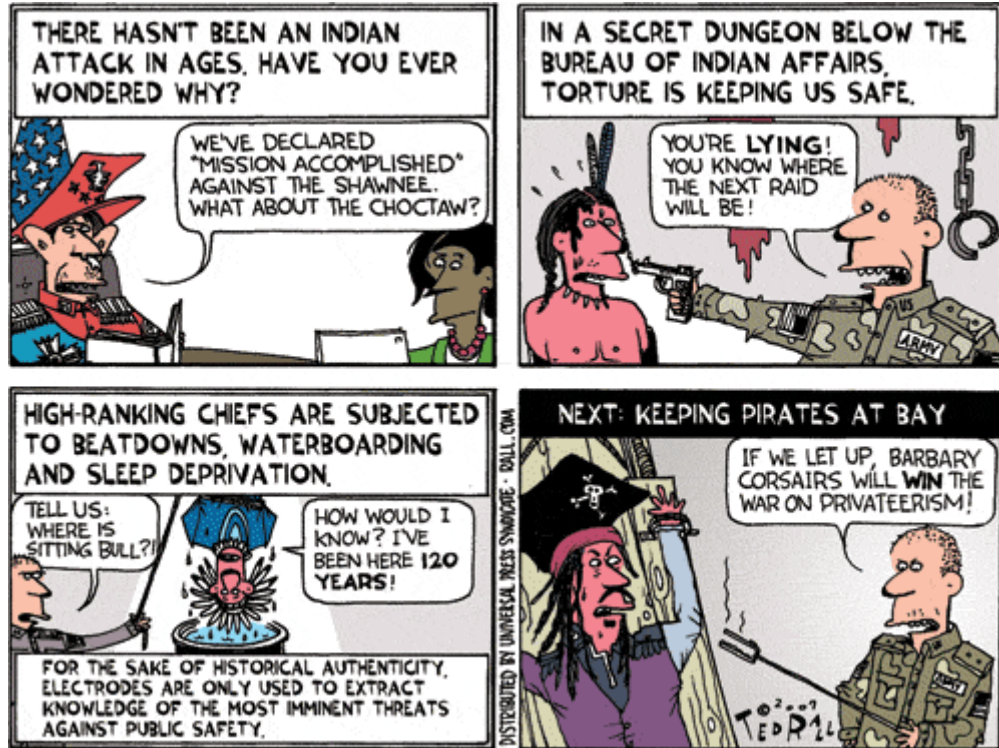


## GI SPECIAL 5K15:



# Army Values

**“I Am Loyal To My Fellow Soldiers; I Do Not Want Them To Die In A Purposeless War”**

**“I Am Loyal To The Constitution; A Constitution Which Is Under Attack By Men Who Have Not Sacrificed To Protect It”**

# “Our Leadership Is Currently Dishonorable”



*Loyalty: Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit, and fellow soldiers.*

**Nowhere in this list does it say “the current leadership of your country, and their political decisions”.**

11/14/2007 By Army Sergeant [Iraq Veterans Against The War: [www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/)]

**A lot of people question how I can be a sergeant in the Army, giving my oath true weight, and believing in its values, and still be a member of IVAW.**

**It’s easy.**

**I believe in the Army’s purpose-it is to defend our country and protect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.**

**I don’t think its purpose is foreign wars we can’t win.**

**Its true purpose is noble, and has been subverted by armchair soldiers, politicians who have never had to serve.**

**They don’t know these values, and they don’t live them -- but I do.**

**And here’s why they support, rather than contradict, what I’m doing now as a member of IVAW.**

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**I am loyal to my fellow soldiers; I do not want them to die in a purposeless war.**

**I am loyal to the Army; I do not want it to be weakened on multiple fronts and taken away from its true purpose, defense of the nation.**

**I am loyal to the Constitution; a Constitution which is under attack by men who have not sacrificed to protect it.**

**I bear true faith and allegiance to these, most particularly the Constitution which founded our nation.**

*Duty: Fulfill your obligations*

Our highest obligations as soldiers is our obligation to our country and the flag we salute. Our obligation as citizens and patriots compels us to defend our country in any way we can -- against its destruction as well as its dishonor.

**The Iraq War, and the way it is being prosecuted, dishonors us in the eyes of the world, and even worse, dishonors us to ourselves.**

*Respect: Treat people as they should be treated.*

Treat the people of the United States as well as the people of Iraq with respect. They deserve to be treated according to their status: if they are prisoners of war, then treat them with the full dignity accorded POWs. If they are criminals, then give them trials.

Innocent until proven guilty: we do not lose our values when we step away from our shores.

*Selfless Service: Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army, and your subordinates before your own.*

Being a member of IVAW is hard.

It is hard to stand up, to devote effort and time to an organization committed to what is right, when your leadership so firmly believes that it is wrong.

It's hard to face the intimidation and harassment that many members of the active duty military face when they begin to speak out on what they feel. It's hard to stand up and tell your higher ups that they are committing crimes.

**But the welfare of the Nation, our continued survival as an honorable country, and the continued survival of the Army depends on some of us standing up, and saying, "Sir, no Sir!"**

That we will not participate in illegal acts, and we will report them when and where we see them.

We will not train our soldiers to commit them, and will train our soldiers to follow the honorable path.

And the honorable path now, the hard service, means standing up and speaking the truth, so that legislators can begin to realize it, and bring us home.

*Honor: Live up to Army Values*

Honor is living up to all the Army Values, but it is even older than that. It is the thing you have when you have nothing else left. It is all you need: it should be the cornerstone of a soldier.

It is phrased as living up to all the Army Values, because if you lack even one, you cannot be an honorable soldier.

It is the ability to look yourself in the mirror at the end of the day and know you have done all that you can, and that you have not had to reproach yourself for anything.

**Our leadership is currently dishonorable.**

By their bending of the torture legislation to allow what they want to take place, they are attempting to put a stain upon our honor that will take at least a generation to erase.

As soon as our soldiers have fulfilled their usefulness to them, leadership shuffles them away, with “personality disorders” instead of PTSD treatment.

Benefits are cut, while contractors reach huge rewards.

This is not taking care of the people who have given their all to the country.

**It is dishonorable, and the only way to restore that honor is to stand up against the people who are doing so and will do so again.**

*Integrity: Do what is right, legally and morally.*

**The things that the political leadership of this country are trying to do right now are neither legal nor moral.**

The acceptance of torture, the belief that once Americans go beyond their borders, they no longer have to hold to the beliefs that shaped our nation, ‘baiting’ with weapons caches, and other such tactics at the very least skirt the fine line of legality: they are definitely not moral.

Claiming that it is okay to treat people dishonorably because they are not an organized force fighting against us is simply wrong, as is the argument that they are not citizens and therefore do not deserve the protections of the Constitution.

We are the good guys!

We do the right thing, even if others don’t, and if our leadership does not understand that, it needs to.

It needs to pull out of this war, and cease its immoral actions, to bring itself in line with the country's beliefs and principles.

*Personal Courage: Face fear, danger, or adversity (physical or moral)*

It does not take physical courage to stand up and fight against injustice in this fashion.

Most members have not been physically attacked -- the cowards who attack people for their beliefs have gone after a father of a dead servicemember instead (Carlos Arredondo).

But it does take moral courage.

**It takes moral courage to stand up for what you know to be true and right, moral courage to say that the country is steering in the wrong direction, and you are committed by your oath to turn it around.**

It takes moral courage to resist a war that your leadership believes in, or to stand against your entire platoon and state that you will not treat a prisoner with anything less than full dignity.

**And it takes moral courage to be counted, here, to let people insult you for perceived cowardice, when the truth is that you, like I, may not be against all wars, all places, all times.**

**But hopefully you, like I, like many committed and dedicated members of the military community, are against this one.**

## **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**

### **Three U.S. Troops Killed In Baqubah**

November 18, 2007 Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE No. 20071118-04

TIKRIT, Iraq – Three Multi-National Division-North Soldiers were killed as a result of an [explosive] vest attack while conducting operations in Baqubah, Diyala Province, Nov. 18.

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## **U.S. Military Vehicle Destroyed By Talbiya IED; Casualties Not Announced**

11.18.07 (CNN)

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb destroyed a U.S. military vehicle as it traveled in a convoy in the Talbiya neighborhood on the edge of Sadr City, according to the ministry official. There were no reports of casualties.

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## **5 Mortar Rounds Hit Joint U.S. Security Station In Qahira; Casualties Not Announced**

11.18.07 (CNN)

The U.S. military also destroyed a vehicle loaded with mortar launchers parked in northeastern Baghdad's Qahira neighborhood, 20 minutes after five mortar rounds landed on a joint Iraqi-American security station Sunday morning, the official said. There was no word on casualties.

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## **U.S. Bases In Schaab And Bunuk Attacked: Munitions Store Blown Up; Casualties Not Announced**

November 18, 2007 By Doug Smith, Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

Eyewitnesses described rocket or mortar fire hitting a U.S. base in the area of Schaab and said it appeared that a munitions cache had exploded.

The military said a nearby base in the Bunuk part of the Adamiya neighborhood was also hit by indirect fire.

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# U.S. KIA In Iraq: Reality: #1 It's Not A Big Fucking Mystery; It's Cause And Effect

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The 39<sup>th</sup> recent frantic attempt by a panicked, hysterical war opponent commentator to explain the huge drop in U.S. KIA last month has just been plastered on some anti-war web sites. It said the Pentagon is lying about the KIA numbers.

Another last week said U.S. troops aren't getting killed because they're being kept on base in Iraq to get ready to invade Iran. Blah blah blah.

It's not a big fucking mystery.

It's cause and effect.

## Cause:

**“The reality, officials said, is that starting around April the military will simply run out of troops to keep the current effort under way. By then, officials said, Bush would either have to withdraw roughly one brigade a month, or extend the tours of troops now in Iraq and shorten their time back home before redeployment.”** David E. Sanger and Thom Shanker, New York Times June 24, 2007”

## Effect:

Not being idiots, the resistance command orders attacks cut way back, while continuing enough attacks to leave no doubt they're there and keep their forces sharp.

They know the U.S. Army has to start cutting force levels in the Spring. Hard as it is for some to grip, given all the stupid racist stereotypes [on the anti-war side too] resistance leadership can and do read the New York Times, and not being raving fanatics of some kind or other, can plan strategy:

**Push hard, attack when the balance of forces is better, not worse. That's so pathetically obvious a commander who doesn't understand it belongs in the Pentagon.**

**This has been an iron rule of intelligent insurgent warfare against an occupying army for about 2000 years now. As so well described by Asprey in *The Guerrilla In History*.**

Duh.

MORE:

**U.S. KIA In Iraq: Reality: #2  
“I Bet The Soldiers Are Catching On  
To This More And More Everyday”  
[Comment By J.D. Englehart;  
Iraq Veterans Against The War & Military  
Project]**

**What’s important to look at is how this “growing signs of success” line is used by both republicans AND democrats (aka: the one-party American capitalist regime) to justify asking for more money for the war, or forfeiting more money for the war, in a clever guise to keep funding the war and not ending the war.**

From: J.D. Englehart  
To: Military Project  
Sent: November 17, 2007 2:10 AM  
**Subject: Re: U.S. KIA in Iraq**

I agree.

The media, even of the most liberal, is talking these quiet moments up as “the light at the end of the tunnel” and “sure signs of victory.”

It’s obvious the insurgency is regrouping.

They are not winning through shock and awe, but rather through slowly picking away at the imperialist enemy. Another 2000 year old guerrilla strategy.

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**I bet the soldiers are catching on to this more and more everyday.**

MORE:

**Wow! Bush Has Won The War!**



# Only 575 Attacks On Occupation Forces Last Week!

November 19, 2007 By CARA BUCKLEY and MICHAEL R. GORDON; New York Times [Excerpt]

The data released Sunday cover attacks using car bombs, roadside bombs, mines, mortars, rockets, surface-to-air missiles and small arms. According to the statistics, roughly 575 attacks occurred last week.

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



U.S. Army soldiers from Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division prepare to search an automotive yard in Mosul Nov. 6, 2007. The battalion conducted a search operation in the Nablus area of the northern Iraqi city. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

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## AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

### Former Bremerton Man Killed In Afghanistan

November 5, 2007 By Ed Friedrich, Scripps Newspaper Group

Sgt. 1st Class Johnny C. Walls, who served in the Army for 22 years after graduating from Bremerton High School in 1985, was killed Friday in Afghanistan.



Johnny C. Walls

Walls, 41, died in Uruzgan, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small-arms fire. He was a cannon crew member on a transition team. The teams serve as advisers to the Afghanistan military and police.

Walls' mother and stepfather, Patsy and Roger Johnson, reside in Port Orchard, as does his sister, Roxana Browning and his grandparents, JC and Florene Walls. A brother, Harvey, lives in Salem, Ore. His father, Jimmie C. Walls, passed away in 1979.

Walls leaves behind wife, Alene, and stepson Brent Fitts in Lawton, Okla. Grown sons Alex and Bradley live in Waterstown, N.Y.

Walls began his Army career as a field artillery specialist, and he spent time as a gunnery sergeant, recruiter and drill instructor. He served a tour in Iraq in 2003. Duty stations included Fort Sill, Okla., Fort Lewis, Fort Polk, La., Fort Stewart, Ga., Germany and Korea. At the time of his death, he was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan.

Walls felt it was time for him to return to the Middle East because other soldiers were already on their second or third deployments, said his sister, Roxana, 43.

"He didn't feel bad about going at all," she said. "He wanted to go. The Army was his life."

Walls was more nervous about getting out of the Army, which he planned to do when he came back from Afghanistan, she said.

Walls didn't return to Kitsap often, but he kept in touch.

"He was here a couple years ago, thank goodness," Roxana said. "He was just going to have his birthday (Nov. 15) so we were all getting stuff together to send the day we found out."

Walls was as funny as he was quiet, said his siblings. He wore bright pink bunny slippers to his high school graduation, Roxana said.

Walls was always a tough guy, said his brother Harvey, 44. Big for his age, he was a hard-hitting linebacker at Bremerton Junior High. He didn't grow much more, however, peaking at about 5-feet-7 and 170 pounds. Instead of continuing with football in high school, he worked after classes.

Growing up in Bremerton, Walls loved to fish off local docks, his siblings said. Harvey remembers the two of them playing football and flying kites at Ivy Green Cemetery off Naval Avenue. They liked to build model ships, take them down to the bay and blow them up with firecrackers.

Walls was actively involved in Bremerton's Hillcrest Assembly of God, where he sang in a quartet.

Roxana held on to a note Walls wrote to her when he was 16 years old. It says, "If I ever called you a Twinkie, it's because you're so sweet." He said to save it, and she did.

As an adult, Walls enjoyed fishing, gardening, cooking, tinkering with his '69 Mustang and spending time with family.

A funeral service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. A memorial service will be at Christian Life Center in Port Orchard. The date hasn't been set.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the "Johnny Walls Memorial Fund" can be sent to P.O. Box 1955, Port Orchard, 98366.

**Walls is the second soldier with Kitsap County ties to be killed in action this year, and the seventh overall. Pfc. Charles B. Hester died May 26 in Baghdad, Iraq.**

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## Resistance Action

11.17.07 By RAHIM FAIEZ, Associated Press Writer & November 18, 2007 The Associated Press

In the western province of Ghor, between four and nine police were killed Friday after militants attacked them during a police operation in Shahark district, Gen. Shah Jahon Noori, the provincial police chief, said Saturday.

Taliban militants tortured five captured policemen in southern Afghanistan and then hung their bodies from trees in a warning to villagers against working with the government, officials said Sunday.

The officers had been captured two months ago from their checkpoint in southern Uruzgan province, said Juma Gul Himat, the provincial police chief.

"The Taliban told the people that whoever works with the government will suffer the same fate as these policemen," Himat said. "This village is under Taliban control. There

are more than 100 Taliban in this village.” Two tribal elders received the bodies of the policemen on Sunday, he said.

In southern Helmand province, a suicide bomber attacked a NATO patrol Sunday in Gereshk district, damaging a vehicle but causing no casualties, said provincial police chief Mohammad Hussein Andiwal.

A bomber on a motorbike attacked a NATO convoy in Nangarhar province's Chaparhar district, killing an Afghan civilian and wounding another NATO soldier, officials said Saturday.

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## **TROOP NEWS**

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



The remains of Army 2nd Lt. Christopher E. Loudon during funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery Nov. 16, 2007 in Arlington, Va. Loudon, of Brockport, Pa., died Oct. 17 when a bomb exploded near his Humvee while he was on patrol in Baghdad. (AP Photo/Kevin Wolf)

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## ***Ft. Drum #1:*** **“Once Back At The Second Brigade Headquarters At Ft Drum, Brad Was**

# **Subjected To The Very Treatment We Had Feared”**

**“A Female Captain With The 2d Brigade  
Harassed Him By Ordering Him To Sign  
A Log Book “Once An Hour, Every Hour,  
From Six In The Morning Until Midnight”**



Sergeant Gaskins, 25, served two combat tours in Iraq. He had been absent without leave since August 2006. New York Times photo.

From: CitizenSoldier  
Sent: November 17, 2007  
Subject: **Update on Sgt. Brad Gaskins' case**

Dear friends,

**Sgt. Brad Gaskins returned to Ft Drum on Wednesday, November 14 to surrender after being AWOL since July, 2006. Brad had left Ft Drum initially because he was unable to obtain effective treatment for the PTSD he suffered after two year-long combat tours of Iraq.**

**The base mental health unit had offered him only pills--not therapy for his condition. The pills did nothing to lessen his mental health symptoms, which include depression, flashbacks, hyperarousal, and sleeplessness.**

When Brad sought Citizen Soldier's assistance, we sent him to a NYC psycho-therapist who specializes in trauma and PTSD. She provided us with a detailed written diagnosis which found that Brad suffered from both "severe PTSD" and "major depression."

On the morning of his surrender, Brad's lawyer, Tod Ensign, had spoken with the Senior Trail Defense Counsel at Drum and told him of our strong concern that Brad not be subjected to any kind of military harassment, given his fragile emotional state.

The JAG attorney assured Ensign that Brad would be treated sympathetically, but that he would probably have to return to his military unit on Drum--the Second Brigade. Ensign argued that he should first be sent to the base Mental Health unit, which could review the psychological report prepared by Brad's therapist in New York. Also, we wanted a competent mental health professional at Drum to evaluate Brad's current mental state. The military attorney stated that he would check with others and report back about where Brad should surrender.

Shortly after this conversation, Brad was engaged in an interview with Amy Ohler, a reporter with Channel 10 in the Different Drummer cafe. Brad and his aunt, Sonia Murray, had earlier that morning participated at another press conference at the American Legion (!) Dunbar post in Syracuse, N Y.

**As Brad was speaking to Channel 10, four plainclothes cops (two CID agents (Criminal Investigative Division) from Ft Drum and two from the Watertown police) walked into the Different Drummer and demanded that Brad surrender to them.**

**Ensign told them that this was unnecessary since he had already requested instructions from JAG at Ft Drum about how Brad could surrender on the base.**

**Brushing Ensign aside, they walked over to Brad and demanded that he leave with them. After a quick search and handcuffing, with Channel 10's camera rolling, they hustled Brad out of the cafe. His aunt, Sonia, protested bitterly that they were treating a soldier who had served seven years and two tours of Iraq "like a dog." One of the officers shouted at her, "he's a deserter!"**

**Once back at the Second Brigade headquarters at Ft Drum, Brad was subjected to the very treatment we had feared.**

**A female captain with the 2d Brigade harassed him by ordering him to sign a log book "once an hour, every hour, from six in the morning until midnight."**

After a couple of hours, it was decided that Brad should be taken to the base mental health unit after all. Once there, he waited another two hours until the unit's commander, Lt Col. James Stoudemeier, M.D. showed up to interview him and read Ms. Masters' evaluation letter. At this point, it was decided that Brad should be sent by ambulance to the mental ward at Samaritan hospital in Watertown.

When Ensign later told the Senior Trial Counsel of Brad's arrest, he expressed surprise. Obviously, had we been able to surrender Brad at the mental unit and provide them with a copy of his psychological evaluation, Brad's hours of suffering could have been prevented.

**Apparently to some at Ft. Drum, the anguish of a wounded warrior who'd done two combat tours of Iraq, meant nothing.**

Unfortunately, no one at the Ft Drum mental health unit had bothered to check with Samaritan hospital because when they arrived there at about 9:00 pm they learned that there were no available beds in its mental unit.

After another two hour delay, Brad was taken by ambulance to the VA hospital in Syracuse--a seventy mile drive.

When Tod Ensign visited Brad in the VA mental health unit on Thursday afternoon , he seemed to be in better spirits. After interviews with VA mental health workers, it was decided that Brad should be sent to an in-patient PTSD program at Walter Read hospital in Washington, D C. There are two positives about this decision; Brad will not be in a "military" setting and second he will begin to receive therapy for his serious mental condition.

Brad made it clear however that another priority is for him to be separated from the armed forces with an honorable discharge as soon as possible.

Citizen Soldier will be advocating for Brad's discharge, with full medical benefits in the days ahead.

p.s. Tomorrow's (Sunday) New York Times (11/18/07) will feature a lengthy article on Brad's case, (with photos) on page B-1 of the Metro section.

**MORE:**

***Ft. Drum #2:***  
**“I Would Appreciate Receiving An  
Explanation For This  
Unconstitutional Abridgement Of  
These Soldiers’ First Amendment  
Rights”**  
**“This Is A Formal Request Of You To  
Investigate The Conduct Of Your  
Subordinates In This Matter”**

[Thanks to Elaine Brower, Traveling Soldier & The Military Project, who sent this in.]

TEXT of Letter sent via Fed Express:

Nov. 7, 2007

Maj. Gen. Michael L. Oates  
Commanding General  
HQ Bldg.  
Ft Drum, NY 13602-5000

Dear General Oates,

I am general counsel for the Citizen Soldier group, which sponsors the "Different Drummer" internet cafe in the Paddock Arcade in Watertown, NY

As part of our ongoing educational activities, we sponsored the appearance of author Dahr Jamail, at our cafe on October 18, 2007, to discuss his new book; "Beyond the Green Zone: An Unembedded Reporter in Iraq"

A number of soldiers from Ft Drum attended Mr. Jamail's talk and spoke with him afterward.

Apparently, he interviewed some of these soldiers concerning some of their experiences as combat soldiers in Iraq. Later, Mr. Jamail published an account of these interviews on one or more websites.

**A few days later, members of your command at Ft Drum called at least two of these Ft Drum soldiers in for interrogation about their discussions with Mr. Jamail.**

**Given that these soldiers were talking with the author off-base, off-duty, and out of uniform, your subordinates had no legal authority to question or interrogate these soldiers regarding anything that they may have said to Mr. Jamail at the "Different Drummer" cafe.**

In fact, at least one of these soldiers felt intimidated by the interrogation.

**This is a formal request of you to investigate the conduct of your subordinates in this matter.**

**It would be tragic if our military should violate the legitimate free speech rights of our servicemembers while they are engaged in a war in Iraq which purports to have as an objective the extension of democracy to that country.**

I would appreciate receiving an explanation for this unconstitutional abridgement of these soldiers' First Amendment rights.

Yours truly,  
Thomas Ensign, Esq.,

cc: New York Civil Liberties Union

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# **British Officer Resigns “Over The ‘Appalling’ And ‘Shoddy’ Treatment Of Troops”**

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

Nov 17 2007 Media Wales Ltd.

A leading army figure has quit over the “appalling” and “shoddy” treatment of troops, according to reports.

Lt Col Stuart Tootal, commanding officer of 3 Para, wrote a resignation letter condemning soldiers’ poor pay, lack of equipment, standard of army housing, and NHS treatment, according to The Sun.

Lt Col Tootal was frustrated at being unable to train men properly due to lack of equipment and was angry at the “shoddy” care injured paras had received at Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham, the paper said.

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# **Another Crook In Command; “During Two Tours Of Duty In Iraq, An Army Officer From Western Washington Allegedly Accepted About \$40,000 In Bribes”**

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

November 17, 2007 By Hal Bernton, Seattle Times staff reporter

During two tours of duty in Iraq, an Army officer from Western Washington allegedly accepted about \$40,000 in bribes to steer government business to contractors, according to a criminal complaint filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Tacoma.

Capt. Cedar Lanmon allegedly accepted cash, handmade furniture and decorative rugs from contractors, including an Albanian — owner of Just in Time Contracting — who paid \$25,000 for a recommendation that helped secure a \$250,000 berm-construction job at Balad Air Base north of Baghdad.

Army special agents in Federal Way investigated the allegations in cooperation with the FBI. Friday, the Western Washington U.S. Attorney’s Office filed the one-count complaint that accuses Lanmon of conspiracy to accept a bribe, money laundering of

bribery proceeds and illegally importing an antiquity, a piece of ancient pottery from the city of Ur.

The complaint also accuses Lanmon of loaning an 18-year-old Iraqi \$500, then helping ensure the young man got contracts that allowed him to pay back \$1,000. Lanmon told investigators he believed he made an additional \$10,000 during his first deployment by providing other short-term loans to Iraqis, according to the complaint.

Lanmon was stationed at Fort Lewis from 2002 until August of this year, and he served in Iraq in 2004 and again in 2006.

His conduct in Iraq came under scrutiny in September after his estranged wife contacted Army criminal investigators, according to the 13-page complaint.

Lanmon is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C., according to an Army spokesman. He made an initial court appearance in Tacoma on Friday and has not yet entered a plea.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Jennings said that a conspiracy conviction could bring up to five years in prison.

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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

### **Resistance Action**

11.16.07 Deutsche Presse-Agentur & 17 Nov 2007 Reuters & 18 Nov 2007 Reuters & The Age Company Ltd. & CNN & By Doug Smith, Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

**The provincial governor of Muthanna province accused U.S. troops of opening fire on civilian cars south of Baghdad, wounding six people, and threatened to suspend ties with U.S. officials over the attack.**

One policeman was killed and four wounded when two explosive charges went off consecutively at a public market near a parking lot in central Baghdad, media reports said.

In Amarah, the capital of Maysan province, 390 kilometres south of Baghdad, gunmen shot dead a police officer and injured his brother as they were leaving their home on Friday, media reports said.

A roadside bomb targeting Iraqi troops wounded four Iraqi soldiers on Friday near Hawija, 70 km (43 miles) southwest of Kirkuk, the Iraqi army said.

A parked car bomb wounded five policemen, when it targeted a police patrol in central Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb killed an Iraqi army officer and a soldier and wounded two more while they were trying to defuse it in central Tikrit, 175 km (110 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

The body of a police captain was found dumped in Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, on Saturday, police said.

A roadside bomb hit a police commandos patrol near al-Tayaran Square in central Baghdad on Saturday, wounding two policemen, police said.

An explosion targeted Iraqi finance ministry adviser Salman al-Mugotar. A finance ministry source said Mugotar was unhurt in the blast in al-Hurriya Square in Baghdad's Karrada district. Two security officers in the Finance Ministry convoy were among those killed, and four police were among the wounded. A Reuters witness at the scene saw two burned corpses in the back of a police truck.

A dozen mortar rounds landed on the Iraqi Military Academy in the Rustamiya area on the outskirts of southern Baghdad Sunday morning, but there were no reports of casualties, the official said. Fifteen minutes later, the U.S. military found and destroyed a vehicle carrying mortar launchers parked in a nearby Shiite area in southeastern Baghdad, the official said.

Iraqi forces, supported by the U.S. military, killed one militant and detained two people on Friday in As-Sa'diyah, north of Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said. One Iraqi soldier was killed and one was injured in the operation, it said.

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END THE OCCUPATION**

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<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/> And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! ([www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/))

**FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

# Betrayal Pills



From: Mike Hastie  
To: GI Special  
Sent: November 13, 2007  
Subject: Betrayal Pills

## **Betrayal Pills**

**V.A. pharmacy instructions:  
Take one twice a day for  
the rest of your life,  
so you will forget that you  
were screwed by your government.**

**The reason history always repeats itself,  
is because the past was a lie to begin with.**

**U.S. wars are always renewable,  
just like the medication.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
November 13, 2007**

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

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***Report From “A Community Not  
Too Far From Ft. Stewart”***

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**“They Were All Aware Of The War And  
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Singing Was The Answer”**

From: Monica Benderman  
To: GI Special  
Sent: November 17, 2007  
Subject: Re: GI Special 5K13: The Numbers Game

The Georgia Peace and Justice Coalition is sponsoring a “State of Hope Tour” throughout Georgia. They’ve been traveling to 9 cities in 9 days calling attention to the number of military personnel from Georgia who have died in Iraq with a display of boots on the ground.

They are also trying to mobilize younger generations against the war through the songs of a talented young singer/musician.

**I was able to attend when they came to a community not too far from Ft. Stewart. The display is sobering when I realize the 118 sets of boots on display represent military personnel from only one of fifty of the United States.**

Set up in a seaside community along the Atlantic, the boots surrounded a flagpole at the front of local activity building where I could sit in a comfortable rocking chair on a broad patio and watch the reaction of people passing along on the seawalk. One little girl visited with her grandparents.

She touched the flowers set in the top of each pair of boots and turned the name card trying to read each name. She laughed and showed her innocence as she skipped through the display, getting her picture taken by local media representatives.

A red basket full of little toy soldiers rested near the flagpole; each one wrapped with a small label reading "bring me home". The little girl took two and walked away. I saw her later in the parking lot with her grandparents, still carrying her soldiers, perhaps on her way home.

As I sat in the rocking chair a few people took the time to visit the display. One couple came to the patio and sat in the chairs nearby reading over a family genealogy just purchased in the nearby used bookstore. They seemed oblivious to the display until a member of the local peace group also involved in the event stopped by to point it out to them.

**Their question struck home - "does the display also include the number of military personnel who have died in Afghanistan?"**

**Apologetically the answer came "No."**

**The couple stood up and walked on.**

In the hours before the event began I was able to visit many of the local businesses and speak with the proprietors about the community and their business. Most were aware that something was going on in the park that day and most had the fliers for the event posted in their shop windows but few were clear what it was for. Several asked "Is it a peace rally?"

**When I responded that it was sponsored by peace groups as a way to call attention to the service of our military, many gave respect to the soldiers but said they were hoping to find a way to do more than just walk through a display of boots.**

**They were all aware of the war and its costs, but didn't think a night of singing was the answer.**

In one shop I visited there were many display cases filled with the work of local jewelers. Near the back of the shop on tables against the wall were beautiful bracelets made of chrome, guaranteed never to need polishing, any one would have been a conversation piece. I asked the storekeeper who the local artist was for these and she replied "I have to have those made overseas or they would be too costly to sell in my store."

I walked away from them and asked her what she thought of the war and how she felt about the display in the park. She, like the others, wanted to do more to help the soldiers and wasn't certain what the display in the park was all about.

The war is going to end. Our military personnel will be coming home.

Our communities are not ready for what they are about to receive. To be a strong, positive participant in world peace and the policies which will help bring it to fruition, we are going to have to start thinking about taking care of our business first.

Foreign countries are not going to help us repair what we have damaged, not when it's in our own home, and not when we don't take the steps to show that we care enough to want to fix what we have broken.

**Our military personnel are returning broken.**

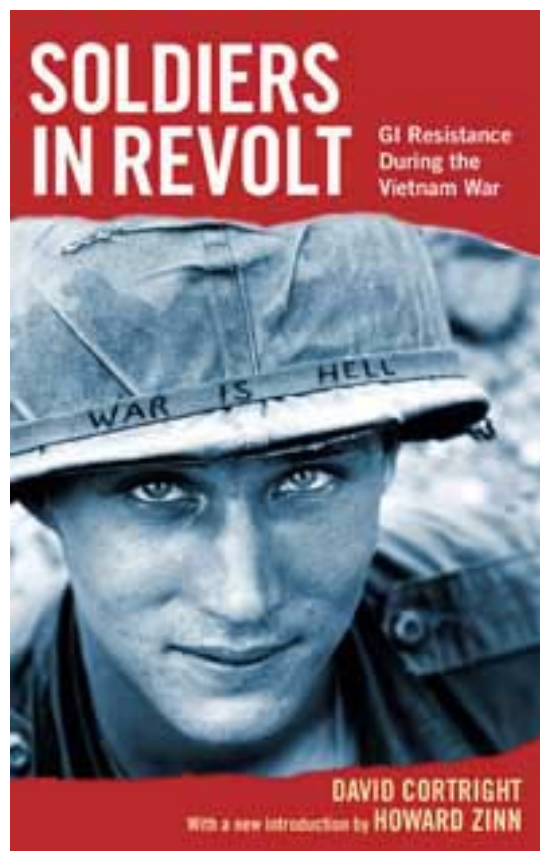
**What are we going to do when the war is over??**

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**“To Avoid An Embarrassing Public Confrontation, The General Was Forced To Sneak In The Back Entrance Of His Hotel”**

**“Nearly One Hundred GIs Boldly Gathered Across From The Reviewing Stand Behind A Huge Banner Reading ‘GIs For Peace’”**

**“The Response From Soldiers Forced To March In The Parade Proved Embarrassing To The Assembled Commanders: Hundreds Raised Clenched Fists In Solidarity With The Demonstrators”**



**[A quantity of stupid drivel has appeared in the past few years asserting that it was the civilian opposition to the Vietnam war that led the movement in the armed forces. As you will see below, the sweeping upsurge against the war revealed by troops in 1969-1970 gave heart and leadership to the anti-war movement among civilians, whose public demonstrations were growing every smaller. Sound familiar? T]**

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**Perhaps just as importantly, the May 16 actions had great impact on the civilian community. The spectacle of simultaneous soldier demonstrations at twelve separate bases finally convinced people that sweeping changes were occurring within the Army and aroused renewed appreciation of the potential of GI resistance.**

From: SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT, Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975. Now available in paperback from Haymarket Books. [Excerpts]

On October 11 [1969] nearly one hundred Fort Bragg soldiers, mostly Vietnam veterans, marched in a Moratorium demonstration in Fayetteville. On October 15, protests occurred in San Antonio and Colorado Springs.

At Fort Sam Houston, approximately 150 soldiers signed a petition sponsored by the new paper Your Military Left, requesting facilities for a meeting on post. Their plea was



rejected, though, and the Moratorium gathering was held instead in downtown San Antonio.

At Fort Carson, Vietnam veterans Tom Roberts and Curtis Stocker, editors of Aboveground, encountered a series of command restrictions aimed at preventing them from attending an evening demonstration in Colorado Springs. Despite the obstruction, later documented in an official Fort Carson memorandum leaked to the New York Times, the two managed to elude their would-be captors and joined seventy-five fellow soldiers for the anti-war observance in Acacia Park.

A few days later, on October 20, the ASU [American Servicemen's Union] chapter at Fort Lewis called a meeting at an on-post service club to discuss the war and the need for GI organizing; the gathering was broken up by MPs, however, resulting in the arrest of thirty-five GIs and three civilians.

As the country prepared for the second wave of Moratorium actions, in November, an extraordinary full-page ad appeared in the New York Times Sunday edition of November 9.

A statement calling for an end to the war and support for the planned November 15 mobilization in Washington, D.C., was signed by 1,366 active-duty servicemen. Included among the signees were 189 soldiers in Vietnam, 141 GIs at Fort Bliss, and people on over eighty additional bases and ships throughout the world.

**The statement had a dramatic impact within the peace movement and was at least partly responsible for the success of the events on the following weekend.**

The huge November 15 peace rally in Washington (attended by some 250,000 people) was led by a contingent of over two hundred GIs, many of them associated with the local GI paper, Open Sight.

The next day, fifty of the servicemen joined in a picket line at the Court of Military Appeals Building to protest the injustices of military law.

A simultaneous rally in Los Angeles on the fifteenth also was headed by active-duty servicemen, including fifty Marines from Camp Pendleton.

The November Moratorium also witnessed a series of important actions by one of the most dynamic new groups of the GI movement, Fort Bliss "GIs for Peace."

The organization was formally launched on August 17, 1969, when several hundred soldiers, many of them assigned to the Defense Language Institute (DLI), gathered in El Paso's McKelligan Canyon to proclaim the following purposes: to promote peace, secure constitutional rights for servicemen, combat racism, improve enlisted living conditions, and provide aid to the local chicano community.

Through Gigline, an unusually well-written and articulate GI paper, the activists quickly attracted widespread local support -- and as a result, encountered serious repression. Paul Nevins, a drafted Ph.D. student and the group's first chairman, was shipped out to Germany; Gigline's first editor received abrupt orders to Vietnam; and three other leading organizers were suddenly transferred to different bases, just hours before a

scheduled Moratorium protest. In all, ten soldiers received transfer orders in the organization's first five months of existence.

New members always rose to fill the vacuum, though, and the group's activities proved remarkably successful.

**One of their first actions involved an anti-war protest at the traditional Veterans Day parade in El Paso.**

**As weapons and marching units filed by in the November 11 pageant, nearly one hundred GIs boldly gathered across from the reviewing stand behind a huge banner reading "GIs for Peace."**

**The response from soldiers forced to march in the parade proved embarrassing to the assembled commanders: hundreds flashed the "V" for peace sign or raised clenched fists in solidarity with the demonstrators.**

On Moratorium day, the group urged students at DLI to boycott the noon meal and gather for a period meditation at a nearby chapel. Nearly a dozen plain-clothes men and officers showed up at the church to intimidate the protesters, but sixty soldiers braved the threats and carried out the prayer meeting as planned.

The neighboring enlisted mess hall, meanwhile, was three fourths empty - despite the rare attendance of a huge contingent of officers.

The anti-war up-surge culminated the following Saturday, when several hundred Fort Bliss soldiers marched at the head of a peace rally in downtown El Paso.

**The third series of Moratorium protests, scheduled for December, produced two additional GI demonstrations, including one of the largest and most militant gatherings in the history of the GI movement.**

At Fort Bragg, a growing GIs United Against the War sponsored another rally in Fayetteville, this time attended by two hundred soldiers and two hundred civilians.

The more significant action, however, came on December 14 in Oceanside, California.

**In the largest Moratorium demonstration in the country on that day, an estimated one thousand servicepeople joined a crowd of four thousand in a march and rally near Camp Pendleton.**

**The event united black, white, and chicano GIs behind a strongly anti-imperialist and anti-racist program and marked the founding of an important new GI organization, Movement for a Democratic Military (MDM).**

Operating out of the "Green Machine" coffeehouse in Vista, Camp Pendleton Marines launched the paper Attitude Check and established MDM as an openly revolutionary organization.

Their program called for the right to collective bargaining, constitutional rights for all servicepeople, abolition of the court-martial system and its replacement with a jury and

court of peers, the end of officer privileges, the elimination of racism, freedom for all political prisoners, and an immediate pullout from Vietnam.

During a visit to the area in February 1970, Marine Commandant General Leonard Chapman labeled MDM “a serious threat to the defense of this country.”

Because of internal disputes, however, Pendleton MDM faltered, and by the summer of 1970 split into factions, with a new paper, All Ready on the Left, replacing Attitude Check.

Despite these difficulties at Camp Pendleton, the idea of MDM proved attractive to other radical servicemen. During the first half of 1970, the group’s program and name were adopted at six other locations: San Diego, Long Beach Naval Station, El Taro MCAS, Fort Ord, Fort Carson, and Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

As GI organizing flourished, the factionalism that hindered MDM became evident at other bases, with several separate organizations often existing on one post at the same time.

No such divisiveness hindered soldier ‘organizing at Fort Bliss.

By adopting a broad, non-partisan approach, GIs for Peace successfully united a large number of servicemen and, despite a lack of civilian aid, carried on an extensive program of anti-war activity.

**One particularly effective demonstration occurred during a January 1970 visit to El Paso by Army Chief of Staff William Westmoreland. When the former Vietnam commander arrived in the city on the fifteenth to deliver an address, he was greeted by a picket line of eighty local soldiers.**

**To avoid an embarrassing public confrontation, the general was forced to sneak in the back entrance of his hotel.**

The largest GIs for Peace gathering, indeed one of the largest in the history of the GI movement, was a March 15 rally in El Paso’s McKelligan Canyon. Approximately two thousand people, including more than eight hundred servicemen, came together for a festival of political speeches and rock music, in a massive display of local anti-war sentiment.

At Fort Devens, about twenty GIs join several hundred civilians for the first rally ever attempted at this base. The paper Morning Report appears for the first time.

Seventy-five soldiers and five hundred civilians gather for an anti-war march and rally outside Fort Meade.

The first anti-war demonstration in the history of Anniston, Alabama, draws fifty Fort McClellan service people and two hundred civilians.

At Fort Benning, one hundred GIs and some three hundred civilians attend a “people’s tribunal” on American war crimes.”

In Fayetteville, North Carolina, Rennie Davis, Jane Fonda, and Mark Lane address a crowd of 750 Fort Bragg soldiers and three thousand civilians in the largest Armed Forces Day rally in the country.

At Fort Hood, over seven hundred soldiers march through the streets of Killeen and rally in a nearby park.

At Fort Bliss, GIs' for Peace and local students, demonstrate against the war at the local University of Texas campus.

The first anti-Vietnam protest in Manhattan, Kansas, attracts over one thousand people, including four hundred soldiers from Fort Riley.

An MDM-sponsored rally in Colorado Springs draws thirty Fort Carson GIs and several hundred civilians.

Tom Hayden raps to approximately two hundred Marines and several thousand civilians in a rally near Camp Pendleton.

Fort Ord MDM sponsors a march and rally of more than three thousand people. Extra work assignments and riot duty mobilizations limit the GI contingent to only one hundred.

A festival and series of workshops near Fort Lewis draw sixty soldiers and two hundred civilians.

The events of Armed Forces Day not only demonstrated widespread anti-war sentiment within the ranks but sparked continuing political activity at many bases.

Several groups made their initial appearance during the time, and a number of others experienced an increase in active-duty involvement.

**Perhaps just as importantly, the May 16 actions had great impact on the civilian community.**

**The spectacle of simultaneous soldier demonstrations at twelve separate bases finally convinced people that sweeping changes were occurring within the Army and aroused renewed appreciation of the potential of GI resistance.**

**As Abbie Hoffman quipped to the crowd at Fort Meade: "Behind every GI haircut lies a Samson."**

GIs United [military band] members participated in various peace demonstrations in the New York area. One of the group's most unusual and daring activities occurred at a civilian-sponsored demonstration on October 31.

Led by Sp/4 Verne Windham, ten Fort Hamilton GIs marched up the streets of New York at the head of thousands of demonstrators -- undoubtedly the movement's first anti-war Army band.

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# Breaking News

Barbarians II, The History Channel, 11.18.07

**“The expense of the campaign pushes the Empire to the brink of bankruptcy. The campaign must succeed.” “One of the most expensive campaigns ever waged meets with total failure.”** [Rome, 6<sup>th</sup> Century AD. No, it doesn't work. T]

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## OCCUPATION REPORT

### **More Iraqi Civilians Shot For No Reason; U.S. Officer In Command Not Identified**

November 18, 2007 By Doug Smith, Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

In Samawah, 150 miles south of Baghdad, police and eyewitnesses said a military convoy opened fire on motorists, injuring four people, including two policemen, and destroying several cars on the highway to Rumaitha.

**Witnesses said the cars were pulling off the road to let five Humvees pass when the shooting started.**

The policemen were guards of Muthanna province council member Mohammed Hassouni, who was not with them, police said. Samawah Police Chief Kadhim Abu Hail said his men showed restraint in not firing back to avoid further casualties.

**He said police on the scene said the attack was undertaken by an American convoy, which, if so, meant U.S. forces were in the area without prior notice to local officials.**

**Muthanna governor Ahmed Marzouq said a lack of such notice would represent a violation of security protocols that have been in place since Muthanna took charge of its own security in July 2006.**

One of the injured, Emira Kshaish, 40, said she was hit by three bullets in the leg.

Raji Allawi, treated at a hospital for wounds to the chest and abdomen, said his car was stopped when he was shot.

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