into a sitting position, still shaking, and police Tasered him a third time, Mixson said.

*Lopez, who lived at the home where Hale was killed and was talking to Hale when police arrived, told her attorney Hale was trying to show police his hands.*

Lopez was standing with her two young children until police ordered her to move.

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# **Marine Corps. Calls Up 1,800 From IRR; Rats In Command Desperate For More Blood To Shed In Bush’s Imperial Slaughterhouse**

March 27, 2007 Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Marine Corps is recalling 1,800 reservists to active duty, citing a shortage of volunteers to fill some jobs in Iraq.

Members of the branch’s Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) will get letters this week notifying them of plans to mobilize them involuntarily for a year, said Lt. Col. Jeff Riehl of Marine manpower and reserve affairs.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates last week approved the action, under which reservists would report for duty in October and deploy to Iraq early next year, Riehl said.

From the 1,800 called, officials hope to get 1,200 Marines for aviation maintenance, logistics support, combat arms and several other skills needed for the early 2008 rotation into Iraq.

The ready reserves are service members who have left active duty but still have time remaining on their eight-year military obligations. Generally, Marines enlist for four years, then serve another four either in the regular Reserves, where they are paid and train periodically, or in the IRR, in which they do not drill but can be involuntarily recalled.

President Bush last July authorized the recall from the Marine IRR of up to 2,500 at one time. Like the Army, the Marines have had to call considerably larger numbers of people

to get the number they want, because some don't pass muster and others ask for deferments, delays or exemptions due to family issues, medical reasons and other issues.

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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

### **Assorted Resistance Action**



An Iraqi policeman runs for cover as a guerrilla sniper opens fire in central Baghdad. (AFP/Ali Yussef)

3.27.07 Reuters & VOI & 3.28 Reuters & By Hussein Kadhim, McClatchy Newspapers

A car bomber blew up his vehicle outside a police restaurant on a main road north of Ramadi, killing at least 17 and wounding 32, a source at Ramadi hospital said. The restaurant was frequented by police in an area where local tribes have joined the tribal alliance against insurgents. Policemen were among the casualties, the source added.

Around 7 p.m. a Baghdad car bomber drove a car into the headquarters of the Iraqi army in Hay Al-Jamia'a near Mula Hiwaish mosque killing one soldier and injuring 3.

A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol killed a policeman and wounded two others in southeastern Baghdad, police said.

Guerrillas killed a police lieutenant working in the Serious Crimes Unit in Zayouna district of eastern Baghdad, police said.

One Iraqi soldier was killed and two wounded in a roadside blast in Ghazaliya district in eastern Baghdad, a Reuters photographer said.

In the afternoon a roadside bomb hit a policeman at Al-Saadoun street.

Three public employees were killed by unidentified fighters near al-Is-haqi district, 110 north of Baghdad, a security source in Tikrit said on Tuesday.

Guerrillas opened fire on a police patrol, killing one policeman and wounding two others on Monday in Um al-Maalif district of western Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol wounded four soldiers on Monday in Doura, police said.

The manager of observation and accuracy of the general customs committee was kidnapped near his Baghdad office as he was leaving.

Police found the body of a policeman decapitated body in different parts of Mosul, on Monday, police said.

An explosive charge was detonated on Tuesday near the motorcade of the head of Ninawa provincial council in the city of Mosul. Two guards were wounded.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi police patrol wounded a senior police officer in Mosul, in northern Iraq, police said. Another roadside bomb in Mosul targeting police wounded four more.

Four people were killed in two blasts in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad. One of the dead was the son of tribal leader Sheikh Thahir al-Dari, said Ahmed al-Dulaimi, head of the provincial council media office in Anbar.

Dulaimi said it was a double car bombing but a relative of the sheikh, a member of the alliance, said the son was killed when a rocket propelled grenade hit the car he was in. Another person was wounded in the car.

Thahir al-Dari is the head of the al-Zubaie tribe, to which Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zubaie belongs. The deputy prime minister was the target of an assassination bid last week.

Bombers have targeted a number of tribal leaders in the pro-occupation alliance amid a growing struggle in Anbar between the militant group and tribes who oppose it.

Zubaie was wounded in last week's attack at his home in Baghdad. An aide said that suicide bomber was one of his own guards and said the tribe was itself divided between those loyal to the government and those supporting the resistance movement.

Diyala:

Battle was ongoing between the towns of Kibaa and Chalabi according to a Multi-National Forces spokesperson. The towns were among the first to declare loyalty to the Islamic State of Iraq.

Guerrillas captured the head of Jalawla district communications department on Monday. A security official said today the announcement was delayed for investigation purposes.

After midnight, two soldiers were injured near a check point in eastern Baqouba (north of Baghdad) by guerrillas using machine guns.

Tikrit:

Early this morning , two policemen were injured as a result of a car bomb near the first check point in Shurqat.

Around 8 am a roadside bomb hit a Humvee vehicle that belongs to the Iraqi army (Battalion 3/Brigade 2/Division 4) near Al-Zara bridge on the way between Tuz and Tikrit. Only one soldier was injured in that ambush.

Guerrillas disguised with police uniforms kidnapped a policeman from his house in Iqadat, Salah ad Din province.

Kirkuk:

A policeman was killed and another injured by a car bomb at Riyadh district of Kirkuk province last night (Tuesday 27/3/2007). Police said that that bomb placed near the electric supply office of Al-Riyadh district targeting a police patrol .

Guerrillas riding a sedan car attacked a policeman from Adala police station who was on his duty in the street. He was injured in that attack and taken at once to hospital.



An Iraqi army soldier lies wounded on the ground next to his armoured vehicle after he was shot by a resistance sniper on a street in Baghdad's northwest neighborhood of Ghazaliyah March 26, 2007. Two Iraqi soldiers were wounded by a sniper during a joint patrol with U.S. soldiers. REUTERS/Fabrizio Bensch

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

# Resistance Blows Up Oil Pipeline For The 2,684<sup>th</sup> Time Since 2003, But Who's Counting?



Smoke rises from a burning oil pipeline after a roadside bomb attack in Baiji, 180 km (112 miles) north of Baghdad , March 26, 2007. (Nuhad Hussin/Reuters)

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## FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

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

***On Ending War:***  
**Ft. Stewart:**  
**“The Veterans For Peace Were Well  
Received In Hinesville”**

# **“Soldiers And Their Families Continue To Speak Of The Event And The Information They Received About The Appeal For Redress”**



(Photo: Carl Elmore; SavannahNOW, March 22, 2007)

From: Monica Benderman  
To: GI Special  
Sent: March 27, 2007

**The Veterans For Peace caravan came through Hinesville, Georgia last week. It was the first time since the start of the war that a group from the Peace movement had held any actions in this military town, home of the Third Infantry Division, the division to invade Iraq.**

**The Veterans For Peace were well received in Hinesville. Soldiers and their families continue to speak of the event and the information they received about the Appeal for Redress. The community of Hinesville understands the need, but they also understand the need for so much more.**

March 27, 2007 By Monica Benderman

Monica is the wife of Sgt. Kevin Benderman, a ten-year Army veteran who served a combat tour in Iraq and a year in prison for his public protest of war and the destruction it causes to civilians and to American military personnel. Please visit their website, [www.BendermanDefense.org](http://www.BendermanDefense.org) to learn more.

Kevin and Monica may be reached at [mdawnb@coastalnow.net](mailto:mdawnb@coastalnow.net)

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**It was the first time since the start of the war that a group from the Peace movement had held any actions in this military town, home of the Third Infantry Division, the division to invade Iraq.**

Hinesville is a quiet community whose resident population includes many veterans from wars as far back as World War II. Yellow ribbons still circle the trunks of giant oaks and pines in the center of town, but they belie the true support the community of Hinesville has given to Ft. Stewart soldiers over the years.

**In 1971, the community of Hinesville joined together to create a waiver program meant to offer real support for the men and women stationed at Ft. Stewart. This program was a joint effort between business members in the community to ensure that soldiers and their families were taken care of while they served their country.**

**Local landlords offered discounts on rent, waived security deposits and offered lower rates on storage when the soldiers were deployed. Local utility companies participated as well also offering to waive security deposits, and local businesses gave discounts to soldiers and family members who visited their stores.**

Hinesville doesn't wear its political bent openly.

The community members don't actively protest the war, nor do they rage against those who do. The community of Hinesville quietly supports the soldiers who serve, knowing the difficulty of the times.

Veterans talk together about how the war has changed and how frustrated they are at the lack of any real results. They speak of the administration's decisions with a wisdom that comes from having served and seen war firsthand, and they acknowledge the efforts to alter the course of the war with equal intellect.

Are we ready for that change in course?

It is time to bring the war to an end and to begin the process of bringing our soldiers home.

But the community of Hinesville knows there is much about this country that is not ready for the return of 200,000 combat weary members of the military.

The soldiers of the 3rd Infantry have been to war three times in the past five years.

Many of the members of the 3rd Infantry were in Afghanistan before being sent to the invasion of Iraq rather than redeployed home.

The community of Hinesville was here for the soldiers when their families were told they would be stop-losses in Iraq for months past their scheduled return dates. They were here when the soldiers were told they would be returning to Iraq just one very short year after they had arrived home.

At Warrior Walk on Ft. Stewart there are currently 320 trees standing in memorial to the members of the 3rd Infantry who gave their lives in Iraq.

As we walk around the grounds of Winn Army Hospital we pass soldiers with artificial limbs, a permanent limp, and in wheelchairs all trying to recover from the war that seems to go on forever. The community of Hinesville knows, cares and does what it can to support them and their families. Veterans have not forgotten – and they understand how much is needed when the war comes home.

Do we understand what we will face when the war is over?

In the year between the first two deployments of the 3rd Infantry there were 191 confirmed cases of child abuse on Ft. Stewart alone. Soldiers returned but we were not ready.

In the next year the soldiers were home following their second deployment to Iraq, there were 138 cases of spousal abuse confirmed on Ft. Stewart. America continued to call for the soldiers to come home, but we were not ready.

As we drive the twelve mile stretch of road that passes through the training areas of Ft. Stewart there are new landmarks along the way. Billboards in bright colors with simple messages, thirty or more, directed at the soldiers of the 3rd ID, ordered to be erected by a concerned installation command -

“Don’t drink and drive.”

“Riding motorcycles drunk will kill.”

“We care about our soldiers, we want you alive.”

Large neon message boards at the exit gates of the garrison proudly display the message, “177 days since our last traffic fatality.”

Soldiers have returned home from war alive at least, although far from unaffected. Alongside the memorial posts in the local newspaper reminding us of the lives taken in Iraq we read posts reminding us that soldiers are affected, and while they survived combat in Iraq, they could not survive drinking and driving to forget.

Once again the soldiers of the 3rd ID are heading to Iraq. America is calling loudly for them to be brought home, but America is not ready.

In 2005, the garrison commander of Ft. Stewart, Col. John Kidd, approached the on-post office of the Community Waiver project.

**At no cost to the military the members of the Hinesville community had operated a project which resulted in a multi-million dollar a year savings for the soldiers and families of Ft. Stewart.**

**With no explanation this Colonel, serving as garrison commander, told the employees of the Waiver project that they had 30 days to collect their papers, close the office and close the door on a community offering which had been serving the needs of the soldiers for over 30 years.**



**This Colonel told members of the project that they were to disband, and to begin charging security deposits to the soldiers who continued to lease from them.**

**This same Colonel was the Convening Authority for my husband's courts-martial, a man openly hostile to our attempts to publicize the mismanagement of the installation and the corrupt practices of some members of the command.**

Col. Kidd determined that my husband deserved to go to jail for his actions, and insisted that it be for no less than 18 months – a decision he discussed with the prosecutors in the case even before the charges against my husband had been investigated.

**Shortly thereafter, new construction began at the back gate of Ft. Stewart.**

**New town homes appeared, a map for a master-planned community is now displayed, and hard-selling representatives leap exuberantly in hopes of a new sale as cars wind through the entrance with passengers seeking to satisfy their curiosity.**

**The community of Hinesville now understands. It's hard to sell an over-priced monster to soldiers who don't really need the burden, unless the community has been detached – where is that Colonel now that he is no longer in command?**

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**The Veterans For Peace were well received in Hinesville. Soldiers and their families continue to speak of the event and the information they received about the Appeal for Redress. The community of Hinesville understands the need, but they also understand the need for so much more.**

**My husband went to prison as a result of his public protest of this war and the lack of support the soldiers were receiving. He spent over a year in prison yet continued to speak of the need for a legal remedy for soldiers to have the right to speak about their concerns regarding this war. The Appeal for Redress does just that. We hope many will support it so that soldiers do not have to face what my husband faced simply for telling the truth.**

It is the kind of support our soldiers need, and the kind I wish my husband had been given.

Americans talk about ending the war. Americans talk about supporting the soldiers who fight, and supporting the soldiers who choose to take steps to honorably refuse to further participate in the actions of a war which has shown itself to be unjust, immoral, and to include so many illegal actions.

So many Americans still do not understand, and our soldiers and their families continue to pay the price for their sacrifices while Americans face off over their differences, rather than work together to create a solution.

**So we end the war.**

**So our soldiers come home.**

I can tell you from firsthand experience – America is not ready.

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, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657

## A New Peace Sign



From: Mike Hastie  
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**Mike Hastie**  
**Vietnam Veteran**  
**March 20, 2007**

Photo and caption 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)

# March 29, 1973: The Last American Troops Leave South Vietnam



The 615<sup>th</sup> MP Company was inactivated in Vietnam on the last day of American military combat presence.

March 29, 1973

The last American troops left South Vietnam, ending direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War.

Of the more than 3 million Americans who served in the war, almost 58,000 had died, and more than 1,000 were missing in action. Some 150,000 Americans had been seriously wounded.

The loss of Vietnamese killed and wounded was in the millions and damage to the countryside persists to this day.

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## OCCUPATION REPORT

# U.S. OCCUPATION RECRUITING DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR; RECRUITING FOR THE ARMED RESISTANCE THAT IS



Iraqi children pick up their belongings thrown on the floor during a raid on their house in Baghdad's Sadr City by foreign occupation soldiers from the U.S. March 10, 2007. Iraqi citizens have no right to resist home invasions by occupation soldiers from the USA. If they do, they may be arrested, wounded, or killed. REUTERS/Kareem Raheem

**[Fair is fair. Let's bring 150,000 Iraqi troops over here to the USA. They can kill people at checkpoints, bust into their houses with force and violence, butcher their families, overthrow the government, put a new one in office they like better and call it "sovereign," and "detain" anybody who doesn't like it in some prison without any charges being filed against them, or any trial.]**

**[Those Iraqis are sure a bunch of backward primitives. They actually resent this help, have the absurd notion that it's bad their country is occupied by a foreign military dictatorship, and consider it their patriotic duty to fight and kill the soldiers sent to grab their country. What a bunch of silly people. How fortunate they are to live under a military dictatorship run by George Bush. Why, how could anybody not love that? You'd want that in your home town, right?]**

**"In the States, if police burst into your house, kicking down doors and swearing at you, you would call your lawyer and file a lawsuit," said Wood, 42, from Iowa, who did not accompany Halladay's Charlie Company, from his battalion, on Thursday's raid. "Here, there are no lawyers. Their resources are limited, so they plant IEDs (improvised explosive devices) instead."**

**OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION  
BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!**

***This Is Not A Satire:***

# How Much Do Iraqis Hate The Occupation?

3.22.07 Wall St. Journal

In recent days, meanwhile, U.S. forces staged a raid to solve a nettlesome and potentially life-threatening problem in the nearby city of Bayji.

An Iraqi who worked as a translator for U.S. forces there was getting death threats from insurgents and asked the U.S. for help. The Americans responded by raiding his house, publicly arresting him, and holding him in jail for two days.

“A lot of people there now think he’s a bad guy,” Capt. Cederman says. “It bought him a lot of street cred.”

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



[Thanks to Chris L, The Military Project, who sent this in.]

### Troops Invited:

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 email [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org):. Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Replies confidential. Same address to unsubscribe.

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