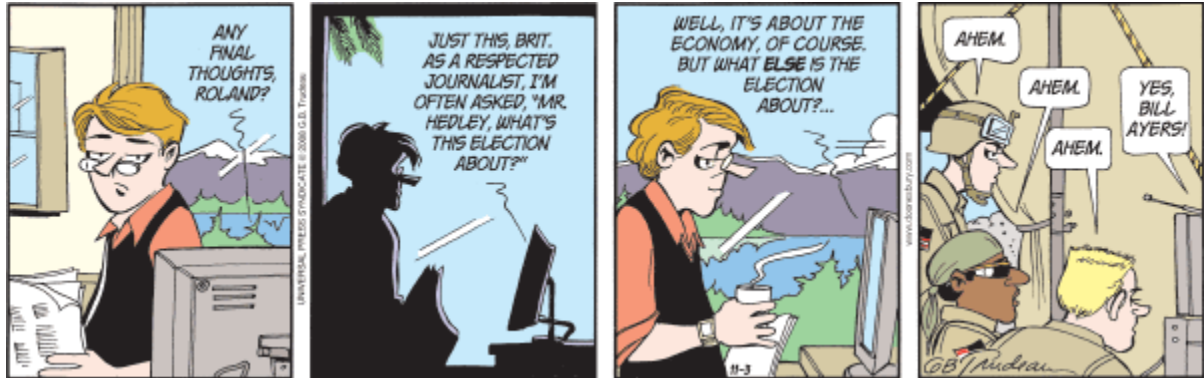


GI SPECIAL 6K4:



[Thanks to Phil G & SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. SSG writes: "Here you go, if this comic reflects on reality, we're good to go."]

Morning After Pill: Identification Friend Or Foe: [The Honorable Vs. The Despicable]

The Honorable:

Organized against the Bush regime because they hated the Imperial wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

ID: Friend: They won't stop now.

The Despicable:

Organized against the Imperial wars in Iraq and/or Afghanistan because they hated the Bush regime.

ID: Foe: Some will suddenly become very very quiet about those wars. Beginning Jan. 20, 2009, or sooner, the truly loathsome will puke out lying bullshit explanations about why the Obama regime can't end the wars just yet. They're shit on our shoes. T

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

“Thoughts Of Iraqis On This Election Day”

“Their Presidency Is One Thing And Their Policy Is Another, Therefore There Is No Real Difference Who Wins”

“The Only Thing I Care About Is The SOFA And I Hope It Is Not Signed Because The Americans Will Steal All Of Iraq”

November 04, 2008 Baghdad Observer [Excerpts]

In Iraq people's fate are tied to the fate of America. The decisions the next president will make about U.S. troop levels and U.S. dollars being spent in Iraq will trickle down to those who live in Fallujah, Najaf, Baghdad and beyond.

A long term security agreement known as the Status of Forces Agreement has been rife with tense negotiations. The final produce may fall to the next administration.

Already Iraqis are now calling it the “withdrawal agreement.”

Many Iraqis tell me that America broke this country and it is still shattered. When they look at their lives they see the lack of electricity, the corruption, the lack of clean water and much more.

Security has improved but everything here is tenuous and violence, which has dropped but not disappeared, may come back.

Below are thoughts of Iraqis on this election day:

“I care so much about the American elections because the future of Iraq depends on them. I wish that Obama wins because if he wins he will withdraw the American forces from Iraq. I'm waiting, God willing Obama will win.” -- Nahla al Adhamee, 45, a Sunni Arab university lecturer at the University of Irbil in the northern region of Kurdistan.

"I feel sick of politics because the American policy will never change no matter who's president. The only thing I care about is the SOFA [Status Of Forces Agreement designed to continue the Occupation] and I hope it is not signed because the Americans will steal all of Iraq." -- Haider al Azzawi, 38, a Shiite Arab taxi driver in eastern Baghdad

"The whole world cares about this...I expect Obama will win but I do not care about them only if Obama fulfills his promise to withdraw the American troops from Iraq and we get rid of this ugly occupation." -- Ibrahim al Azzawi, 40, a Sunni Arab mechanic in southeast Baghdad

"The American elections have no importance to me at all. Their presidency is one thing and their policy is another, therefore there is no real difference who wins.

"American foreign policy is constant. Iraqis are not ignorant, we have seen this over the years; one president goes and another comes and he does nothing to remedy his predecessor's mistakes only what concerns the American people. "As for people in other countries they don't count because they don't vote." -- Aqeel Mohammed, 37, a Shiite minibus driver from southern Baghdad

"What possible change can either of them bring? And if they do anything, it is only to the interests of their own country – not for our sake." They might "bring their boys home" and "stop spending their money in Iraq" and "let Iraqis shoulder their own responsibilities"... Where are we in all this? Maybe Obama would withdraw their forces – but is that good? I would be happy to see them go – but I am also afraid. "What they do, they do for themselves. -- Widad Hamid, 74, a Sunni Arab retired high school teacher from western Baghdad.

"We do follow the news, but I don't expect any change at all. I have no faith in their promises because they say only what they think the American people want to hear. They dissemble their own people – not others. They don't care about the Iraqi people. It's all about their security freedoms, their boys, their money and their democracy. American foreign policy is one line, presidents come and go." -- Khalid Abu Abdullah, a Sunni Arab shopowner from northern Baghdad

"The residents of Sadr city don't care about the American presidential election, now we care only about the blocked roads and the traffic jams...I don't think the American policy will change towards our country," -- Khaleel Abu Ahmad, 37, a Shiite engineer from the east Baghdad district of Sadr City.

"I care about the lack of electricity and fuel, why should I care about the American elections?" -- Ammar, 30, a Shiite Arab from Baghdad.

Fallujah: **No Illusions About Obama Here:**

“I Want The Americans To Go Out Of Iraq. It Does Not Matter Who Wins US Elections. It Is Of No Interest To Us”

“I Don’t Trust Obama Or McCain”

“Obama’s Promises Of Withdrawing The Forces Will Remain Only A Promise”

11.2.08 FALLUJAH, Iraq (AFP)

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AFP) — The tall iron bridge spanning the Al-Furat river that runs through the city of Fallujah is still the symbol of the raging anti-US insurgency that once held this city.

Fallujah was virtually razed to the ground before US forces took control of the city in the western Anbar province, also known for its dozens of mosques.

Nearly five years later the streets of Fallujah are bustling with traffic while it is business as usual in the markets where women in black hijabs haggle with vegetable vendors for cheap bargains.

But anti-US [translation: anti-U.S. Imperial Occupation] sentiment is still palpable:

American troops are not wanted here.

“US forces should leave Iraq quickly or they will be kicked out,” said Sami al-Awad, a doctor with a flourishing practice in central Fallujah.

Many of Fallujah’s 400,000 people have not yet forgotten the harshness of the US crackdown on the city and to them the US presidential election holds no significance.

“How does it matter whether it is (Barack) Obama or (John) McCain,” who wins the election, said Diyauddin Abdullah, a dealer in electronics goods.

“The American troops killed my mother in the middle of the night as we were fleeing the assault in 2004.

“American policy is fixed. Obama also can’t change it. America has its own agenda,” he added.

Anti-American [translation: anti-U.S. Imperial Occupation] sentiment and distrust for Washington runs deep even among senior Iraqi officials in Fallujah.

“I want to see the Americans leave as early as possible,” said Mayor Saad Awwad Rashid, a man well respected in Fallujah for his pro-active approach to ease the daily problems of his constituents.

“People hate Americans, especially when they come to arbitrary arrests, including of women.

“I want the Americans to go out of Iraq. It does not matter who wins US elections. It is of no interest to us.”

“We don’t need Americans for three more years. We don’t need SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement),” said Abdullah, referring to the security pact that will determine the presence of US forces in Iraq after 2008.

“I don’t trust Obama or McCain. Even Obama’s promises of withdrawing the forces will remain only a promise,” he said.

“Americans cause destruction wherever they go. The sooner they leave the better.”

ENOUGH OF THIS POINTLESS SHIT; ALL HOME NOW



U.S. soldiers patrol a village near Baquba, in Diyala province, some 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, October 26, 2008. REUTERS/Goran

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Hundreds Gather To Mourn Scottsbluff Marine

[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in.]

11/1/2008 Scottsbluff (AP)

Hundreds of people gathered Saturday to honor a U.S. Marine Corps corporal from Scottsbluff who was killed last month in Afghanistan.

Family and friends who spoke of Cpl. Adrian Robles during a funeral service in Gering mentioned his positive attitude and his unforgettable smile.

Robles was killed October 22nd while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. The 21-year-old was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, California.

Robles is one of at least 55 U.S. service members with Nebraska connections who have died in Afghanistan or Iraq since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Mystery Story Of The Week: Unidentified American Set On Fire In Kandahar

Nov 4, 2008 The Associated Press

An armed non-military American shot an Afghan in Kandahar province after the Afghan allegedly set another non-military American on fire, the military said.

It did not identify the U.S. civilians or who they were working for.

“For Every Guy We Kill, We Probably Are Recruiting At Least Three New Guys”

Nov 1, 2008 By Sami Yousafzai and Ron Moreau, NEWSWEEK [Excerpts]

Every time an airstrike kills civilians or U.S. ground troops target the wrong house for a raid, popular support grows for the insurgents.

“This isn’t a scientific fact, but what we say is that for every guy we kill, we probably are recruiting at least three new guys,” says a Western military officer who operates on both sides of the border and asked not to be quoted by name on sensitive issues.

“You kill one guy, and then his brother or his cousin joins up to avenge his death.”

OCCUPATION ISN’T LIBERATION ALL TROOPS HOME NOW!

Resistance Deploys New Super-Bombs: U.S. Military MRAPs Easy To Destroy: “They Break Them In Half”

On one recent drive between U.S. military installations in Ghazni province, troops from the 1st Battalion of the 506th Infantry Regiment dismounted to check each culvert along a paved road pocked with craters and blown-out bridges. It is painstaking and time-consuming work — the culverts are every 100 meters apart in some areas.

October 31, 2008 By Anna Mulrine, U.S. News [Excerpts]

GHAZNI, Afghanistan—Throughout Afghanistan, roadside bombs are increasing not only in number but also in size, with devastating consequences for U.S. troops and beleaguered Afghan truck drivers alike.

Culverts that run under the road to help drain and irrigate surrounding fields in the rural country now regularly conceal these powerful improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, with increasingly large charges.

Roadside bombs that once weighed 10 to 20 pounds have morphed into multigallon drums packed with 200 to 500 pounds of explosives, which insurgents roll into culverts with wheelbarrows.

The enhanced bombs have in some cases proved effective in destroying the U.S. military’s expensive new Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles — the product of a multibillion dollar investment by the Pentagon that features a V-shaped hull to absorb and disperse the impact of roadside bombs.

The vehicles were not built, however, to withstand 200-pounds worth of explosives.

“They’ve flipped MRAPs 15 feet in the air sometimes,” says one U.S. officer in Afghanistan.

“And they break them in half.” U.S. troops inside the overturned vehicles have been crushed and seriously injured by falling equipment.

The Taliban’s latest IED offensive has turned Highway 1, the paved artery that links Kabul to Kandahar, from a once powerful symbol of progress in Afghanistan into a deadly stretch littered with burned-out bridges and smoldering trucks.

The construction-grade explosives are trucked in from Quetta, a Taliban stronghold in neighboring Pakistan, according to U.S. intelligence officials. But the material is manufactured elsewhere, leading officials to believe that insurgents are bypassing border crossings in eastern Afghanistan, where U.S. troops have a greater presence, to bring them in through southern provinces.

U.S. troop presence is sparse to nonexistent in the south of the country. The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned from violent Helmand province in early October, and for now, U.S. troops are stretched too thin, say Pentagon officials, to replace the marines.

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But the ongoing concern, says one U.S. military official, is that there simply are not enough unmanned drones to go around, and the prospect of U.S. troops checking every culvert they cross is unrealistic.

“We need more consistent (UAV) surveillance,” says the official.

“Because these guys will regroup and come back.”

Notes From A Lost War:

“It Soon Became Clear That The Taliban’s Hold On The Area Around Sahak Ran Deeper Than Their Ability To Launch Inaccurate 107mm Rockets”

“When Questioned, Not One Villager Had Seen Where The Rockets Had Come From, Nor Who Had Launched Them”

29 Oct 2008 By Ben Farmer with the 101st Airborne Division in Paktia province, Telegraph.co.uk [Excerpts]

The American patrol had found the dusty streets of Sahak bazaar unusually quiet that morning. Most people were distant and unwilling to talk.

Those who did speak insisted there were no Taliban fighters nearby.

Barely two hours later, the first mortar round was fired at US soldiers from inside the village.

A few seconds passed before a machine gun opened fire from a mud-walled compound the patrol had walked past only that morning.

When the men of the 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry, part of the 101st Airborne Division, first heard they were going to Sahak, they took bets on how long it would take the Taliban to fire rockets at them.

In this patch of Paktia province, Sahak has a reputation as a “bad part of town”. In May, it was the scene of an ambush and a separate attack by three roadside bombs, which injured several American soldiers.

Securing Sahak is now a priority.

The soldiers from 1st Platoon in Alpha Troop, popularly known as the “Hooligans”, were given the task of capturing and holding a barren hillside until an armoured convoy of engineers could arrive to build the outpost.

As they waited for the 80-vehicle convoy to crawl along the booby trap-riddled road from the town of Gardez, the Taliban duly fired as many rockets at them as possible.

At 9.30 sharp every morning, the projectiles began falling. A thump two miles away was met with shouts of “incoming!” and a scramble for rocky cover. A second of tense waiting would be followed by a woosh overhead and a burst of black smoke on the hillside.

After each explosion, the soldiers’ eyes scanned the tree lines, stream beds and compounds below for signs of a launch site. Facing aerial surveillance, artillery and air strikes if spotted, the Taliban rocket teams mount their weaponry inside cars or pickup trucks, quickly firing three or four missiles before fleeing.

“It’s their version of a drive-by shooting, but with much bigger munitions,” explained Lt Blaine Cooper, the 25-year-old platoon leader.

The platoon claimed its first victory on the fourth day of the barrage, when a missile fired from an unmanned drone hit a pickup truck seen leaving a launch site.

But it soon became clear that the Taliban's hold on the area around Sahak ran deeper than their ability to launch inaccurate 107mm rockets.

When questioned, not one villager had seen where the rockets had come from, nor who had launched them. Each swore they had been too busy visiting relatives, working or praying to notice anything unusual.

One or two reluctantly revealed glimpses of the brutal punishment that faces anyone caught helping the Afghan army or foreign forces.

Abdul Kadir, a 52-year-old minibus driver, said that insurgents had murdered his son for being a police officer and his body had lain undiscovered in a field for three days.

Mohammed Rahim, a 20-year-old truck driver who fidgeted with nerves, said Taliban gunmen had arrived in his village after dark, going from house to house seeking anyone helping President Hamid Karzai's government.

Azim Ullah, a local villager, summed up their dilemma. "It's true there are some people providing food for the Taliban. They have no choice. If armed Taliban come to my door and say bring me food, what should I do?"

TROOP NEWS

**“Ten Members Of Iraq Veterans
Against The War And Five Of Our
Supporters Who Make Up The
Hempstead 15 Will Be Arraigned For
‘Disorderly Conduct’”**

**“Please Join The Hempstead 15 In Court
Monday, Nov. 10th, At The Nassau
County District Court At 99 Main Street
In Hempstead, NY”**



Nassau County police on horses trampled one member of IVAW, Nick Morgan, a veteran who served in Iraq from Feb. 2004-2005.

[Thanks to Katherine G, The Military Project, who sent this in.]

You've seen the videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rll7tQCqwbU>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eupU-StpCqM&feature=related>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5Gd_ojcnk0.

You've read the testimonies:

<http://www.squadron13.com/BillPerry/HofstraDebate/default.htm>

You've called the campaigns and demanded answers.

Once again, it's time to assemble.

Please join the Hempstead 15 in court Monday, Nov. 10th, at the Nassau County District Court at 99 Main Street in Hempstead, NY.

Ten members of Iraq Veterans Against the War and five of our supporters who make up the Hempstead 15 will be arraigned for "disorderly conduct" at 9 a.m. We're asking our supporters to show up at 8.

Following the hearing, members of the Hempstead 15 will be available for questions and general socializing.

We ask that all supporters continue to respect the non-violent and reconciliatory nature and intent of our organization, particularly by helping us spread messages surrounding dignity and medical treatment for our veterans and acknowledgement of their voices which deserve to be heard.

As well, we ask that you sign the following petition condemning the trampling of Nick Morgan and others at the Oct. 15th demonstration which will be presented to the courts on the day of our arraignment. <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/justicefornick/> As well, please donate funds to help cover Nick's medical bills at ivaw.org.

Thank you for all you've done, thank you for what you're doing, and thank you for making what's to come a reality. May we always find people uniting around the ideals of freedom, justice and democracy, in times of war and peace alike.

Thank you for moving forward with us, and we look forward to seeing you all at the courthouse!

In solidarity,
The Hempstead 15

Nick Morgan SGT, USA IVAW DC
James Gilligan CPL, USMC IVAW Philadelphia
Kris Goldsmith SGT, USA IVAW NYC
Marlisa Grogan CPT, USMC IVAW NYC
Matthis Chiroux SGT, USA IVAW NYC
Adam Kokesh SGT, USMC IVAW DC
Nathan Peld PO2, USN IVAW Central NY
Mike Spinnato CPL, USMC IVAW Boston
Jose Vasquez SSG, USAR IVAW NYC
Geoff Millard SGT, ARNG IVAW DC
Paul Blasenheim Washington, DC
Megan Day Portchester, MA
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Lianne Gillouly Boston, MA
Ryan Olander Highland Park, NJ



Another Tour In Iraq, Another Tearful Goodbye For Marines

“This Is Our Fourth And Counting,” Said Barbara Berrios, 25,



(Photo: Sandy Huffaker: Getty Images)

[Thanks to Ward Reilly, Veterans For Peace & Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War, who sent this in.]

November 3, 2008 By Tony Perry, Los Angeles Times [Excerpts]

Reporting from Camp Pendleton -- The drill was new to some of the families attached to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369.

But it was a familiar and heartbreaking scene Sunday for most, who said goodbye yet again to hundreds of Marines deploying to Iraq for repeat tours.

“This is our fourth and counting,” said Barbara Berrios, 25, whose husband is Sgt. Andre Berrios, also 25.

Their son, Lucas, is 5 months old.

Sara Matthes, 21, was a newcomer to the stress and emotion of saying goodbye. Tears rolled down her cheeks as she embraced her fiance, Cpl. Chad Whitehouse, 21. Then, as Whitehouse walked to a waiting bus, Matthes hugged her mother, Peggy Matthes of Dana Point.

How will she spend the months with her fiance away? "Planning my wedding," she said between sobs.

The squadron's 340-plus Marines and sailors are headed for Anbar province, west of Baghdad.

The squadron came home from Iraq just 12 months ago and, after a few weeks of leave, began training for another seven-month deployment.

"I'm as ready as I'll ever be," said Kristen Stegmiller, 27, as she embraced her husband, 1st Lt. George Stegmiller, 29, who is on his first deployment.

Even for Iraq veterans in the squadron, each deployment offers new challenges. Lance Cpl. Fabian Padilla, 23, is making his second trip to Iraq, the first since the birth of his son.

"The first time, it was a new experience and he didn't know what to expect," said his father, Enrique Padilla of Lancaster.

"Now he's a father, and it's more difficult. You can see the pain on his face."

As the buses arrived to take the troops to planes at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, families snapped last-minute pictures, children began to cry and even a Marine or two had moist eyes.

"Between deployments, you forget how hard it is," said Shawna Robb, 30, whose husband, Capt. Jeff Robb, 35, is leaving for his fourth deployment.

"If you didn't forget," she said, "you'd never be able to do it again."



Marine Cpl. Armando Anchando sits with his father, Andre, and mother Maria, left, wife Briana and grandfather Manuel, right, during a deployment ceremony for Marines from

the Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 at Camp Pendleton, California. (Photo: Sandy Huffaker: Getty Images)



(Photo: Sandy Huffaker: Getty Images)



Family members looking at Camp Pendleton Marines leaving for another tour of duty in Iraq. (Photo: Sandy Huffaker: Getty Images)



(Photo: Sandy Huffaker: Getty Images)



(Photo: Sandy Huffaker: Getty Images)

Fire In The Hole, And Nobody Even Noticed

[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in, with the headline. She writes "This is such a comforting story."]

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - The Air Force Space Command says a fire broke out in a silo containing a Minuteman III missile outside Cheyenne, Wyo., last spring, but the military says there was no danger of an accidental launch.

The Gazette newspaper in Colorado Springs says the Space Command released a report on the fire Thursday. It was the first public disclosure of the incident.

Space Command spokeswoman Maj. Laurie Arellano says the fire was caused by a faulty battery and extinguished itself from a lack of fuel.

She says the fire wasn't discovered until later, when repair crews began looking for a wiring problem. It's not clear exactly when the crew found evidence of the fire.

First Deadline For Mailing Packages To Iraq, Afghanistan And Other Points Overseas For Christmas Is Nov. 13

Nov 4, 2008 Army Times [Excerpts]

The first deadline for mailing packages to Iraq, Afghanistan and other points overseas so that your loved ones get them by Christmas is coming up Nov. 13.

Last call for cards and gifts to the war zones is Dec. 4. Families shipping to Europe, Latin America and the Pacific have until Dec. 11 — longer if they're willing to pay extra for express service.

Packing, shipping guidelines:

U.S. Postal Service officials recommend the priority mail flat-rate boxes. You can stuff up to 70 pounds of cookies, gear and Christmas decorations into a box and ship it at a set rate. The largest flat-rate box mails to an APO or FPO address for \$10.95, a \$2 discount.

USPS also offers a special military package kit. "If you call ... (800) 610-8734, they'll send you a free kit of packaging materials — priority mail boxes, tape, labels and stuff

that can make your holiday packing much easier,” Al DeSarro, spokesman for the western region of USPS, said in an Air Force news release.

DeSarro had a few suggestions to make sure your package arrives on time and in shape:

- Don't use wrapping paper or string on the outside.
- Print both the shipping and return addresses clearly.
- Package contents securely and in leak-proof containers.
- Include the mailing address, return address and the contents of the box on a slip of paper with the other contents, just in case something out of the ordinary should happen.



“My, sir—what an enthusiastic welcome!”

By Bill Mauldin, *Up Front*, 1945 W.W. Norton & Co., New York
[Thanks to “Comrade Tribune,” Vietnam Veteran, who sent this in.]

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

GET THE MESSAGE?



Iraqis burn American flags as they demonstrate against the proposed security pact between Iraq and the U.S. that would continue the U.S. Occupation in Baghdad's Sadr City, Iraq, Oct. 31, 2008. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

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

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

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

Sixteen All-Time Biggest Soldier Lies

Strategypage.com

1. "I put it in distribution."
 2. "Your pay will be straight at the end of the month."
 3. "I know I left it right here on the top of my desk."
 4. "Of course I can read a map."
 5. "It's on valid requisition."
 6. "No Sir, I don't smoke dope!"
 7. "He's in the motor pool."
 8. "I have to go back to the rear."
 9. "I don't give a shit if the General hears about this!"
 10. "I need this for the old man right away!"
 11. "I was here until midnight last night working on this!"
 12. "I read the after action report."
 13. "Sorry I'm late, but the Colonel called me just as I was about to leave."
 14. "Give me your number and I'll call you back."
 15. "This is a courtesy inspection."
 16. "We're here to help you."
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Winners: GI Special Summer 2008 Raffle

Drawn by Frank M., Non-Profit Fund Raising Consultant, 10.10.08

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Gregg S: United Auto Workers
Mark S: Military Project

Dave R: Citizen Activist
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Judith K: Citizen Activist
Louise L: Veterans For Peace
Frank S: Citizen Activist
Larry C: Citizen Activist
Susan F: Citizen Activist

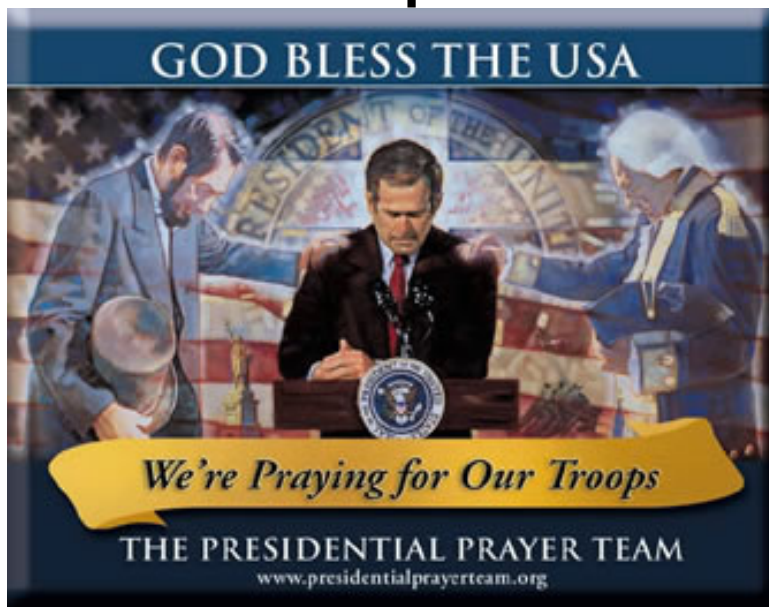
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Thanks to all who helped!

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

Farewell To This Stupid Bullshit Forever



[Thanks to Jeff Sharlet, author: *The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power*]

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

Telling the truth - about the occupations or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more

than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance to Imperial wars inside the armed forces.

Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces.

If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <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/)

CLASS WAR REPORTS

“The Only Part Of The So-Called National Wealth That Actually Enter Into The Collective Possession Of Modern Peoples Is Their National Debt”

[Thanks to David Staub, Veteran, for posting.]

The national debt gives rise to joint stock companies, to dealings in negotiable effects of all kinds, and to agiotage, in a word to stock exchange gambling and the modern bankocracy.

Karl Marx, Genesis of the Industrial Capitalist:

“The system of public credit, i.e., the national, whose origin we discover in Genoa and Venice as early as the middle ages, took possession of Europe generally during the manufacturing period.

The colonial system with its maritime trade and commercial wars served as a forcing house for it. Thus it first took root in Holland.

National debts, i.e., the alienation of the state -- whether despotic, constitutional or republican - marked with its stamp the capitalistic era.

The only part of the so-called national wealth that actually enter into the collective possession of modern peoples is their national debt. Hence, as a necessary

consequence, the modern doctrine that a nation becomes the richer the more deeply it is in debt.

Public credit becomes the credo of capital, and with the rise of public debt-making, want of faith in the national takes the place of the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, which may not be forgiven.

The public debt becomes one of the most powerful levers of primitive accumulation. As with the stroke of an enchanter's wand, it endows barren money with the power of breeding and thus turns it into capital, without the necessity of exposing itself into the troubles and risks inseparable from its employment in industry or even usury.

The state-creditors actually give nothing away, for the sum lent is transformed into public bonds, easily negotiable, which go on functioning in their hands just as so much hard cash would.

The national debt gives rise to joint stock companies, to dealings in negotiable effects of all kinds, and to agiotage, in a word to stock exchange gambling and the modern bankocracy.

In One Door and Out the Other



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in.]

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“Check Out The Flavor Of Articles You’ve Run Over The Years, What People Are Saying”

From: [SSG N (ret'd)]
To: GI Special
Sent: November 03, 2008
Subject: Re: Your report front page

The networks for participation have improved better than in the past, this is good for the country.

Check out the flavor of articles you’ve run over the years, what people are saying.

Methinks people are tired of being compliant, will push for what they want.

REPLY: Yes. Long way to go, but the scum are in retreat. T

POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT THE BLOODSHED

THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE WARS



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