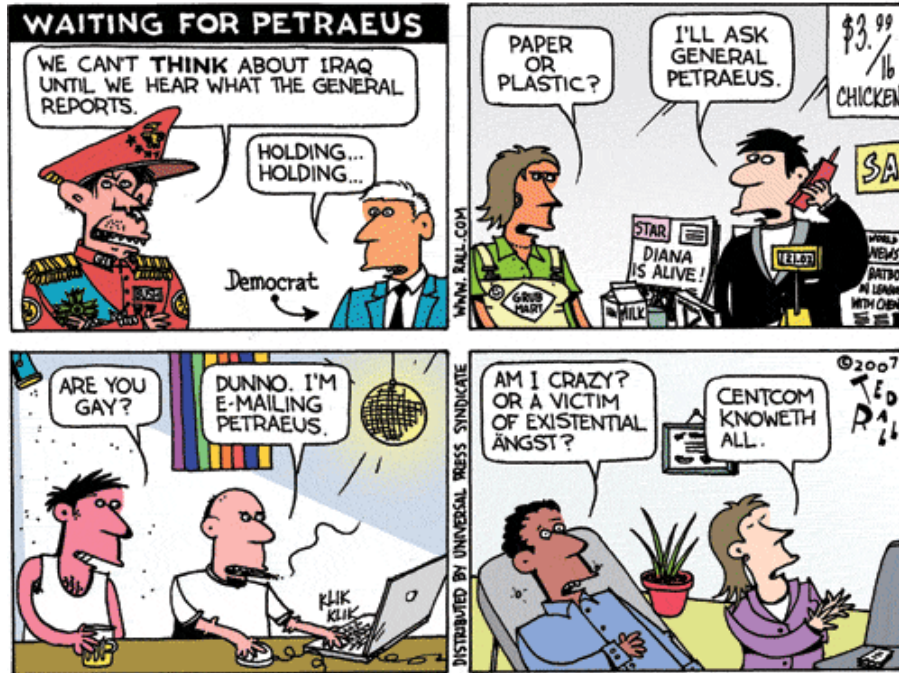


## GI SPECIAL 5G26:



**“Its Plain And Simple  
Why We’re Still Over  
Here”**

**“The Politicians Dont Care”  
“Fuck This War And Fuck The Army  
For Encouraging The Practice Of  
Following Blindly And Keeping Your  
Mouth Shut”**

To: GI Special  
Sent: July 26, 2007  
Subject: Re: GI Special 5G23: "We Never Swore To Obey"

**its plain and simple why we're still over here**

**the politicians dont care, why would they?**

**they arent affected by what goes on over here - they don't need to go to drastic measures to pay for college, support a family, etc - they're all wealthy enough to sit back and watch the poor get poorer.**

**fuck this war and fuck the army for encouraging the practice of following blindly and keeping your mouth shut**

**you dont need to hide my name im not afraid to let people know how i feel**

**al**

**Reply:**

**If anybody can't figure out what the word "heroism" refers to, this letter answer that question. T**

**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**

## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

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

7.29.07 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE No. 20070729-20

BAGHDAD — A Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldier was killed during a small arms fire attack while conducting combat operations north of the Iraqi capital July 29.

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

7.29.07 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE No. 20070728-28

BAGHDAD — A Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldier was killed during combat operations in an eastern section of the Iraqi capital July 29.

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## Homerville Soldier Killed In Iraq

7/12/2007 By Terry Dickson, The Times-Union

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Folkston for Army Sgt. Gene L. Lamie, 25, of Homerville, who died Friday in Iraq.

Sgt. Lamie was one of three 3rd Infantry Division soldiers killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle, the Defense Department said in a prepared release. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, the Defense Department said.

Sgt. Lamie will be buried Wednesday with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., said his brother, Georgia National Guard Spc. John Lamie.

"It's a house of heroes," John Lamie said of Arlington. "He deserves to be there."

John Lamie, who also served in Iraq, recalled what his brother had told him after his own squad suffered heavy casualties.

"He told me we were soldiers. We were meant to do what we were doing," John Lamie said.

Some people are born to be carpenters, lawyers or preachers, but his brother was born to be a soldier, John Lamie said. "He believed in everything he did. He grew up with a soldier's heart," he said.

Sgt. Lamie, who enlisted in the Army before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, came home on leave afterward and told his family he was going to the war with the 1st Cavalry Division, John Lamie said. He later re-enlisted solely to transfer to the 3rd Infantry Division and go back to Iraq, John Lamie said.

His mother, Linda Lamie, said she was proud of her son.

"My son served his country. He was a soldier at heart. His biggest concern was to get the people under him home," she said.

Sgt. Lamie loved to hunt and fish and was a big fan of Nextel Cup driver Tony Stewart and the Georgia Bulldogs. He liked to set his 8-month-old son, Gene Benjamin, on his lap and pretend to cast and reel in fish, she said.

Members of the Lamie family moved to Homerville from Folkston a few years ago to shorten the commute to Douglas, where Sgt. Lamie's father, Eugene Lamie, had

transferred to another job. Although the family was relatively new to Homerville, the community has rallied around them, John Lamie said.

"Even though we didn't grow up here, this community has wrapped both arms around us, overwhelmed us with love and support," he said.

There has been an equal outpouring of sympathy and affection in Folkston, where his family lived for years and where his maternal grandmother and other family members still live, John Lamie said.

Linda Lamie asked for continued prayers for the family and for those still serving in Iraq.

"I will pray every day until every soldier comes home," she said.

In addition to his mother and brother, Sgt. Lamie is survived by his wife, Dara Lamie of Fort Stewart; a 3-year-old daughter, Lyrean; and a son, Gene Benjamin.

He is also survived by his father, Eugene M. Lamie of Homerville; a sister, Christy Bell of Douglas; fraternal grandparents, Eugene F. and Elsie Lamie of Homerville; and maternal grandmother, Della Taylor of Folkston.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Bud Taylor of Folkston.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Shepard Funeral Home, 600 Oak St., Folkston. The Saturday memorial service will also be held at the Shepard Funeral Home.

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## **UNREMITTING HELL ON EARTH; BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW**



U.S. soldiers in an alley in the eastern part of Baqouba July 21, 2007. (AP Photo)

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# “Soldiers Question Their Continued Presence In The City Center”

“I Don’t See The Point”

“People Are Getting Killed For Us To Resupply Ourselves, And If We Weren’t Resupplying Ourselves, People Wouldn’t Be Getting Killed”

“If they leave, the militias will eventually fall apart,” he said. “There will be no reason to join them because they will not be fighting the British Army.”

July 29, 2007 By STEPHEN FARRELL, New York Times [Excerpts]

**BASRA, Iraq — As American troop levels are peaking in Baghdad, British force levels are heading in the opposite direction as the troops prepare to withdraw completely from the city center of Basra, 300 miles to the south.**

The British intend to pull back to an airport headquarters miles out of town, a symbolic move widely taken by Iraqis as the beginning of the end of the British military presence in southern Iraq.

But certainly a city that was once relatively safe for British troops is no longer.

**The report by the International Crisis Group ... said the British had been driven into “increasingly secluded compounds,” a result, the report said, that was viewed by Basra’s residents and militia as an “ignominious defeat.”**

Where they once patrolled in soft hats and open-topped vehicles, soldiers now move in heavily armored vehicles and are regularly attacked with mortar shells, rocket-propelled grenades and roadside bombs.

This year is already the most deadly since 2003 for British forces in Iraq, with 36 killed as of Saturday.

**Sixty-one rockets and mortar shells rained down on the palace in one day last week, a record high.**

On May 25, Basra’s small Permanent Joint Coordination Center — a joint British-Iraqi base in the city’s center — came under sustained attack by militias enraged by the killing of a senior Mahdi Army commander that day.

The lesson drawn by soldiers inside was that the militias had carefully watched the reduced British troop movements around the city, noticed where they were no longer patrolling and prepared accordingly.

Cpl. Daniel Jennings, 26, said the Mahdi Army appeared to have stockpiled rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns in advance.

**“What they did was very well planned,” he said. “They knew they could pre-dump weapons and ammo.**

“They knew that if they hid R.P.G.’s under a bridge or a gun under a tree it wasn’t going to be found.”

**Another Iraqi youth, when asked what the Iraqi police were doing about roadside bombs intended for British troops, said, “The police are the ones who are doing it.”**

In Basra itself one 26-year-old Mahdi Army fighter was unequivocal about what he wanted. “I hope to see them withdraw today, before tomorrow,” he said.

Riyadh, a 22-year-old Iraqi and Basra native who is an interpreter for the British, expressed little confidence that the Iraqi Army was ready to take over from his paymasters, and none at all in the Iraqi police.

But he acknowledged that if British troops stayed they would be sucked into further deadly confrontations with militias using civilians as cover, leading to inevitable innocent casualties and more hostility.

**“If they leave, the militias will eventually fall apart,” he said.**

**“There will be no reason to join them because they will not be fighting the British Army.”**

**[S]ome soldiers question their continued presence in the city center.**

**“I don’t see the point,” shrugged Trooper Charles Culshaw, 21, an armored vehicle driver.**

“We are training the Iraqi Army and doing a couple of bits and pieces that are useful, but I don’t think it’s worth it, to be honest with you.”

**“All we are doing now is resupplying ourselves,” he said.**

**“It’s going round in circles. People are getting killed for us to resupply ourselves, and if we weren’t resupplying ourselves, people wouldn’t be getting killed.”**

“I think that the route is one of reconciliation, and that means taking some risk,” Lieutenant Colonel [Patrick] Sanders said.

**“The other option is that we do what has been done in the past and what is being done elsewhere, which is to thrash around killing people by the dozen because they are attacking us.**

**“But I’m not sure that is constructive.”**

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## **TROOP NEWS**

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



Service for Army Spc. Steven A. Davis July 18, 2007, at Arlington National Cemetery. Davis, of Woodbridge, Va., died on the Fourth of July from injuries suffered in a grenade attack in Iraq. (AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari)

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**"I Shoot, Move, Communicate,  
And Kill . . . The Deaths That I  
Inflict Secure The Riches Of The  
Empire"**

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

July 27, 2007 By Howard Kurtz, Washington Post Staff Writer

**The New Republic's anonymous "Baghdad Diarist" identified himself yesterday as Scott Thomas Beauchamp, an Army private in Iraq, and disputed as "maddening" accusations that he had invented his accounts of cruelty by American soldiers.**

**As both the military and the magazine investigate Beauchamp's allegations, a personal blog surfaced in which Beauchamp said last year that each morning he feels "retarded for joining the army," "a little more liberal than the day before" and "a tool for global corporations."**

In a statement posted on the New Republic's Web site, Beauchamp said his columns for the magazine, written under the name Scott Thomas, were "one soldier's view of events in Iraq" and "never intended as a reflection of the entire U.S. military."

"It's been maddening, to say the least," he added, "to see the plausibility of events that I witnessed questioned by people who have never served in Iraq. I was initially reluctant to take the time out of my already insane schedule fighting an actual war in order to play some role in an ideological battle that I never wanted to join.

"That being said, my character, my experiences, and those of my comrades in arms have been called into question, and I believe that it is important to stand by my writing under my real name."

Beauchamp's writing was challenged by the Weekly Standard and conservative bloggers after he wrote vividly, and profanely, of soldiers mocking a woman disfigured by an injury, getting their kicks by running over dogs with Bradley Fighting Vehicles and playing with Iraqi children's skulls taken from a mass grave.

Beauchamp is a member of Alpha Company in the Army 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, serving at Forward Operating Base Falcon in Baghdad. He said he did not use his full name "because I wanted to write honestly about my experiences, without fear of reprisal."

Maj. Kirk Luedeke, a spokesman for the base, said by e-mail: "We are conducting a formal investigation into the allegations made by Pvt. Scott Thomas Beauchamp in the New Republic, so given that situation, I am unable to comment on the matter until the investigation is complete."

**In his blog, called Sir Real Scott Thomas, Beauchamp quoted Vice President Cheney as explaining in 1991, when he was defense secretary, why the United States ended the Persian Gulf War without taking Baghdad.**

**Beauchamp added that "we laugh harder at CSPAN than comedy central. Silly republicans."**

**Beauchamp, who was based in Germany when the blog entries were posted in 2006, described his career this way: "I shoot, move, communicate, and kill . . . the deaths that I inflict secure the riches of the empire."**

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# **Coalition Of The Fuck-This-Shit Recruits Another Country: Most Ukrainian Troops Going Home Too**

Jul 27, 2007 Post Chronicle Corp.

Ukrainian officials said they are planning a gradual reduction in the number of its peacekeepers in various world hot spots, including Iraq.

Temporary Acting Defense Minister Leonid Polyakov said plans call for lowering the number of peacekeepers in Iraq to 50, who will mostly help local authorities regulate conflicts, ForUm reported Friday.

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## **Idiot General Says Dead U.S. Troops Best Reason To Keep War Going And Kill More U.S. Troops [Option B: More Dead U.S. Generals And Fewer Dead U.S. Troops ?]**

Jul 28 By ROBERT BURNS, AP Military Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) --The Iraqi army and police are growing so fast that their forces enter battle with far less than the usual number of qualified officers, a senior U.S. general told The Associated Press.

While a serious problem, it is not stopping the Iraqis from becoming "good enough" to partner with U.S. troops in fighting the insurgency, Army Lt. Gen. James Dubik said Saturday.

He steered away from questions about the likely duration of the U.S. troop buildup, but made clear that he sees Iraq's movement toward stability as a long-term project.

He said emphatically that he believes the troop buildup, with its more aggressive approach to fighting the insurgency, needs to continue.

**"It was fought over and died for and there's no reason to give it back right now."**

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# **“As An Army Wife, I Support Bringing Them Home”**

July 30, 2007  
Letters To The Editor  
Army Times

**From:**  
**Randi Kelly**  
**Fort Campbell, Ky.**

**As an Army wife, I support bringing them home.**

**We have lost many friends, and it's not only hurting our military soldiers but the families, as well.**

**It's just not worth it to us anymore. It's their holy war, not ours.**

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# **“The Length Of The Contract Is How Long Our Troops Will Be In Iraq”** **“These Corporations Need Troops To Protect Their Personnel And Equipment”**

July 30, 2007  
Letters To The Editor  
Army Times

**From:**  
**Staff Sgt. Kevin J. Knowles**  
**Aiken, S.C.**

**Perhaps the answer to troop withdrawal from Iraq lies not in how successful the “troop surge” performs or the hope that the Iraqis will unite and settle their differences so they may govern themselves.**

**The answer lies in the length of the no-bid contracts that were awarded to the corporations that are profiting from war.**

**Companies like Halliburton, DynCorp, KBR, Bechtel and Blackwater have multimillion- to multibillion-dollar no-bid contracts.**

**The length of the contract is how long our troops will be in Iraq.**

These corporations need troops to protect their personnel and equipment.

**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.

## **Raising Hell Works: Protests From Soldiers & Military Families Force Ft. Lewis Command To Retreat**

[That's one lesson learned: organizing and fighting back can make the brass flinch and back off. Another lesson: they really don't give a shit about KIA troops; never have, never will; the fucking army is just a business with suits in command. T]

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Traveling Soldier, who sent this in.]

Jul 26 AP

**FORT LEWIS, Wash. - Fort Lewis will hold individual memorials for fallen soldiers rather than a monthly mass ceremony, which had sparked outrage earlier this year, the commanding general of the Army base's I Corps said.**

The base has traditionally held individual memorials, typically for one or two soldiers at a time. But an increase in soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan forced the base in May to start holding services for multiple soldiers at a time.

Critics said mass memorials denied soldiers the individual tributes they deserved.

For now, Fort Lewis will hold all memorials on Wednesdays — a choice aimed at helping the community plan for the services and making it easier for faraway relatives to book affordable airplane tickets, Jacoby said. He also noted Wednesdays would not likely conflict with holidays.

**MORE:**

# **Command Has Endless Time For Stupid Bullshit Mandatory Gatherings, But No Time To Honor The KIA**

July 30, 2007  
Letters To The Editor  
Army Times

**As an Army, we have many mandatory gatherings, once or more annually, that require a command presence.**

Because there are idiots out there who like to profit from their government roles and sell secrets about the armed forces, we have SAEDA (Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the Army) briefs.

Because some people exploit their positions over others for sexual favors, we have consideration-of-others training.

Because some people are racist, bigoted and ignorant, we have dozens of cultural awareness events, emphasizing how people of all backgrounds, creeds and colors have contributed to our armed forces.

And because people would rather surf MySpace and Yahoo personals at work, we have procedural training for how to properly use government IT property.

**All of these programs have command presence. Many take up to a full workday to accomplish.**

**So why is the Army having so much difficulty with memorial services?**

**Now some posts wish to consolidate mourning our loved ones who have paid the ultimate price.**

The need to set aside time for many of these aforementioned programs is ridiculous.

People shouldn't need the Army to tell them how to act like mature and responsible adults.

**Command groups set aside entire days for training that should have been a part of one's upbringing, but they cannot make room in the schedule for more than one memorial for multiple service members that have died believing in their mission, and for their comrades?**

**What kind of message is this sending to our lower enlisted?**

Remember Gen. Matthew Ridgeway's words: "All roles are important on the battlefield, and a dead rifleman is as great a loss, in the sight of God, as a dead general."

Capt. Brian Ellis  
Cameron, N.C.

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## **As Maimed Iraq Combat Veteran Tells Congress Of Horrifying Abuse By The Army, A Loathsome Politician "Chuckles"**

**In fact, Town learned the day he left the army that the Personality Disorder was marked as "pre-existing" which meant he would not be entitled to the treatment the VA is obligated to provide for combat wounds.**

**Adding insult — and further financial hardship — to injury, he was told he owed the Army \$3000 for not fulfilling his 6 year re-enlistment.**

07/26/2007 Katrina vanden Heuvel, The Nation [Excerpts]

Yesterday in the Cannon House Office Building, Room 334, it was standing room only as the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a hearing titled "PTSD and Personality Disorders: Challenges for the VA."

Chairman Bob Filner began the hearing by thanking reporter Joshua Kors — who testified on the first panel — for his Nation cover story exposing a horrifying injustice of soldiers returning from battle with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), who are instead diagnosed with a "pre-existing" Personality Disorder that results in a discharge without benefits.

It is estimated that the 22,500 soldiers discharged with personality disorders over the last six years will save the military \$12.5 billion in medical treatment over their lifetimes. Filner himself said a psychiatrist had told him that higher-ups had ordered the use of this diagnosis to save money.

Featured in Kors' story, and also testifying at the hearing, was army veteran Jonathan Town.

Town described to the Committee how "after a 107mm rocket exploded 3 feet above my head, leaving me unconscious," he was treated for a severe concussion, shrapnel wounds in his neck, and bleeding from his ear.

Over the next nine months he experienced severe headaches, continued bleeding from his ear, and insomnia. When he returned to the States he struggled “to adjust to loud noises, large groups of people, and forgetting what had happened to my unit and myself while we were in Iraq....”

**Town said that about six weeks after his arrival at Fort Carson, Colorado he was finally able to see a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist told him that by accepting a Personality Disorder discharge, Town would be able to receive full benefits and his unit — which was getting ready to redeploy — would be able to get a new soldier assigned to replace him.**

**“I told him that if this was what he thought was best for the military and my family that he could do what he needed to do,” Town said. “I never realized that everything that was said to me during that day were all lies.”**

**In fact, Town learned the day he left the army that the Personality Disorder was marked as “pre-existing” which meant he would not be entitled to the treatment the VA is obligated to provide for combat wounds.**

**Adding insult — and further financial hardship — to injury, he was told he owed the Army \$3000 for not fulfilling his 6 year re-enlistment.**

**Town, who is married with kids, said, “If it weren’t for my family taking us in and supporting us both financially and emotionally, and for new friends helping us, I don’t know where my family and I would be right now”**

Town said he spent the last nine months “trying to get assistance both medically and financially through the Veterans Administration.”

**He filed claims five times and received no response.**

**After Kors’ article, the VA finally arranged an interview for Town with another psychiatrist (the VA claimed to have lost each of the five previous claim submissions).**

This time, the doctor was “in tears” in 25 minutes and diagnosed Town with PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury.

**As Kors revealed in his story, during Town’s seven years in uniform he had been honored not one or two times — but twelve times.**

**Town testified that he had been screened upon enlisting, screened before deployment, and screened two months after arriving in Iraq.**

**“I did not have a personality disorder before I went into the Army as they sated in my paperwork,” Town said today.**

“I did not suffer severe non-stop headaches. I did not have memory loss. I have post-traumatic brain injury now due to injuries from the war... I love the army. Hopefully, now, they’ll fix (this problem). Show that the VA, the DoD, and the government does care about soldiers.”

It's encouraging that committee member Phil Hare has introduced the Fair Mental Health Evaluation for Returning Veterans Act to suspend and review personality disorder discharges, and Senator Barack Obama has introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

What is less encouraging is that the Ranking Member, Republican Congressman Steve Buyer, began this hearing by questioning whether the Committee on Veterans Affairs had jurisdiction over these matters of veterans' health.

**It was even more disturbing that Buyer never looked at Town during his testimony, talked with the member to his right during it, and even seemed to chuckle at one point.**

**When it was his turn to question the panel, Buyer decided to shoot the messenger. He berated Kors for not naming names of commanders who were pressuring doctors for the Personality Disorder diagnosis.**

He berated him for not naming names of the doctors who were making the diagnosis (he spoke over Kors as he offered one name — psychologist Mark Wexler at Fort Carson).

He castigated the reporter for "syllogism and innuendo," to which another panelist — veteran Paul Sullivan, Executive Director of Veterans for Common Sense — replied that it sounded like Congressmen he knew.

Kors told Buyer he wouldn't reveal his sources — who feared for their jobs — no matter how Buyer pressured him. And Filner reminded the Committee that he himself had been tipped by a psychiatrist about pressure from commanders but that that individual wouldn't testify for fear of retribution.

**Despite Buyer's efforts, the majority of the panel thanked Kors profusely for his diligent work. And they thanked Town for his service and bravery in stepping forward on behalf of thousands of other soldiers.**

**MORE:**

## **“40% Of Injured Troops Have Been Forced To Resubmit Lost Paperwork”**

Jul. 26, 2007 Editorial, Kansas City Star [Excerpt]

American political leaders talk all the time about the importance of “supporting our troops.” Yet the shameful truth is that Washington has repeatedly failed in recent years to provide the brave men and women of our armed forces with the support they need and deserve.

Forty percent of injured troops have been forced to resubmit lost paperwork. That one statistic alone speaks volumes about the incompetent bureaucracy.

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# **Wounded Marine Denounced Viet War**

## **“To His Final Days, Mr. Whitmore Stood By His Decision”**

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

July 25, 2007 By Jody Callahan, Contact

**In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson personally awarded a purple heart to wounded Marine Terry Whitmore.**

Mr. Whitmore, a 21-year-old lance corporal, had been injured in the legs and arm when a mine exploded near him in Vietnam. He was recuperating in a hospital when Johnson visited, giving him the medal.

**A short time later, Mr. Whitmore deserted, appeared on television in Moscow denouncing the war, then was granted asylum in Sweden. He was aided in his escape by an anti-war group in Japan, where he was recuperating in a hospital.**

Mr. Whitmore, who returned to Memphis in 1977 after deserters were granted amnesty, died July 11 at Memphis Veterans Medical Center. He was 60.

**To his final days, Mr. Whitmore -- who returned to Sweden in 1977 before coming back to Memphis for good in 2000 -- stood by his decision, his family said. "He missed his daughter here," his sister Barbara Walker said. "Other than that, he was comfortable with the choices he'd made."**

His mother, who lives with Walker in Memphis, at first couldn't grasp Mr. Whitmore's decision. "At the time, I thought he didn't do the right thing. But later on, I thought he did," Roeaner Whitmore said.

"He was hurt real bad while he was in Vietnam. At the same time, Martin Luther King was killed right here in the city. When he got a little bit better, they were going to send him back to Vietnam," she said. "I thought it was OK, because he shouldn't have had to go back there after already having gotten hurt."

**His sister said Mr. Whitmore deserted because he grew disillusioned with the war.**

**"He's always explained it to us that he deserted the war. He did not like the idea that he was fighting in a country he didn't live in. He had no idea why he was fighting," she said.**

Mr. Whitmore chronicled his decision and life in a book called "Memphis-Nam-Sweden: The Story of a Black Deserter," which was reprinted in 1997. His story was also captured in a movie called "Terry Whitmore, For Example."



After his return to Memphis, Mr. Whitmore spent time in local schools, talking to children about his experiences, his family said. He also returned to Vietnam to visit the place where he was wounded.

Mr. Whitmore also leaves a daughter, Tonia Whitmore of Memphis; two sons, Timothy Whitmore and James Whitmore, both of Stockholm, Sweden; three stepchildren; two brothers, Danny and James Whitmore; and five grandchildren. He was buried Saturday in New Park Cemetery on Horn Lake Road.

**MORE:**

## **TERRY WHITMORE - PRESENTE!**

From: Max Watts  
Sent: July 26, 2007 7:02 AM  
Subject: Terry Whitmore R.I.P.

**TERRY WHITMORE - PRESENTE!**

**HIS SOUL AND WORDS GO MARCHING ON**

**ON FILMS: *DESERTER 69, SIR NO SIR!***

**Max Watts**

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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

### **Assorted Resistance Action**

July 27, 2007 (KUNA) & Reuters & 28 Jul 2007 Reuters & July 29 (Xinhua) & Reuters

A bomber rammed his explosive-laden truck into a joint Iraqi army and police checkpoint in the afternoon near the town of Balad Sunday, 80 km north of Baghdad, killing six soldiers and policemen, and wounding four.

Insurgents often attack Iraqi security forces, accusing them of collaborating with the U.S. occupation.

Unknown militants in a car opened fire on an Iraqi army checkpoint southwestern Kirkuk, leaving one soldier dead, an Iraqi police source told Kuwait News Agency.

Six soldiers were also wounded in a bomb explosion in Kirkuk, the source said.

Seven police commandos were killed by a roadside bomb in Samarra, 100 km (60 miles) north of Baghdad, police said. The police patrol then opened fire, killing three civilians.

A roadside bomb killed one Iraqi soldier and wounded three others between Yousifiya and Mahmudiya, south of Baghdad.

A mortar round landed near an empty building of the old French embassy in the Masbah area in the Karradah neighborhood in central Baghdad, wounding three guards, the source said.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol wounded four people, including a soldier, in Baghdad's Zayouna area.

Guerrillas killed a policeman in the city of Kut, 170 km (105 miles) south of Baghdad.

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

## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

# **REVELATION**



8 inch artillery gun on a firebase near An Khe, Vietnam 1970.

To: GI Special

From: Mike Hastie  
Sent: July 25, 2007  
Subject: Revelation

## **REVELATION**

**The most powerful revelation  
I have ever experienced in my  
life,  
was the realization that the  
entire Vietnam War was a  
fucking  
CON.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
July 25, 2007**

<p>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: (<a href="mailto:hastiemike@earthlink.net">hastiemike@earthlink.net</a>) T)</p>
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# **For Old Lang Lang**

**By Doug Anderson  
To: GI Special  
Sent: July 26, 2007**

## **For Old Lang Lang**

**See that surgeon cut right through the tattoo:**

**he'll have half an arm and half a tattoo. Or a whole ward full of the**

**permanently addled some lost their eyes too**

**and most of them are done with any kind of job that needs a brain.**

**There's not enough shopping in the world to make this go away.**

**There ought to be a warehouse where you could go buy them.**

**Just down the road from Victoria's secret they've got them shelved.**

Take home a cripple, a eunuch, quadriplegic, a babbling  
whose refrain is an alarm. Lang lang lang lang he shouts all day  
slumped sideways in his wheelchair drooling. Don't this  
just hit your patriotic funnybone?

On another shelf, you've got the ones  
without testicles and/or penises, taken, along with their legs,  
by the mine or booby trap. You can mix and match them too:  
some are so fucked up you don't know which ward  
to put them on. The dead are lucky:  
they don't have to hear the bullshit, see the grinning  
politicians say "our boys," while their hands wander in your pockets.

That one, I don't know if it's his toupee or if his whole head  
didn't just freeze into a mask behind which limps a gonococcus  
with a half-soul no soul: like somebody left that old house  
and it filled up with snakes. Run your carts up and down the aisles.

Take home a quadruple amputee, or a man so burnt  
you don't know where to inject him. Don't forget the bag of urine,  
the prostheses, or what it costs to keep him drugged.

My old friend Mike Solsona got a new car from the government  
because he lost his legs. Got drunk and flipped it off the levee.

The cops found his plastic legs in the middle of the road,  
him further down in a ditch. He said when they came up,  
"What's a matter, you never seen a combat vet?"

Keep rolling that cart; fill it up with what you voted for.

You can't shop enough. You voted for it, you own it.

You try to roll out empty, something scans your chip

and your hair stands straight up: lang lang lang lang lang lang lang.

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## **MOMMY AND DADDY IN CONGRESS AIN'T GONNA DO SHIT, PEOPLE: IT'S VERY SIMPLE: WANT ACTION? SHUT THE COUNTRY DOWN.**

July 26, 2007 Via David McCreynolds. [He writes: I'm happy to pass this along - to the disarmament and Guantanamo lists - because it gives a "left perspective" (hardly one close to the Democratic Party) ....In this case, while being very supportive of Cindy, I think the critique has merit. David] [Excerpts]

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From: NY Transfer News Collective [Excerpts]

Sent: July 26, 2007

Subject: Cindy Sheehan Whines, Along with Ray McGovern, about Conyers

**Sorry... but it's still awfully damned hard to figure out exactly WHAT Ray McGovern, and now Cindy Sheehan, think Conyers is supposed to DO, exactly...**

He's dealing with 535 mostly cowardly moron colleagues. If he doesn't have the votes to begin impeachment proceedings, he doesn't have the votes. That's simple reality.

**He's part of the SYSTEM, children. If you are part of the SYSTEM you have to play by its RULES.**

**WHY does ANYONE even expect CONGRESS to DO ANYTHING ABOUT GEORGE BUSH AND HIS CO-CONSPIRATOR CHENEY -- AT THIS LATE DATE??? What the HELL have these people learned in the last 5 years?**

And Cindy Sheehan wants to run for office?!? HAH! She's barely conscious politically. What utter nonsense.

**IF PEOPLE WANT TO SEE REAL CHANGE IN THE US, THE ANSWER IS NOT VOTING, WRITING, E-MAILING OR CALLING CONGRESS, OR PLAYING WITH YOUR WEB BROWSER TO SIGN DIGITAL PETITIONS OR MARCHING AROUND WITH BANNERS.**

IT'S VERY SIMPLE: WANT ACTION? SHUT THE COUNTRY DOWN.

MOMMY AND DADDY IN CONGRESS AIN'T GONNA DO SHIT, PEOPLE.

WAKE UP.

Stop whining and GROW UP.

CHANGE WILL NOT COME FROM THE DEMOCRATS, THE REPUBLICANS, OR  
MOVEON.ORG (barf).

REAL INSURRECTION IS NECESSARY. IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE, AND QUITE  
UNCOMFORTABLE, AND QUITE DANGEROUS.

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## OCCUPATION REPORT

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

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



An Iraqi citizen is required to show her identification papers to foreign occupation soldiers from the USA who invaded her home during a patrol in Baghdad July 15, 2007. REUTERS/Nikola Solic

**[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!**

## **Dogs Fight In Baghdad: U.S. Occupation Military Dictator And Collaborator Prime Minister Snapping At Each Other's Heels**

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

July 27, 2007 (AP) & 28/07/2007 By Damien McElroy, Foreign Affairs Correspondent, Telegraph Media Group Limited 2007.

**Relations between the top United States general in Iraq and Noun al-Maliki, the country's prime minister, are so bad that the Iraqi leader made a direct appeal for his removal to President George W Bush.**

One Iraqi source said Mr Maliki used a video conference with Mr Bush to call for the general's signature strategy to be scrapped. "He told Bush that if Petraeus continues, he would arm Shia militias," said the official. "Bush told Maliki to calm down."

At another meeting with Gen Petraeus, Mr Maliki said: "I can't deal with you any more. I will ask for someone else to replace you."

**Gen Petraeus has faced a significant challenge in persuading al-Maliki to shed his ties to moderate nationalist Muqtada al-Sadr, who runs the Mahdi Army militia.**

**[Because Petraeus is ignorant of the most basic elements of counter-insurgency warfare, he is blind to the fact that the tacit support of the nationalist Sadr political tendency is the only prop the Maliki government has with any degree of popular support behind it.**

**[Without it, the hollow government of Iraqi traitors that Petraeus holds in place with the weapons of the U.S. military occupation would collapse. Doing as the dim-witted big-mouth General wishes would strip away the façade of local government the General tries, not very hard, to hide behind.**

**[Although it is unlikely that Petraeus has made a conscious decision to help the resistance by shattering the Maliki regime, friends of Iraqi national liberation and self-determination everywhere can only cheer on Petraeus and Maliki as they careen towards ever more brilliant disasters and defeats for Bush's Imperial occupation. T]**

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## **Panicked Bush Hiding Report On Iraq Electricity Production; “It’s Obvious That He Wants To Paint A Rosy Picture”**

July 27, 2007 By Noam N. Levey and Alexandra Zavis, L.A. Times Staff Writers  
[Excerpts]

**WASHINGTON — As the Bush administration struggles to convince lawmakers that its Iraq war strategy is working, it has stopped reporting to Congress a key quality-of-life indicator in Baghdad: how long the power stays on.**

Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week that Baghdad residents could count on only “an hour or two a day” of electricity. That’s down from an average of five to six hours a day earlier this year.

But that piece of data has not been sent to lawmakers for months because the State Department, which prepares a weekly “status report” for Congress on conditions in Iraq, stopped estimating in May how many hours of electricity Baghdad residents typically receive each day.

The reporting change has triggered criticism that the administration is disclosing less information at the same time President Bush is facing off against Congress over how much progress is being made in Iraq. Bush has been working for months to show that the troop buildup he announced in January is stabilizing the country.

“It’s unfortunate,” said Jason H. Campbell, a senior research assistant at the Brookings Institution who has been tracking quality-of-life measurements in Iraq since 2003. “What



makes this metric even worth tracking is you want to see what's happening to the average Iraqi."

Campbell said the new reporting method made it impossible to know what the power situation was in Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq.

Col. Mike Moon, who oversees the Army Corps of Engineers' electricity reconstruction efforts in Iraq, said he thought the change was a mistake.

The total amount of electricity being generated in Iraq makes no difference to the individual who has no electricity for his air conditioner, Moon said.

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), who sharply questioned Crocker about electricity during a recent Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, sent a letter to the State Department last week complaining about the new measurement.

**She said she was concerned the White House was trying to obscure the deteriorating situation in Baghdad, the focus of Bush's "surge" of 30,000 additional troops.**

**"The president continues to keep information away from the American people and the Congress," said Boxer, who advocates withdrawing troops. "It's obvious that he wants to paint a rosy picture."**

**Crocker told CBS News this month that electricity was "more important to the average Iraqi than all 18 benchmarks rolled up into one."**

In the spring, the State Department reported that Baghdad residents were typically receiving up to six hours of electricity a day.

**"The main reasons have to do with continued attacks by insurgents against electrical transmission lines and against fuel pipelines that provide the energy source that you need to generate electricity," Crocker told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.**

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

# **Just Another Day In The Life Of The Master Race;**

# Zionists Hard At Work Motivating Self-Respecting Palestinians To Kill Them In Self-Defense

7.28.07 Christian Peace Making Team Report

July 27th, 2007. Around 5:30pm international Human Rights Workers and member of the Christian Peace-Making Team joined a Palestinian man on the land he owned to help him clean it from debris put there by settler vandals and protect him and his livestock while they feed. Settlers have erected a tent on his land and called it a synagogue seven years ago.

This severely handicapped man and his family are normally told to leave the land they own when they try to farm it, or when they let their goats eat from it. The international volunteers showed up to help the family farm their land under the repression they face from soldiers and settlers.

We started by removing wood that vandals had nailed to his trees. Settlers with guns saw us do this and called the military.

**When the military came they told us to stop and the land owner was told he had to prove the land was his. The owner produced Israeli court papers, which proved that the land was indisputably his. The officer reluctantly looked over the papers**

However even then we were not allowed to remove the wood because we were told it would look like we were trying to steal it. We began then to cut and collect the grass to take to the goats so they could eat. The police soon showed up, followed later by border police. They kept a heavy presence near us but did nothing to stop the harassment of the settlers.

This harassment of course escalated, starting with shouted insults. When international volunteers brought this to the attention of the police, they were told that unless this was caught on film there was nothing they could do. Even with this warning, the police still did nothing to deescalate the harassment from the settlers.

**The family then let their goats out to eat the grass that grows on the land they own and this proved to be the last straw for the settlers.**

**An old, well dressed settler exited his settlement using a stick as a walking aid, and giving the impression of frailty asked one of the volunteers where they were from in an aggressive manner and suddenly without provocation attacked two international human rights workers with what proved to be a spiked stick.**

**He first hit one female volunteer across the head, moving on to strike multiple blows to another this time male observer. His arm was left bleeding heavily, leaving blood on both he and the settler.**

The police had no choice, in the face of such obvious lawless aggression and knowing that of course this time it would be filmed, but to intervene. They ran up the stairs and prevented the old man from returning to his settlement, and arrested him. The two HRWs and the man who filmed them were taken to the police station, and the old man was arrested. The Palestinians and HRWs were told that the area had to be cleared because the situation was “heated”.

The Palestinians and volunteers therefore left the land of the family only to watch Israeli settlers exit the settlement, walk freely through land and socialize with the military and police.

**After a few minutes spending at the police station the attacking settler was eventually released by the police with the explanation that they are not going to arrest Israelis during shabbat.**

[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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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



**Received:**

**“We Achieved This Turnout Despite Only 9 Days Of Notice”**

From: Tim Goodrich [Iraq Veterans Against The War]  
To: GI Special  
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 11:35 AM  
Subject: **RE: GI Special 5G24: Back To Baghdad**

What Ronn [Cantu] forgot to mention, in regards to the IVAW-LA event that drew over 100 people, is we achieved this turnout despite only 9 days of notice.

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**Received:**

**Re: Bankrupt Empire Goes Down**

From: Nick Mottern  
To: GI Special  
Sent: Sunday, July 29, 2007 9:11 AM  
Subject: **Re: GI Special 5G25: Bankrupt Empire Goes Down**

Thanks for including the economic/political analysis. It is very helpful.

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**Received:**

**Haneef Released From Prison**

[Thanks to JM, who sent this in. She writes: I think this man should sue the Australian government for wrongful arrest. The British police interviewed him and saw no reason to hold him. The evidence was very dodgy and just another election ploy. This time Howard may have gone too far - hopefully!

[The legal profession is up in arms and human rights activists incensed. The unfortunate doctor was working in Queensland and that state has an outspoken Labour premier who has been strong in his criticism of what has happened.

[With so much outcry even Howard must feel it's gone wrong for him.

**I've just seen the following breaking news. It's not enough but at least its a start. - J.**

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## 7.27.07 ABC news

Dr Mohamed Haneef was released from a Brisbane prison this evening after a charge against him was dropped.

He was driven out of the prison by immigration officials a short time ago. It is unclear at this stage where he is being taken.

Mr Andrews (Immigration Minister) says he is seeking advice on whether to reverse his decision to revoke Dr Haneef's visa, but in the meantime he is free to live at home.

Attorney-General Philip Ruddock says it is regrettable that charges were ever laid against Dr Haneef, but he will not be apologising to Dr Haneef.

A spokeswoman from the Gold Coast Hospital says Dr Haneef is still an employee of Queensland Health but remains suspended without pay because of his visa status.

Dr Haneef's legal team will now turn its attention to fighting his deportation.

Senator Brown says the Greens will be pushing for a Senate inquiry.

**"You can't move beyond thinking that the mistakes here come out of the politicians in the Howard Cabinet wanting to put fear into the Australian public as a means of changing votes," he said.**

**Prominent barrister Lex Lasry QC says he thinks bungles in the case against Dr Haneef were caused by political pressure in an election year.**

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