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# **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

## **U.S. Soldier Killed In Baghdad**

July 2, 2007 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE No. 20070702-01

BAGHDAD — A Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldier was killed in a small arms fire attack that followed an improvised explosive device strike targeting a joint combat patrol in a western section of the Iraqi capital July 1. Two Iraqi National Police officers were also wounded in the attack.

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## **Another U.S. Soldier Killed In Baghdad**

July 2, 2007 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE No. 20070702-03

BAGHDAD — One Multi-National Division - Baghdad Soldier was killed when a combat patrol was targeted with small arms fire in a southern section of the Iraqi capital July 1.

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## **Local Family Mourns Soldier: “I Don’t Even Know Why We’re Over There... We Should Be Taking Care Of Our Own Here”**

June 20 By Jenny Lancour and Lee F. Brown, The Daily Press

ESCANABA — Army Spc. David Anthony Wilkey, Jr., formerly of Wilson, died Monday of wounds received during a roadside bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, the previous day, according to the military and his family.

Wilkey, 22, a Norway native who grew up in Wilson before moving to Elkhart, Ind., in his teens, served with the 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, Kan.

David made his home in nearby Clay Center, Kan., with his wife, Melinda. The couple has a one-year-old son Blake and a four-year-old stepson Christian. The family is expecting another child in October.

According to David's grandmother, Elizabeth "Liz" Wilkey of Wilson, the family is holding up "as well as can be expected" after hearing the tragic news of David's death.

"He loved the U.P. up here. He loved hunting and fishing. He just loved being outdoors in the U.P.," Liz said in a telephone interview with the Daily Press this morning.

David left for Iraq in early January and was assigned to be deployed there for a year, the grandmother said. Now family members are waiting for his body to arrive in Powers, near where he grew up. It's uncertain when his funeral will take place but it could be next week, Liz said.

"I wish I understood this war a lot better just so what he died for, I could understand," the grandmother said. "Because I don't even know why we're over there... We should be taking care of our own here."

David is one of Liz's 18 grandchildren. He is survived by his mother, Cindy Wilkey of Powers, three siblings — Valerie Wilkey, Dannielle Wilkey and Danny Wilkey, and several aunts, uncles and cousins, also in the area. His father, David Wilkey Sr., lives in Elkhart, Ind.

"He's going to be missed. He's made a lot of friends," said the elder Wilkey during an interview with the Associated Press. The son had worked with his father at Plastic Components Inc. for several years before joining the Army and being deployed to Iraq.

In addition to David, Liz said three other family members are enlisted in the Army including David's cousins, brothers Thomas and Kenneth Wilkey. Thomas is stationed at a base in New York and is to be shipped out overseas during the next few months, she said. Kenneth, stationed at a base in Kansas, was wounded by a bomb in Iraq in January and has more surgery to undergo, Liz said. Her grandson-in-law, Kevin (Kristina) Flessert is also in the army and now stationed in Germany.

David is to be buried in Powers. Allo Funeral Homes of Escanaba and Spalding will be handling local memorial arrangements. A memorial service is planned at Fort Riley on Tuesday, Liz said.

**Army Spc. Wilkey joins other local residents who were seriously wounded or lost their lives in Iraq within the last year, including the following: Army Spc. Joseph P. Micks of Rapid River was killed in Iraq in July 2006.**

**In January, Spc. Derek Gagne, Wilson, was injured in an energy forced projectile explosion that destroyed his humvee, killing one and injuring Gagne and another. Gagne lost a leg, all of his toes and partial vision in the blast.**

**Sgt. Phillip J. LaBonte, Hermansville, was seriously injured in an attack on Memorial Day, losing both legs, according to reports.**

**Pfc. Robert Lamarche, Escanaba, was shot through the neck early Friday morning while on patrol south of Baghdad. He is currently at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. His condition is currently unknown.**

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# Valentine Soldier Killed

Jun 17, 2007 KOLNKGIN

The war in Iraq killed two more Nebraska soldiers this week.

27-year-old Specialist Josiah Hollopeter of Valentine died Thursday, after his team was attacked by insurgents in Balad, Iraq.

Specialist Josiah Hollopeter of Valentine Nebraska died when insurgents attacked his four- man sniper team in Balad, Iraq.

Speaking with his father over the phone today, Ken Hollopeter said it will be hard to fill the void left by his son's death.

"Never as a father can you be 100% prepared but we're working our way through it, we are functioning, but it's going to be a huge loss in our family forever," said Ken Hollopeter, Josiah's father.

He says Josiah wanted to join other troops fighting in Iraq after the twin towers fell on 9-11, and worked to become a U.S. Army Sniper, one of the most demanding army professions.

"There's a 60 or 70 percent drop out rate in that program... It's a lot of emotional strength, the ability to concentrate and focus on one goal; he'd accomplished most of that in life" said Ken Hollopeter.

Josiah served beside his brother Tyler. Their father says both his sons were, and are honored to serve. "They do support the actions of the president, the actions of the military over there," Hollopeter said.

And, he says Specialist Hollopeter will be missed by all who knew him.

"He was probably as tenderhearted as they come especially in regards to kids or animals, or any family or friends," Said Ken Hollopeter.

Josiah Hollopeter was due back in the states next month for leave. He was the 50th service member with Nebraska connections killed in either Iraq or Afghanistan since September eleventh, 2001.

Josiah's brother, Tyler, will come home from Iraq with Josiah's body and remain here on extended leave.

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## Ex-Spangle Resident Killed In Iraq

June 12, 2007 Spokesman-Review

He joined the Army in 2002, and served as a cavalry scout, Nancy Bourget, a Fort Hood spokeswoman said. He had been with the 1st Cavalry Division since September 2005, and was deployed to Iraq with his unit last October.

Spokesman-Review archives indicate that Dehn was a 1993 graduate of Liberty High School who received an Army Achievement Medal in 2005.

Dehn grew up as the five of six children in rural Spokane County, said his sister, Sherri Jeske. "The Army formed a direction for him, he was really proud of being a soldier," she said.

Dehn was deployed for about a year to Korea, where he met his wife, then came back to U.S. before being sent to Iraq.

During a visit home on leave several weeks ago, he told close relatives about the danger of military service in Iraq and some close calls he'd had, Jeske said.

"That was kind of his way of preparing if something was to happen," his sister said. "We were just thankful to spend the time that we did with him."

Other awards he received during his career include the Army's Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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## For G.I.'S In Iraq, A Harrowing Day Facing A Trap



BAQUBA, Iraq, June 25: An American soldier carrying shoulder-fired grenades paused to wait for orders during an operation on Saturday in Baquba, Iraq. Scott Nelson/World Picture Network, for the New York Times

June 26, 2007 By MICHAEL R. GORDON, The New York Times

BAQUBA, Iraq, June 25 — The enemy was a phantom who never showed his face but transformed a neighborhood into a network of houses rigged to explode.

And the soldiers from Comanche Company's First Platoon confronted this elaborate and deadly trap.

The platoon's push began shortly after 4 a.m. on Saturday, as American forces continued their effort to wrest the western section of this city north of Baghdad from Al Qaeda in Mesopotamia. Tracer rounds zipped through the air as the soldiers fired antitank weapons, mortar shells and machine guns at the abandoned houses they planned to inspect across the street.

They calculated that the firepower would blow up any bombs the insurgents might have planted in the houses, while providing cover so the first squads could move south across the thoroughfare.

**The use of house bombs is not a new trick, but as the soldiers were to learn, the scale was daunting. The entire neighborhood seemed to be a trap.**

After darting across the road, Sgt. Gerard Mennitto, 23, checked the front door of a partly constructed house and peered through a window looking for telltale signs of enemy explosives. The house was free of explosives and the operation seemed to be going as planned.

But there were a few early indications that the bomb threat in the area might be more challenging than the Americans had expected. The street the soldiers had raced across was strewn with slender copper wires, which the insurgents used to set off buried bombs powerful enough to upend armored vehicles.

As the platoon watched from its new foothold south of the road, a Buffalo vehicle, a heavily armored truck with a V-shaped body to dissipate bomb blasts and a giant mechanical claw, began to scour the nearby roads for bombs. It found three, which were exploded by American combat engineers.

"Controlled dets," a soldier called out, referring to a deliberate detonation of a discovered bomb. The good news was that the buried bombs had been found and neutralized. But some had been deeply buried on the road the platoon had just crossed.

The street bombs were probably little threat without a triggerman to set off the blast. The houses where the soldiers had secured their toehold seemed to have been abandoned, but soon after the platoon settled in, a small line of weary Iraqi civilians carrying a white flag emerged and slowly walked away. If some civilians had been lingering in or near the neighborhood, perhaps some insurgents were, too.

To blast a path through the next bomb-ridden stretch of road, combat engineers brought in a mine-clearing device. A bright fireball appeared over the street and a cloud of gritty dust engulfed the platoon's house as the soldiers huddled in the back and plugged their ears.

Afterward, as Sgt. Philip Ness-Hunkin, 24, walked to the house next door, he saw copper wires leading to the home. The gate was unlocked and the front door was invitingly open.

“Right in the front door there was a pressure plate under a piece of wood,” he said, referring to a mine that is set to blow when it is stepped on. “Over in that neighborhood there were wires going all over the place.”

“H-BIED,” a soldier called out, using the military’s acronym for a house-borne improvised explosive device.

The last place the platoon wanted to be was next door to a house bomb and a series of structures that had not been cleared. If the soldiers got into a firefight and had to dart in and out of the houses along the road, they might be diving into a series of deadly booby traps, explained First Lt. Charles Morton, 25, the platoon leader.

The explosive-rigged house needed to be destroyed by an airstrike or artillery fire. So the soldiers were instructed to move back across the road they had just crossed.

Once there, the troops clambered into a two-story house. When Sergeant Mennitto got to the second floor, however, he spotted antiaircraft ammunition and a detonation cord next to two propane tanks. The platoon had escaped from one house bomb, only to encounter another.

“Everyone get out!” he yelled.

Next, the men found a nearby building American troops had recently occupied. They were safe, but the insurgents’ bombs had forced them to the starting point. The temperature soared to over 110 degrees and the soldiers had been sleeping on floors of abandoned homes, without a shower or clean clothes for days.

Three soldiers sat down on a couch facing a large rectangular, blown-out window and looked at the street as if watching a large-screen television.

**The insurgent strategy appeared to be to use deep-buried bombs under the road and small-arms fire to force the soldiers to take refuge in the houses adjoining the route — and then to blow them up.**

**Col. Steve Townsend, the commander of the Third Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Second Infantry Division, which carried out the assault on western Baquba, said the network of house bombs here was the most extensive he had seen in Iraq.**

He said that in the first seven days of the attack, the brigade destroyed 21 house bombs. The platoon had encountered more than its share.

The radio traffic was crackling.

**Capt. Isaac Torres, the commander of Comanche Company, was impatient.**

**An airstrike was called in on the house with the propane tanks. But now it was late afternoon, and he wanted to know what the platoon's plan was to resume the mission to clear the area south of the street.**

**The platoon thought it was time to pound the houses across the road with airstrikes or artillery. There were 84 days left in its 15-month tour.**

Apart from the fleeing family and a stray man who came bearing a white flag to beg for water, no civilians were in sight.

"I don't know how realistic it is to ask for this, but I really think we could destroy this block, not cause any damage to the civilian populace and reduce a lot of risk to ourselves," Lieutenant Morton said over the tactical radio. "This entire place is literally rigged."

The final decision was to pound the houses fronting the street and to declare the rest of the homes in the section off limits until explosives experts could be brought in.

"It is too painful to deal with right now," Colonel Townsend said. "We need some expertise to come in here and find out, is there a way to reduce those house-borne I.E.D.'s without destroying the whole block? We need real bomb-squad kind of guys to come do this for us."

The next morning, an M1 tank arrived. The neighborhood reverberated with enormous booms as soldiers blasted the homes suspected of containing bombs with antitank missiles, artillery and tank fire. The platoon's advance had been stymied for a day, but there were no American casualties and more bombs had been cleared out.

**Lieutenant Morton, the platoon commander, sought to put the hectic, anxiety-filled day in the arc of a long war.**

He said, "It is one of those days when you're not doing anything, but stuff happens."

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **British Soldier Killed Near Qaleh-E-Gaz**

30 Jun 07 Ministry of Defence

It is with profound sadness that the Ministry of Defence must confirm the death of a soldier from 1st battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters in southern Afghanistan today, Saturday 30 June 2007.



He was acting as a liaison officer between the Battalion and a joint US task force and Afghan National Army operation in an area south-west of Sangin, northern Helmand province

At approximately 0900 local time the combined coalition forces engaged a substantial group of Taliban that were setting up a possible ambush site near to the village of Qaleh-e-Gaz.

Following the engagement a vehicle belonging to the coalition force was struck by an explosion as it moved to south of the village. Whilst destroying the vehicle to deny it to the enemy, the coalition force was engaged by Taliban fire, resulting in the British soldier's injury.

The soldier was medically evacuated to the ISAF hospital at Camp Bastion but sadly did not survive.

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## **British Soldier Killed, Three More Wounded In Gereshk**

7.1.07 (RTTNews) & AFP

On Sunday, one British soldier was killed and three British soldiers and three Afghan civilians were injured when a bomber attacked NATO-led troops in the south Afghan district of Gereshk, according to BBC.

"One NATO military vehicle is in flames," Gereshk mayor Dur Alisha told AFP.

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## **Meet U.S. General 'Bomber McNeill, Mass Murderer: Afghan Village Bombed For Three Hours; Little Left But The Dead**

**Senior British soldiers have previously expressed concerns that McNeill, who took command of the 32,000 Nato troops in Afghanistan only recently, was 'a fan' of the massive use of air power to defeat insurgents and that his favoured tactics could be counter-productive.**

Jun 30, 2007 Deutsch Presse & AP & July 1 Jason Burke, The Observer

Kabul - Over 120 Afghan civilians and Taliban fighters were killed in a coalition airstrike in the country's south, officials said Saturday, adding the officials that he had sent to the area to investigate the case reported that children and women were among the dead.

**The village in British-run Helmand was bombed for three hours after the Taliban attempted to ambush a US-Afghan army convoy**

The bombardment, which witnesses said lasted up to three hours, in the Gereshk district late on Friday followed an attempted ambush by the Taliban on a joint US-Afghan military convoy.

According to Mohammad Hussein, the provincial police chief, the militants fled into a nearby village for cover.

**Planes then targeted the village of Hyderabad.**

**Mohammad Khan, a resident of the village, said seven members of his family, including his brother and five of his brother's children, were killed.**

'I brought three of my wounded relatives to Gereshk hospital for treatment,' he told the Associated Press news agency by phone.

The villagers were yesterday burying a 'lot of dead bodies', Khan said.

Ban Ki-Moon, the United Nations Secretary-General, raised the issue of civilian casualties on a four-hour visit to Afghanistan on Friday on which he met the senior Nato commander there, the American General Dan McNeill.

**Senior British soldiers have previously expressed concerns that McNeill, who took command of the 32,000 Nato troops in Afghanistan only recently, was 'a fan' of the massive use of air power to defeat insurgents and that his favoured tactics could be counter-productive.**

'Every civilian dead means five new Taliban,' said one British officer who has recently returned from Helmand.

'It's a tough call when the enemy are hiding in villages, but you have to be very, very careful,' he added.

**The American general has been dubbed 'Bomber McNeill' by his critics.**

In the latest of a series of attacks causing significant civilian casualties in recent weeks, more than 200 were killed by coalition troops in Afghanistan in June, far more than are believed to have been killed by Taliban militants.

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**WANTED FOR MASS MURDER:  
MAD BOMBER MCNEILL**

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## **TROOP NEWS**

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



The casket of First Lt. Daniel Riordan following his funeral Mass at St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church, June 30, 2007, in Sunset Hill, Mo. Riordan and three others were killed last Saturday by a roadside bomb north of Baghdad. (AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

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**THIS ENVIRONMENT IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR  
HEALTH;  
COME ON HOME, NOW**



U.S. soldiers of the 2nd brigade, 23rd Infantry regiment run for cover in Rasheed neighborhood in southern of Baghdad early June 19, 2007. (AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

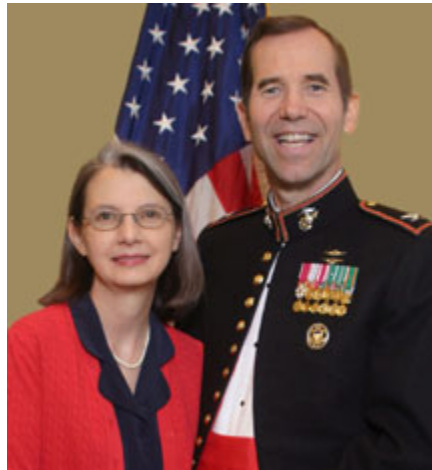
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***Religious Fanatic On The Loose  
In Uniform:***

**“Enemy Number Three; Our  
Own Political System...With Evil  
Ideologies”**

**“When Jesus Christ Returns He’s  
Coming Back As The Commander-  
In-Chief To Set Up A Pure Military  
Dictatorship”**

**“I’ll Tell You What, Our Supreme Court, They’re Not Supreme, All Right?”**  
**(The Arabs) “Have Souls And Need To Be Saved. ... If You Don’t Save Them, Smite (Kill) Them”**



J. Tyler Ryberg [wmbmissions.com]

May 11,2007  
Secy. Robert M. Gates  
Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 2030 1-1000

Dear Secretary Gates:

I am concerned about the prevalence and influence of anti-Muslim religious bigotry among US military personnel. Religious bigotry has no place in the United States military and can seriously harm our mission in ongoing conflicts in the Muslim world.

Retired Colonel J. Tyler Ryberg, USMC, gave a speech in Terre Haute, Indiana this week that received front page media coverage. Colonel Ryberg has a ministry that operates missions near US military bases for US military personnel.

**His speeches are filled with factual inaccuracies, religious bigotry against Muslims, and a horrifying view of Jesus “coming back as the commander-in-chief to set up a pure military dictatorship” in Jerusalem and “slaughtering 200 million people until the blood is as deep as the bridle of the horse.”**

He uses the term 'Global War on Terror' as code words for a religious crusade by the United States military against non-Christians lumping all Muslims; secular, moderate, extremist, in one group.

It is disturbing to see pictures of Colonel Ryberg in his US military uniform in the media.

It is frightening to think that he has hundreds of active duty US military personnel following his ministries.

In Ryberg's bio it states that he was a presidential adviser for military strategy. How could a man with his extremist religious views ever have advised the American president on US military strategy?

**He has no understanding of the American values enshrined in the US constitution and even lists as an enemy "our own political system".**

We cannot achieve our essential strategic goals in the Middle East, if we have US military personnel believing they are fighting a Christian crusade against Islam to usher in an apocalyptic second coming of Christ in Israel.

Colonel Ryberg claims that God sent the US military to Iraq — into the 10/40 Window — first to fight for the "God of Israel" and second to serve as missionaries to 'save' 50 million Arabs by converting them to Christianity.

He goes on to say, if "you don't save them, smite (kill) them. That's' it... there it is. Hey, this is a just war now. Please remember now, it is an act of love" to kill them.

He appears to have confused the current US military conflicts with a prophesied Armageddon where the US military helps Jesus kill all non-Christians.

He appears to confuse our troops with armed missionaries.

His statements are damaging to our counterinsurgency mission.

As stated in the new US Army Field Manual on Counterinsurgency, "political power is the central issue in insurgencies and counterinsurgencies" (I-3). "Tactical (military) success guarantees nothing" if we do not gain essential political goals.

In fact it states, "lives and resources may be wasted for no real gain" if we do not win political legitimacy among the majority of the host nation population. (I-156).

If the Colonel's unconscionable speech reached the Muslim street, it would be very harmful to the US counterinsurgency in Iraq and Afghanistan and serve to unite all the factions against us.

**Religious bigotry in the US military has reared its ugly head in cases from the torture death of Dilawar in Afghanistan in 2002, to the accusations against Guantanamo Muslim Chaplain James Yee, to statements in the Abu Gharaib Prison victims' complaints, and it continues to infect our mission.**

We are already paying a price for this. It is time the military does something to fix this serious problem.

**I have provided links below to Colonel Ryberg' s recent speech, his organization World Military Baptist Missions, and his church, First Baptist Church, located next to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.**

Let's work to make sure all military personnel understand our American values of freedom of religion, justice, equality under rule of law, separation of church and state, and liberty and respect for all peoples in today's diverse world.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Anderson

## **LINKS:**

[Excerpts]

Audio Sermon of Colonel Ryberg at Maranatha Baptist Bible College in April (31 minutes) <http://www.mbbc.edu/sermons/sermon.aspx?s=272>

Partial transcript from this speech:

**(Quotes on ENEMY #1 – “Radical Jihadists”:** His definition seems to include all Muslims

10:22: “So here we go. God has enemies...(America's) “enemy number one is radical jthadists...Hey, why don't they like us? You know why? Because my bible tells me that our God is not Allah and our prophet is not Muhammed.

Our constitution, our Magna Carta, our Mayflower Compact, our Declaration of Independence, all tell me that our God of our nation is the God of the bible, the triune God. Our Declaration of Independence talks about the creator, gives rights to the people who form governments to protect those rights.

Where do you get evolution out of that?

So we have a God of the bible. These Jthadists do not like Americans and Jews because our God is the God of Israel. And we have this Islamic brotherhood; al-qaeda, Syria, Hizbollah, Taliban, PLO, Hamas; they are all in one game to destroy Israel and wipe it off the map..”

**11:49: (The Arabs) “have souls and need to be saved. ... If you don't save them, smite (kill) them. That's it.. .there it is. Hey, this is a just war now. Please remember now, it is an act of love” to kill them.**

13:12: “God gives war to judge nations, but He also uses war to open the door to help stop the tears of those living in tyranny and cruelty.

**“50 Million Arabs are hearing the gospel of Christ.**

**“The ‘10/40 Window’ in the Middle East was pierced in that darkness through the US military forces.**

**“Right now, over there, we have the New Testament Baptist Church, Bible Baptist Church, Baghdad Baptist Church and they’re getting the gospel through FBN radio in Iraq, passing out bibles and the gospel for 24-7s, getting out because of war, opening doors of the gospel through war through love and compassion now as we minister to those needs.**

That’s enemy number one, is Jihadists blood thirsty killers.”

Quotes on ENEMY #2 — “Evil nations” defined as those working against Israel and the second coming)

13:56 “Enemy number two, evil nations...” (Osama bin Laden, Iran, North Korea, Venezuela, China).

17:09: “When will Jerusalem have peace?”

**“When Jesus Christ returns..., in prophecy, He’s coming back as the commander-in-chief to set up a pure military dictatorship as the king of kings, as the lord of lords with his right of iron in the sword of the lord and where is he coming to? Jerusalem.”**

17:57: “You see this weapon? That’s a great weapon. It’s an F-161. It can reach the nuclear reactors and nuclear plants that are enriching weapons grade plutonium in Iran.

“They’re practicing a strike.

“The United States gave them the aircraft, gave them the weapons, we gave Israel one hundred nukes.

“So now we are over there with Israel. We are on the team.

**“You and I could wake up one day and see smoking holes in Iran... Isn’t this a great time to get serious about our Christianity?... (When Jesus returns to Jerusalem) 200 million slaughtered and the blood is gonna come up to the bridle of the horse.”**

### **(Quotes on ENEMY #3 “Our political system”)**

19:27: **“Enemy number three; our own political system...with evil ideologies.**

“Pray for our president, young people...biblically we are commanded to.

“Right now in our American culture...every man did that which was right in his own eyes... Can we do anything we want to and get away with it?

**“I’ll tell you what our Supreme Court, they’re not supreme, all right?**



**We have a book that gives us the supreme rules and justice of a God almighty and if God said it; it's right, it's true, it is absolute. You don't go any farther than that. So here we are now in our nation with a culture ... (rants about lack of biblical laws in US legal system.)”**

2 1:26 “We have people over negotiating with terrorists undermining our policy and our war. So this is the state of our nation.

“We have our first Muslim elected to congress. After being sworn in on the Quran, he would not answer questions whether he would put America before the Quran.

When I took my oath of office I took it with the word of God and I swore that I would defend the constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic.

“He didn't do it. He holds the Quran above our constitution. **[This is simply a stupid lie.]**

**Look at this; our next ambassador to the United Nations is a what? A Muslim.”**

**World Military Baptist Missions:**  
[www.wmbmissions.com/military\\_service\\_centers.php](http://www.wmbmissions.com/military_service_centers.php)

**The Colonel's 'World Military Baptist Missions' specializes in missions next to military bases in the United States.**

<http://www.faithbaptist-church.org/sc.htm>  
First Baptist Church, Belleville, IL Military Service Center - Scott Air Force Base

<http://www.faithbaptist-church.org/sermons.htm>  
Sermons (Audio), includes Islamophobic commentary by minister

Newspaper article on Terre Haute sermon May 2007:  
Retired Marine preaches, says killing terrorists is an 'act of love for our nation'  
By Laura Followell  
The Tribune-Star  
May 6, 2007  
[http://www.tribstar.com/local/local\\_story\\_126235058.html](http://www.tribstar.com/local/local_story_126235058.html)

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## **The Answer To Evil Frauds Like Ryberg, Written 160 Years Ago:**

1847, By Karl Marx & Friedrich Engels, Deutsche Brusseler Zeitung [Excerpt]

**The social principles of Christianity justified slavery in the classic world and they glorified medieval serfdom, and if necessary they are quite willing to defend the oppression of the proletariat even if they should wear a somewhat crestfallen appearance the while.**

**The social principles of Christianity preach the necessity of a ruling and an oppressed class, and all they have to offer to the latter is the pious wish that the former may be charitable.**

**The social principles of Christianity transfer the reparation of all infamies to the realms of heaven and thus they justify the perpetuation of these infamies on earth.**

**The social principles of Christianity declare that all the villainies of the oppressors against the oppressed are either the just punishment for original or other sin, or tribulations which God in his own inscrutable wisdom causes the elect to suffer.**

**The social principles of Christianity preach cowardice, self-abasement, resignation, submission and humility — in short, all the characteristics of the canaille; but the proletariat is not prepared to let itself be treated as canaille, and it needs its courage, confidence, pride and independence even more than it needs its daily bread.**

**The social principles of Christianity are sneaking and hypocritical whilst the proletariat is revolutionary.**



**Troops Invited:**

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to 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.

## **“The First Active-Duty Chapter Of Iraq Veterans Against The War -- A Milestone In The Iraq Antiwar Movement”**

**“In Initial Conversations With Other  
Soldiers About Iraq Veterans Against  
The War, Many Have Expressed  
Support For Such Antiwar  
Sentiments”**

**“I’ve Been Waiting For This For A Long  
Time”**



Fort Drum infantryman Phillip Aliff

One important catalyst to that era’s GI movement, Cortright writes, was the presence of organized civilian support networks for soldiers opposing the war.

By EMILIANO HUET-VAUGHN, Citizen-soldier.org

For Phillip Aliff, the seeds of doubt over the Iraq war were present prior to his enlistment in the Army. On Feb. 15, 2003, he marched with millions of others around the world not convinced by President Bush's justifications for a war with Iraq.

A year and a half later he joined the military tasked with fighting that war. "I joined skeptical, but I pretty much needed money for college, you know, like every other working-class story," Aliff said.

**His skepticism turned to complete disgust with the war after he served his first tour as an infantryman in Iraq from 2005 to 2006.**

**"We were told the mission was essentially to win the hearts and minds," he said.**

**"So once you get over there and you realize that you are suppressing these people through violence and every day in the middle of the night searching their houses, breaking their stuff, treating them like second-class human beings just day after day after day, it kind of solidified that what we're doing is wrong and that being a part of that is something that we should all try and fight against."**

But how to do that when one's job is to go to war was the question Aliff and other like-minded friends in the service asked themselves upon returning from Iraq last year.

**In May, in a coffeehouse in the small military town of Watertown, N.Y., located outside the Fort Drum military base where Aliff is stationed, he and other soldiers met with civilian antiwar allies to answer that question.**

**The upshot of their meetings was a plan for the first active-duty chapter of Iraq Veterans Against the War -- a milestone in the Iraq antiwar movement**

During the Vietnam era, soldier dissent took many forms and played a critical, but sometimes forgotten, role in bringing to a halt U.S. aggression in Southeast Asia, writes historian of the GI resistance movement David Cortright in his book *Soldiers in Revolt*. In addition to iconic protests staged in Washington by Vietnam Veterans Against the War, there were numerous actions on military bases involving enlisted service people.

Resistance ranged from soldier leafleting and participation in demonstrations to insubordination, desertion and outright mutinies.

**An internal study commissioned by the Army during the height of the war found such resistance to be pervasive among troops, with 47 percent of low-ranking soldiers surveyed involved in some form of dissent or disobedience.**

**One important catalyst to that era's GI movement, Cortright writes, was the presence of organized civilian support networks for soldiers opposing the war.**

Starting in 1967, civilian antiwar activists, many of them former soldiers, began opening "GI coffeehouses" in military base towns. The coffeehouses served up counterculture music and entertainment, functioned as places "independent of military influence where [soldiers] could meet and freely exchange ideas about the war and the Army," Cortright writes. Numbering about 20 throughout the country, they quickly became hubs of soldier

dissent and civilian-soldier interchange within the antiwar movement, serving as organizing spaces for GI-led demonstrations, newspapers and soldier strikes that undermined the government's ability to wage war.

Now, some four decades later, civilian antiwar activists once again are using the GI coffeehouse model to encourage a new soldier antiwar movement, with recent Iraq Veterans Against the War developments at Fort Drum at the epicenter of these efforts.

The Different Drummer Café -- promoted by organizers as the first GI coffeehouse of the Iraq war era -- opened in November 2006 in Watertown as a project of the national GI rights group Citizen Soldier and local civilian activists. A coffeehouse in spirit more than an actual cup and saucer establishment, The Different Drummer is a sparsely furnished but spacious lounge-cum-Internet café located in the center of downtown Watertown, just miles from the Fort Drum military base.

Cindi Mercante is the project's lone paid staffer. A former soldier herself from a military family, Mercante took an interest in the coffeehouse in part because she wanted to challenge the conservative mindset of fellow residents living near Fort Drum.

"People would walk by," Mercante said of the opening months in its existence, "and say, 'Are you antiwar or are you for the soldier?' and I'd say, 'Well stop and think about it. Why can't you be both? Where is the quandary?'"

**For those soldiers who make use of the facility and identify with its explicit antiwar message, there is no contradiction.**

**They credit the bare-bones operation with "being for them" by providing a space in which they can find their activist footing.**

**"(The Different Drummer) gives us a place to go, if nothing else. It helps," said the secretary of the Fort Drum Iraq Veterans Against the War chapter, who asked to go only by his first name, Andy, for fear of negative repercussions from superiors.**

This has given the Different Drummer an indispensable role for antiwar soldiers who turn to it as a site for off-duty meetings and organizing sessions.

**The coffeehouse has served as a critical link between national leaders of Iraq Veterans Against the War and soldiers at Fort Drum interested in war resistance but lacking ties to a broader movement.**

The group's organizers have repeatedly been brought into Watertown by the The Different Drummer, which hosted the late April meetings at which the Fort Drum chapter was established.

That chapter, not yet two months old, is significant for its existence and location if not yet for its size.

With 10 registered members, it is small by the standard of organized GI antiwar activity in the Vietnam era.

**But as the first registered on-base group of Iraq veterans who oppose the war, organizers recognize its potentially historic importance and hope that the Fort Drum chapter is just the start of things to come.**

**“This is the most important time right now to build a GI movement,” said Aliff, the president of the Fort Drum chapter, “because we need to show, especially active-duty soldiers, that it’s OK to resist the war, to say that the war is illegal.**

“It’s OK to demand reparations for the Iraqi people for the damage done to their country. It’s OK to ask for better benefits when you get out as a veteran.”

**In a follow-up interview held three weeks after the chapter formation meetings, Aliff told NCR that in initial conversations with other soldiers about Iraq Veterans Against the War, many have expressed support for such antiwar sentiments, especially as anger toward superiors has festered following the extension of tours of duty in Iraq for all Fort Drum brigades.**

One woman personally affected by those extensions is Angela Mendoza, whose husband is based at Fort Drum but currently fighting in Iraq. She found her way to the Different Drummer coffeehouse for a chapter meeting after seeing an ad for it on the Internet.

Though her toddler constantly made demands of her, Mendoza stayed for close to two hours, engrossed in the discussion among soldiers, veterans and civilians unified in their opposition to the war. Her response suggests that antiwar soldiers at Fort Drum could gain much greater influence in the months to come.

**“It’s really refreshing to find people here who feel the same way I’m feeling,” she said, indicating a desire to organize soldier families against the war after attending to the personally inspirational meeting.**

**“I’ve been waiting for this for a long time.”**



From left: Former Marine Liam Madden, moderator Eric Ruder and antiwar author Anthony Arrove participate in a soldier-vet-civilian panel at the Different Drummer coffeehouse in late April.

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## **“End The War In Iraq And Bring U.S. Soldiers Home – Now”**



**“It’s going to be a long struggle, but we’re here to win”**

[Thanks to Elaine Brower, The Military Project, who sent this in with the above photo.]

July 01, 2007 By FRANK DONNELLY, ADVANCE STAFF WRITER, The Staten Island Advance

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- You didn't have to ask John McNulty and his wife, Sara, their thoughts yesterday on the Bush Administration's handling of the war in Iraq; the South Beach residents' T-shirts said it all.

“Worst President Ever,” proclaimed the message across McNulty's chest. “Where is the Outrage?” was the demand posed on his wife's shirt.

“Three years ago we needed to be out of there,” McNulty said moments before a peace rally kicked off in Stapleton's Tappen Park.

Part protest, part street fair, the 100-minute demonstration sponsored by Peace Action of Staten Island, (PASI) featured chants, skits, clowns, kids' activities and an activist band dubbed the “Rude Mechanical Orchestra.” About 125 people attended.

And while the atmosphere often was festive, the message was as blunt as a punch to the stomach: End the war in Iraq and bring U.S. soldiers home -- now.

West Brighton resident Debra Anderson, whose husband served in Iraq, and Fernando Braga, a member of Iraq Veterans Against the War, urged Staten Islanders to keep the heat on elected officials.

“It’s going to be a long struggle, but we’re here to win,” said Braga, a Bronx resident who served in the National Guard [in Iraq].

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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

### **Assorted Resistance Action**



A damaged patrol truck in eastern Baghdad July 1, 2007. Two Iraqi policemen were killed when a roadside bomb struck their patrol. After the blast, fighters sped by in a car and showered the policemen with machine gun fire. (AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed )

01 Jul 2007 Reuters & AP & By Molly Hennessy-Fiske, L.A. Times Staff Writer

**The body of a police colonel captured on Saturday was found in Basra, police said. He had been and shot.**

**Colonel Nasser Hamoud was in charge of the city’s prisons. He had been captured along with 3 of his guards the day before. The guards were released a few hours later.**

Police say Hamoud’s hands and legs were bound.



A car bomber rammed a booby-trapped car into an Iraqi police station and killed five policemen and wounded 14 others in Ramadi, 110 km (68 miles) west of Baghdad, police said. Police Captain Abbas al-Dulaimi said the attack was aimed at a police station in the eastern side of Ramadi.

**Two Iraqi policemen were killed on Sunday and five others were injured, including four high-ranking officers, in a bomb attack that targeted a security check point in Fallujah, 50 kilometers western Baghdad, police sources said.**

The bomber was driving a booby-trapped vehicle at high speed, heading all the way towards the check point at the entrance of the city, an Iraqi police source told KUNA, while a group of men fired three rocket-propelled grenades.

Militants captured the deputy mayor of Yathrib, near Balad, 80 km (50 miles) north of Baghdad.

One Iraqi soldier was killed in a drive-by shooting in Hawija, 70 km (43 miles) southwest of the northern city of Kirkuk, police said.

Three Iraqi soldiers were killed and three wounded when they entered a booby trapped house in the city of Baquba on Saturday, police said.

In the northern city of Kirkuk, an Iraqi soldier assigned to guard local oil facilities and a local lawyer were fatally shot by unknown attackers, according to Kirkuk police.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE END THE OCCUPATION</b></p>
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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

### **Pipe-Dreams And Pipelines**

From: Felicity Arbuthnot  
To: GI Special  
Sent: July 01, 2007  
Subject: Thought ...

**Re: Lt. General Robert Gard (thank heaven some of the military, former and current, are finally speaking out re this illegal slaughterhouse for all.)**

**However:**

**“These troops are not expendable commodities to fulfill the pipe-dream vision of a group of people trying to remake the world in our image,” Gard said.**

Should the above not read : 'The troops are not expendable commodities to fulfill the PIPELINE vision of people trying to remake the world in our image'?

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## OCCUPATION REPORT

### *Good News For The Iraqi Resistance!!*

## **U.S. Occupation Commands' Stupid Terror Tactics Recruit Even More Fighters To Kill U.S. Troops**



A foreign occupation soldier from the U.S. shines a flash light in the eyes of an Iraqi citizen in his home during a night home invasion raid in Baquba early June 30, 2007. REUTERS/Goran Tomasevic

**[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?]

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

## **Riots At Gas Stations As International Bankers Pressure Collaborator Regime To Raise Prices**

July 1 (KUNA)

The Iraqi Oil Ministry decided to hike prices of fuel in response to calls by the International Monetary Fund and the Paris Club [the financiers who hold Iraqi government bonds], an official said on Sunday.

The general manager of the company for distribution of oil derivatives, Karim Jaafar, said in remarks to KUNA that the price of the top grade of fuel was hiked to 450 dinars per liter, while the price of the fuel of lower grade was put at 400 dpl.

The decision coincided with reports about riots at some fuel stations in the towns of Al-Kut and the city of Basra in the south of Iraq.

Jaafar alluded the decision to hike the prices of the fuel to "pressures" by the IMF and the Paris Club, adding that they urged the authorities to lift subsidies on the oil bi-products.

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

**Zionist Regime Destroys Bedouin  
Homes To Make Way For The Master  
Race;  
"Tonight We Will Sleep On The Ground"**



Bedouin residents during the evacuation of the unrecognized Negev villages of Um Al-Hiran and A-Tir. (Mijal Grinberg)

**The Bedouin residents living in the area appeared under the title of “special problems” that may affect the establishment of the community.**

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Traveling Soldier, who sent this in. He writes: Israel’s Ethnic Cleansing Continues...]

25/06/2007 By Mijal Grinberg, Haaretz Correspondent

The Israel Land Administration (ILA), with the assistance of a large police force and IDF soldiers, demolished dozens of tin shack homes Monday in the unrecognized Bedouin villages Um Al-Hiran and A-Tir in the northern Negev. The ILA is destroying the village built on government-owned land and evacuating its inhabitants so that a Jewish Community named “Hiran” can be established in the area. Fourteen shacks, which housed some 100 people, have been destroyed by bulldozers so far.

**Bedouin women attempted to get their children out of the house but police wanted to speed up the process so they grabbed the play pens with the children inside and did not let the mothers come near. “Tonight we will sleep on the ground”, Fajua Ab Abu Al-Cian said.**

Young men, roughly 18-years of age, wearing orange shirts are taking part in the evacuation, removed the Bedouin’s property from their homes and placing it in piles on the ground outside. Haaretz has discovered that these teenagers are workers employed by sub-contractors hired by the ILA. According to the evacuators, they are being paid in cash and denied labor rights.

**According to Adallah, the Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel, the residents of the village have been living there for 51 years.**

**They were transferred to the site in 1956 while under martial law. The land they originally owned was transferred to Kibbutz Shoal, while the Bedouin were leased 3000 dunam of land for agriculture and grazing.**

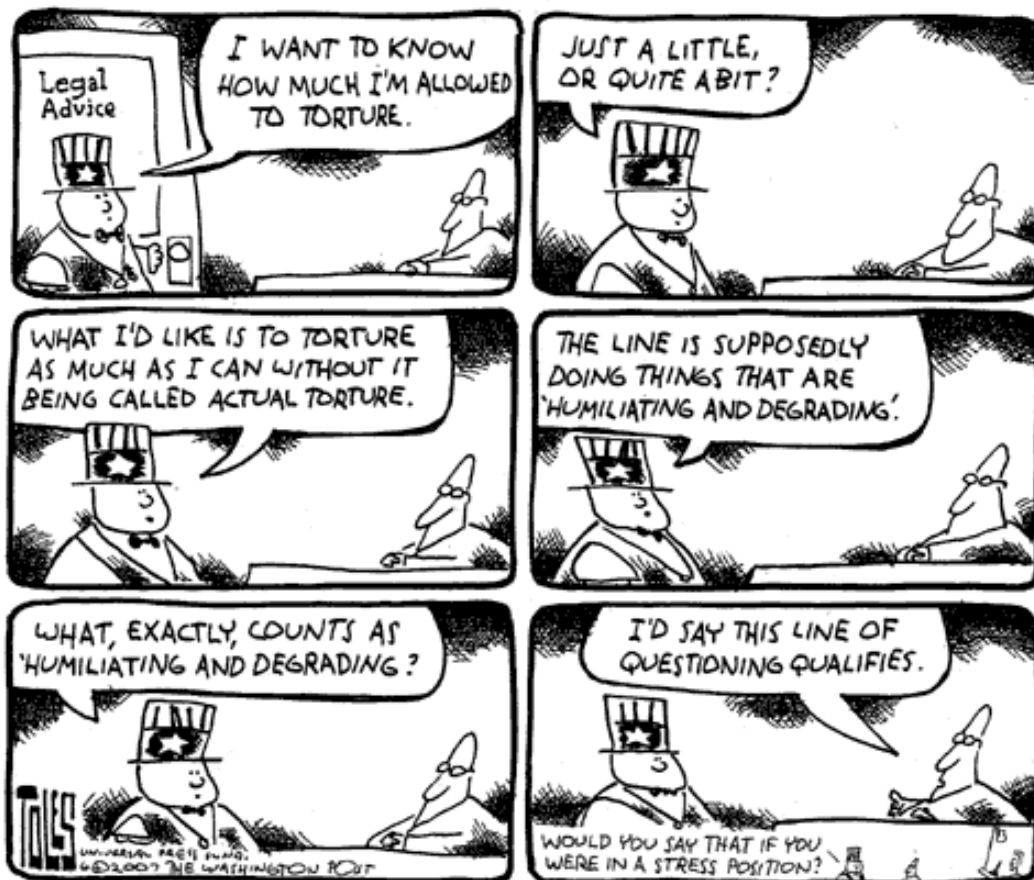
In August 2001 the ILA submitted a report on the establishment of new communities, which included Hiran.

The Bedouin residents living in the area appeared under the title of “special problems” that may affect the establishment of the community.

The government approved the establishment of Hiran in 2002, and in 2004 the state submitted a court order claiming that residents of Al Hiran should be evacuated as they are using state lands without permission.

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation by foreign terrorists, go to: [www.rafahtoday.org](http://www.rafahtoday.org) The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves “Israeli.”]

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