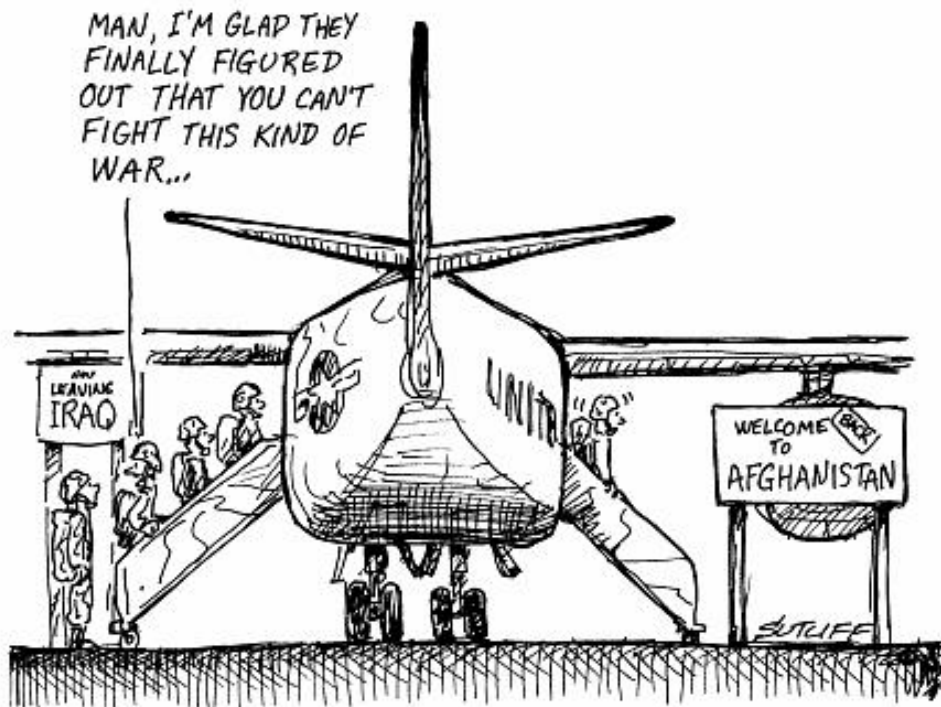


## GI SPECIAL 7G14:



Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Project, who sent this in.]

**HOME BY 6:  
Grab It Before It Cools  
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Why Wait For Your  
Commanding Officer To Put  
This Into Effect?**

# **General Rick Lynch Says Lead By Example!**

## **JCS Chief Says “A Model For The Rest Of The Army”!!**

**“Soldiers Assigned At One Of The Army’s Most Populous Bases Are Expected To Be Home For Dinner By 6 P.M., Leave Work At 3 P.M. Every Thursday To Spend Time With Their Families, And Seek Approval For Any Weekend Training”**

**[So, if thousands of soldiers at other bases organize together to start getting home by 6 p.m. and leaving work at 3 p.m. on Thursdays, who the fuck is going to defy the Chair of the JCS and issue orders arrest them all? That would be a career ender for any general officer stupid enough to try it. Isolated lone rangers won’t escape punishment, but thousands organized together to leave together in an orderly, disciplined fashion? This is a gimme. Complete with approval from the top of the chain of command. T]**

7.20.09 By Michelle Tan, Army Times [Excerpts]

FORT HOOD, Texas — Not long after he took command of III Corps here last summer, Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch got an earful from the wife of one of his soldiers.

“(She) said ‘General, this dwell time is not working because my husband is not home anyway. You might as well have kept him in Iraq, because I don’t see him. He gets home after the kids have gone to bed. He doesn’t come home on the weekends,’ ” Lynch said.

“So we fixed all that.”

Now, soldiers assigned at one of the Army’s most populous bases are expected by Lynch to be home for dinner by 6 p.m., leave work at 3 p.m. every Thursday to spend time with their families, and seek Lynch’s approval for any weekend training.

As a result, officials say, the number of confirmed suicides on post has dropped from previous years, motorcycle fatalities have fallen sharply, more behavioral health personnel and resources have been put in place, and leaders from sergeant to three-star general focus on helping relieve stress on their soldiers.

**The efforts at Fort Hood are a model for the rest of the Army, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said May 27 during a meeting with Army Times staff.**

**“(Lynch) has made that corps the ‘Family First Corps,’” said Adm. Mike Mullen.**

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 550,000 soldiers have deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan from Fort Hood, said Brig. Gen.

“We have soldiers here who have done four or five tours,” Atkinson [Peter Atkinson, the Canadian officer assigned as one of the deputy commanding generals for III Corps] said, adding that after a while, stress, domestic violence, suicide and substance abuse cases began to climb.

“Those are all things that have manifested themselves with this Long War, and, unfortunately, the long war isn’t over yet,” he said.

**Leadership by example is critical to III Corps’ efforts to reduce stress, Lynch said.**

## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?**

**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 wars, 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. Phone: 917.677.8057**

## **ACTION REPORTS**

### **New York National Guard Outreach Report 7/11/09**

From: Miriam A, The Military Project  
To: GI Special  
Sent: July 17, 2009  
Subject: 7/11 Harlem Outreach

Five members of the Military Project made it out to the [XXXX] Armory in the early hours of Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> and handed out 48 DVDs of “Sir! No Sir;” 79 handouts comprised of a Know Your Rights pamphlet, the most recent Traveling Soldier, a Keep the Guard Home Campaign pamphlet, a letter to the troops by Iraq Veterans Against The War

member Fabian Bouthillette, an IVAW flyer, our new and lovely Military Project contact card; and finally we also handed out 89 bags of cookies.

While these numbers exceed those of our last outreach to the Harlem Armory, the number of rejections felt higher. This is probably due to the seemingly larger number of military personnel at the armory. There were not any particularly interesting encounters to report.

Early arrivals saw more cars parked already on the sidewalk than in recent memory.

**MORE:**

## **ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!**

**An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.**

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to GI Special for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so. If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

**NOTE WELL:**

**Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.**

**All identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.**

**If accidentally included, that information will not be published.**

**Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not in any way identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.**

**The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.**

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WARS**

## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **Three U.S. Soldiers Killed By Indirect Fire At Basra Base**

July 17, 2009 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE  
No. 20090717-01

BAGHDAD – Three Multi-National Division-South Soldiers were killed when Contingency Operating Base Basra was attacked by indirect fire at approximately 9:15 p.m. on July 16.

### **Minnesota Soldier Killed At Basra**



Minnesota Army National Guard Spc. Daniel P. Drevnick, 22, was one of three soldiers killed July 16, 2009, while on duty in Basra, Iraq. All three soldiers were assigned to the 34th Military Police Company, 34th Infantry Division, Minnesota Army National Guard based in Stillwater, Minn. (AP Photo/Minnesota Army National Guard)

## Minnesota Soldier Killed At Basra



Minnesota Army National Guard Spc. Carlos E. Wilcox IV, 27, was one of three soldiers killed July 16, 2009, while on duty in Basra, Iraq. All three soldiers were assigned to the 34th Military Police Company, 34th Infantry Division, Minnesota Army National Guard based in Stillwater, Minn. (AP Photo/Minnesota Army National Guard)

## Minnesota Soldier Killed At Basra



Minnesota Army National Guard Spc. James D. Wertish, 20, was one of three soldiers killed July 16, 2009, while on duty in Basra, Iraq. All three soldiers were assigned to the 34th Military Police Company, 34th Infantry Division, Minnesota Army National Guard based in Stillwater, Minn. (AP Photo/Minnesota Army National Guard)

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# Soldier From Landrum Wounded In Iraq

July 18, 2009 By Craig Peters, Goupstate.com

In between a day shift and an all-night shift at a North Carolina assisted living facility, Gale Palmer spoke by phone to the person she most wanted to help.

On the other end of the line, in a hospital bed in Germany, Palmer's son, Adam Palmer, lay recovering from injuries he suffered Tuesday in Iraq.

Adam Palmer told his mother his condition: a fractured leg and arm that doctors have not set because they are meticulously pulling shrapnel from his body one piece at a time every other day and cleaning his wounds. The depression in his voice was even tougher to swallow.

"He was a little depressed, which is something I've never seen in him before," the mother said. "He's tired and in a lot of pain."

The injuries were caused by an improvised explosive device (IED), a type of roadside bomb that has killed many and wounded more since the war's beginning in March 2003.

Palmer graduated from Landrum High School that spring. Although he was receiving attention from colleges for his football play on the Cardinals' offensive line, Palmer had signed up for the Army as a junior. He turned 19 in Iraq during his first tour of duty.

"That first time was horrible," his mother recalled Friday. "You take a kid out of Landrum and throw him into a situation like that, it's just unbearable."

Palmer endured the first tour. During a brief leave, he made it back for Landrum's 2004 homecoming. He wore his old jersey, and an appreciative crowd on both sides of the stadium cheered him during the opening coin toss.

He soon returned to combat, where fate determines more than who gets a leather ball first.

Mutual friends led Palmer to his wife, Ellenie. They fell "madly" in love and married in March 2008. Their first daughter, Mya, was born Easter Sunday this year.

Palmer's third tour of duty began one month later, and his mother noticed more apprehension.

"He told me that he didn't feel good about going this time because he had so much more to live for and come back to," she said.

After two tours, "you know you're pressing your luck."

Exhausted and sedated, Palmer's been missing his family and worrying about the future. Gale Palmer said her son is scheduled to fly to America's capital Sunday, where he will then be admitted to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Gale Palmer said the Army will pay to fly three people to see her son. She is planning to make the trip, as are Adam Palmer's wife and his father, Everette Palmer.

Everette and Gale Palmer are divorced. Gale Palmer has a 12-year-old son, Isaac, from her second marriage and is trying to find a way for Isaac to see the man who's been a surrogate father since Isaac's dad died several years ago.

"Adam is his hero. He's been a big brother and second father to Isaac," Gale Palmer said. "I really wanted him to go, but I don't have the money to do that."

Gale Palmer said she hopes that doctors can fix the physical wounds, and her son will not be ashamed to admit if mental wounds don't go away. Although the Army offers therapy, it is not mandatory like she wishes it would be.

Gale Palmer also said she's appreciated prayers and well wishes from co-workers. She said those wishing to send her son a word of encouragement can e-mail him at [sofolk79@yahoo.com](mailto:sofolk79@yahoo.com). They have exchanged e-mail since he's been in Germany, but it was tedious for Adam to type one-handed.

Adam also has expressed worry as to how he will hold his 3-month-old daughter, but his mother reassured him about that and his future.

"He could spend years rehabbing and holding her and that would be fine by me," she said.

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## **Blackwater MD-530 Down In Baghdad; Two Dead, Two Injured**

July 18, 2009 (CNN)

A helicopter from private military contractor Xe crashed outside Baghdad on Friday, killing two crew members and leaving two other injured, a company spokeswoman said.

The MD-530 "Little Bird" went down Friday morning at Butler Range, a training facility outside Baghdad, said Stacy Capace, a spokeswoman for the company formerly known as Blackwater.

An investigation into the crash is under way, and it was not known whether there was any hostile fire in the area at the time, Capace said.

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## **Remember That Myth?**



# **“U.S. Combat Forces Withdrew To Perimeter Bases From Major Iraqi Cities”**

**Oops:**

## **“Special Forces Can Still Run Around The Country On Their Ninja Ops Without Iraqi Clearance”**

July 18, 2009 By Mike Tharp, Baghdad Observer [Excerpts]

The Command Post of the Future isn't.

It's already here, today. Up and running.

And it's one of the main ways U.S. forces in Iraq are performing their “assist and support” role for their Iraqi counterparts since June 30.

That's when the new security agreement kicked in, and U.S. combat forces withdrew to perimeter bases from major Iraqi cities.

Exceptions: U.S. medevac helicopters can fly to help Americans in trouble anytime.

And the double-secret-probation Special Forces can still run around the country on their Ninja ops without Iraqi clearance.

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

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **U.S. F-15E Fighter Down In Afghanistan; Two Dead**

July 18, 2009 Washington Post

A U.S. military F-15E fighter jet crashed in Afghanistan early Saturday, killing two crew members, a U.S. military spokesman said.

Col. Greg Julian said a second fighter aircraft traveling with the jet that went down saw no evidence of enemy fire.

The military says the F-15E crashed in eastern Afghanistan at about 3:15 a.m. Saturday Kabul time. The military did not immediately say where in Afghanistan the jet crashed.

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## **Australian Soldier Killed In The Baluchi Valley, Another Wounded**

July 19 (Bloomberg)

An Australian soldier was killed and another seriously wounded by an explosive device in Afghanistan, the Department of Defence said.

The blast occurred early yesterday during an operation “against a compound of interest” in the Baluchi Valley north of Tarin Kowt, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston told reporters in Canberra today.

The dead 22-year-old, who wasn’t immediately identified, is the 11th Australian soldier killed in Afghanistan, the military said in a statement on its Web site.

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## **Aberdeen Soldier Killed In Afghan Bombing On Fourth Of July**



Army Pvt. Aaron Fairbairn

July 5, 2009 By Marc Ramirez and Bob Young, Seattle Times staff reporters

David Masters and his wife, Shelley, laughed in relief Friday when they learned their son, an Army private in Afghanistan, was just fine, busy working out and watching videos his family had sent.

Then, on Saturday, Fourth of July morning, an Army chaplain and soldier showed up at their Aberdeen house and told him Pvt. Aaron Fairbairn, 21, had been fatally injured in a truck bombing.

Based on news accounts, Masters believes Fairbairn was one of two soldiers fatally injured when a Taliban insurgent drove an explosives-filled truck through the gates of a U.S. base in Afghanistan's eastern Paktika province.

The news was devastating for a family that had come together a decade ago in a union mirroring the "Brady Bunch" clan: The marriage was the second for both Masters and his wife, who each had three kids roughly the same age. Fairbairn was Masters' stepson.

"If there's any day when you're going to make that kind of sacrifice ... " Masters said, his voice tearfully trailing away. Finally, he said: "I realize Aaron's just one guy coming home not sitting in a seat. Lots of other guys have made that same sacrifice."

Until Fairbairn enlisted, family members would drop everything on the Fourth to assemble on the Oregon Coast, an annual tradition. "For our family, it's a really huge deal," Masters said.

This year, Fairbairn's mother, brother and sister flew to Dover, Del., on Independence Day so they could bring the young soldier's remains back to Washington.

"At first I didn't believe it," said Beau Beck, Fairbairn's oldest brother, who learned about his brother's death while he was coaching a Little League team.

"I talked to Aaron probably 12 hours prior to that," Beck said from Dover. "The first thing that rushed to my mind is that he's so young and such a good kid."

His stepfather described him as joyous, honest and dependable, the kid everyone knew first as the paperboy, then as a local lot attendant or the guy who worked at Papa Murphy's Pizza.

Fairbairn, a graduate of Aberdeen's Weatherwax High, was an off-road enthusiast who loved riding dirt bikes and four-wheeling in his truck. He hadn't yet decided what he wanted to do after the service but leaned toward mechanics.

After getting the news of Fairbairn's death, Masters went online, sending out a post on social-networking service Twitter.

Masters noted that he would like to see his son's sacrifice observed using the term #thankyouaaron. For a time late Saturday night his request was fulfilled and "#thankyouaaron" was the most-used term on Twitter, according to the Web site. Other Twitter posters by the thousands thanked Fairbairn and sent words of encouragement to his family.

Just last week, Masters and his wife felt reassured about Fairbairn's well-being even though he was in Afghanistan. They had heard a report saying a U.S. soldier had been kidnapped. Because they hadn't heard from Fairbairn in a while, Masters messaged him on the social-networking site MySpace, which his stepson used to stay in touch with family and friends.

"I told him he'd better call," said Masters, an officer for the state Department of Corrections.

When he finally did, Masters said, it turned out their youngest son hardly ever left the base, spending much of his free time watching the show "Heroes" on DVDs his family had shipped to Afghanistan.

"He was just glad to be over there making a few extra bucks so he could pay off his truck," Masters said.

According to Associated Press reports, the attack on the base was part of a multipronged attack in the Paktika province and came as thousands of U.S. Marines in the country's south continued with a massive anti-Taliban push.

Last month, 3,800 soldiers from Ft. Lewis' 5th (Stryker) Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division started being deployed to southern Afghanistan as part of President Obama's new focus on the war against the Taliban forces. It marks the first time that Stryker Brigade soldiers — who have served in Iraq — have been deployed to the more rugged terrain of Afghanistan.

Beck said some may find patriotic significance in his brother's death on July Fourth. "But I don't care about that. It's my brother."

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## **British Soldier Killed Near Gereshk**

Jul 17, 2009 (Reuters)

A British army soldier killed in an explosion in Afghanistan was named on Friday as Rifleman Aminiasi Toge of 2nd Battalion The Rifles.

Toge, 26, from Fiji, died from the blast while on foot patrol near Gereshk in the southern Helmand province on Thursday afternoon, the Ministry of Defence said.

He was the 16th British army soldier to be killed this month and the 185th to be killed since the U.S.-led invasion began in 2001.

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## **Area Soldier Killed In Afghanistan**

Jul. 7, 2009 By Jillian Keenan and Chelsea Phua, Sacramento Bee

Justin Casillas was the chivalrous young man who asked his girlfriend's father for permission to date the man's daughter, the high school football player who wouldn't let his smaller frame stop him from tackling bigger boys, and the patriotic young man who dreamed of becoming a soldier.

"That was what he felt his calling was," said Roy Perkins, Casillas' football coach at Pierce High School in Arbuckle.

On July 4, a day when Americans celebrate the country's independence, 19-year-old Pfc. Justin Aaron Casillas of Dunnigan was one of two soldiers killed at Combat Outpost Zerok in Afghanistan when a truck bomb exploded.

Casillas was a paratrooper with the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) of the 25th Infantry Division based at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He had been deployed only four months.

The other soldier who died was Pfc. Aaron E. Fairbairn, 20, of Aberdeen, Wash.

At 5-foot-8 and 175 pounds, Casillas was small for football. But as No. 54, the fun-loving young man played hard as an offensive lineman and defensive end, even when he sprained his ankle twice during his senior season, Perkins said.

"He was one of those athletes who maximized the abilities he had," Perkins said. "He was very coachable."

Perkins said Casillas spoke several times to friends about his desire to join the military.

A month before Casillas was deployed overseas, Perkins said, the young man stopped by in his military fatigues to say goodbye to his coaches and teachers.

Happy and excited, Casillas was looking forward to his assignment, Perkins said.

"It was good to see him going in the direction that he wanted to be in and succeeding," Perkins said.

Kasey Tatum, 19, who dated Casillas briefly in high school, said her ex-boyfriend had been talking about joining the military since elementary school. "He always had American pride, flags in his house, up in his room," Tatum said.

Casillas was also someone "you could have fun with," Tatum said, adding that they would "do this dorky thing" and act out a scene from the animated film "Finding Nemo."

They also watched a lot of "Batman" movies together, she said. And when Casillas wanted to ask her out, Tatum's father said Casillas asked for permission, something that other boys never did.

"He was a very lovable person," said Casillas' grandfather, Joe Casillas Sr., a World War II veteran.

Justin Casillas also has a younger sister who is planning to join the Navy.

Joe Casillas Sr. said Justin's parents are in Delaware to collect his remains. "It's a big loss," Perkins said. "Justin was doing something of incredible importance. He was doing something that not many teenagers are going to volunteer to do."

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# Roadside Bomb Kills Former Hastings Resident In Afghanistan

07/09/2009 By Frederick Melo, Twin Cities.com

Everyone knew him as Wayne.

He had a son and a daughter, and he once dreamed of becoming a professional model.

Instead, he joined the Army National Guard and deployed to Afghanistan to train Afghan police. He thought he'd be back "in no time," according to his MySpace page.

Spc. Chester W. Hosford, a former Marine on his first National Guard deployment, was one of two soldiers killed Monday when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb in Konduz, according to a statement released by the Guard.

Hosford, 35, had deployed to Afghanistan in August with the Illinois Army National Guard's 33rd Infantry Brigade, a unit with about 3,000 soldiers that has had 17 deaths during its yearlong deployment, according to the Army Times.

The former Hastings resident was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 106th Cavalry Regiment, based in Dixon, Ill. His body was returned Wednesday to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware along with those of five soldiers and one sailor killed in separate incidents in Afghanistan.

The Army Times reported Hosford was due to return to the United States around August.

"Everybody called him Wayne. He hated the name Chester. He was a good guy," said Brendee Roberts, of Elko, Nev., who sobbed Thursday after learning of his death.

The two dated and lived together briefly eight years ago, after his career with the Marines ended, but they had lost touch until reconnecting recently over the Internet.

Hosford frequently sent her pictures from Germany, where he was based temporarily. Roberts said neither of their love lives had shaped up as they'd expected over the years, and he would call her on the phone regularly to confide in her. They would joke that they were husband and wife.

"He found me on MySpace about a year and a half ago, and we've been talking ever since," Roberts said. "I hadn't received an e-mail from him in like two months, and I didn't know what was going on."

Hosford's mother died when he was 13 or 14, she said, and his grandmother in Colorado raised him for several years. He later moved in with his sister in Hastings.

He also was close with his two brothers, and has a son and a daughter. Roberts did not know where the children lived.

"They'd be teenagers by now," she said.

Troy Beissel, one of Hosford's former roommates in Red Wing, remembered his optimism.

"He was a guy who dealt with a lot of (stuff) in his life but maintained a positive perspective and a sunny disposition," Beissel said. "He used his experiences to help other people get through tough times.

"He had a strong desire to go back into military service, despite reservations from friends and family," he said. "We were all looking forward to having him come back (to Minnesota) soon."

Hosford graduated from Sage Creek High School, in Peyton, Colo., in 1993, according to the Guard.

He enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1993 and joined the Minnesota Army National Guard as a cavalry scout in June 2006. He transferred to the Illinois Army National Guard in April 2008.

First Lt. Derwin Williams, 41, of Glenwood, Illinois, was also killed in the blast. Both men were part of the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which was assigned the mission of training and mentoring Afghan police.

On Thursday, the Illinois Army National Guard posthumously promoted Hosford to the rank of sergeant.

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## **Body Of Marine From North Fort Myers Killed In Afghanistan Returns To U.S.**

July 9, 2009 Associated Press

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The military says a Marine from North Fort Myers was killed in Afghanistan.

The Department of Defense says 25-year-old Sgt. Michael C. Roy, who was stationed out of North Carolina, died Wednesday while supporting combat operations in Nimroz province, Afghanistan.

Roy had planned on coming back to Southwest Florida next week to see his new-born son, NBC-2 reports.

Roy was assigned to the 3rd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command at Camp Lejeune.

According to a press release from the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Roy joined the Marine Corps on Sept. 25, 2001, and was trained as an

rifleman. He was promoted to sergeant on Oct. 10, 2005, joining MARSOC on March 15, 2008.

His decorations include a Navy Achievement Medal, a Combat Action Ribbon, a Navy Unit Commendation, three Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, a Humanitarian Service Medal, four Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, and a NATO Medal-ISAF Afghanistan.

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## **Occupation Supply Helicopter Down At Kandahar Military Base; 16 Dead, Five More Injured**

Jul 19, 2009 Reuters

A civilian helicopter under contract for military forces in Afghanistan crashed at a military base in the south of the country on Sunday, killing 16 people and wounding five others, the alliance said.

Captain Ruben Hoornveld, a Dutch NATO spokesman at Kandahar Air Field, said the crash took place as the helicopter was taking off from the base, NATO's headquarters in the south of the country.

Russia's Interfax news agency described the helicopter as an Mi-8 transporter, operated by a Russian firm, which had 17 passengers and three crew on board at the time of the crash. It gave the death toll as 15.

NATO troops in Afghanistan rely heavily on air craft from the former Soviet Union for cargo and transport flights in a country where travel by road is often difficult.

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## **Resistance Action**

Jul 15 (AFP) & Jul 16 (AFP) & The Associated Press & Reuters & 7.17 Reuters & 18 July 2009 By Abdulah Anwari, Quqnoos.com & KUNA & July 19 Reuters

An attacker rammed a car bomb into a police supply convoy in the Khash Rud district of Nimroz province southwestern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing three border policemen, including their commander, and wounding four others, the government said.

The Interior Ministry said an attack on an international military supply convoy sparked a gunbattle that killed at least eight insurgents, two police officers and a private security guard.



One Afghan soldier was killed and three wounded in a clash with insurgents in the Spin Boldak district of southern Kandahar province, the Defence Ministry said.

A roadside bomb killed one Afghan soldier and wounded one in the Gereshk district of southern Helmand province on Wednesday, the Defence Ministry said.

A police officer was killed while defusing a roadside bomb in Kandahar, another troubled city in the south, the interior ministry and a local police official said. "He was trying to defuse the bomb. It was a Taliban bomb," a local police official told AFP at the site of the blast.

A roadside bomb killed five Afghan soldiers in the Bermel district of southeastern Paktika province, said an Afghan army officer who declined to be named.

At least 3 Afghan soldiers were killed and 4 others injured in an attack in southern Afghanistan, Saturday. The attacker detonated his explosive-laden vehicle at the front gate of the compound of Afghan National Army in Shajoy district of the restive Zabul province. An army official in Zabul told Quqnoos that the incident took place around 08:00am in a village outside the district centre.

A bomber killed two police officers and a civilian in an attack on a police post at one of Afghanistan's main border crossings to Pakistan on Sunday, the Interior Ministry said. It said there were other casualties in the attack,

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

## **Fuel Supply Trucks For Afghan Occupation Troops Blown Up, As Usual**



Fire brigade tries to extinguish fire caused by militants on U.S. oil tankers in Khyber near Peshawar, Pakistan, July 17, 2009. A government official says militants launched two

attacks on oil tankers in northwest Pakistan carrying fuel supplies to troops in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Qazi Tariq)

July 17, 2009 The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A government official says militants launched two attacks on oil tankers in northwest Pakistan carrying fuel supplies to NATO forces in neighboring Afghanistan.

Local official Rashed Khan says one attack took place in Jamrud in the Khyber region on Friday when a roadside bomb hit one truck and set it ablaze.

The second incident took place in Landi Kotal also in the Khyber region. Khan says a bomb set on a timer exploded as an oil tanker drove by damaging the truck.

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## **WELCOME TO VIETNAMISTAN: HAVE A NICE DAY**



A U.S. Marine in Golestan district of Farah province, May 11, 2009. REUTERS/Goran Tomasevic

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# TROOP NEWS

## HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS



June 1, 2009: A U.S. soldier from 10th Mountain Division is brought to the emergency room at the U.S. hospital in Bagram Air base, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, after he was wounded at a roadside bomb in Nerkh district of Wardak province. (AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool)

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## **“All He Did Was Show Up To Work And Play In The Field And He Made Rank”**

7.13.09

Letters To The Editors  
Army Times

I am a 63B (light-wheel vehicle mechanic) promotable specialist chasing promotion points every month. I add points from college classes every month, and the points keep increasing. Now they are maxed out.

I disagree with what Staff Sgt. Nicholas Cottrill said in his letter about the infantry (“The heart of the Army,” June 29).

If you ask anyone in a different MOS, they would say that they are the heart of the Army.

When I was enlisted in the Army in 1992-96, the infantry was getting fast promotions then, too. If a soldier that was infantry just coming into the Army happened to get stationed with a unit that just came back from a deployment, that soldier would still make sergeant without deploying.

I went to Warrior Leader Course this past spring and a classmate was an 11B who already made E5 in under three years time in service, with no deployments, was stationed at Fort Irwin (Calif.) playing opposition forces, and he planned on getting out of the Army.

All he did was show up to work and play in the field and he made rank.

Mechanics show up to work, get greasy, irritated and tired of working on vehicles that the infantrymen break because they do not know how to operate the vehicle correctly — and that's because they were taught by soldiers who were promoted too quickly.

I am not angry at the infantry.

I am angrier at the points system.

After being out of the Army for 11 years and coming back in, I was hoping that some things would have changed. Unfortunately, the points system has not.

Spc. Philip Bouffard  
Fort Bliss, Texas

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## THE NEW ISSUE OF TRAVELING SOLDIER IS OUT!



Traveling Soldier Front Page Cartoon [Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Project.]

## FEATURING:

1. "They helped kill my daughter" says a military mom.

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/7.09.letter.php>

2. Soldier-Killing Toxic Burn Pits Unnecessary But Profitable

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/7.09.burnpits.php>

3. "I Lost Three Buddies In My Platoon In Iraq And For What?" says an Iraq vet.

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/7.09.forwhat.php>

4. Download the new Traveling Soldier to pass it out at your school, workplace, or at nearby base.

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/TS23.pdf>

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## IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

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July 16, 2009 Zaineb Alani, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

ON JULY 4 of this year, Vice President Biden celebrated American Independence Day in occupied Iraq--in one of the presidential palaces of the former regime, now an integral part of the U.S.-run "Green Zone."

Four days earlier, Prime Minister Nuri Al-Maliki's U.S.-installed puppet government declared a "victory" signaled by the pullout of U.S. troops from major Iraqi cities, and the beginning of the "restoration of sovereignty."

Nothing could have been more hypocritical or comical.

The celebrations of "independence" in Iraq today are a circus where the primary clowns are the same thugs that count on the U.S. presence to survive.

And how can anyone question the status of continued U.S. military presence when the largest embassy in the world, the size of 80 football fields, lies in one of the most beautiful locations in the heart of Baghdad?

The current troop levels dispel the myth of the Status of Forces Agreement.

Even after the June 30 deadline, 134,000 U.S. soldiers will be left behind.

This number is reminiscent of troop levels in 2003, when the invasion began, and before the so-called "surge."

In fact, the common sentiment in Baghdad today is that we went from living under the rule of a tyrannical Ali Baba to that of "40 hundred" ruling thieves.

Even when the people of Iraq voted, a large majority believed that by voting, they were expediting the process of U.S. troop withdrawal. Sadly not.

The recent escalation of bombings in Iraq is not due to the temporary U.S. withdrawal from the major cities, but rather a statement against a continued foreign occupation. Bombings will continue as long as there is foreign presence on Iraqi soil.

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## **Resistance Action**

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The two police officers were shot dead while on patrol by armed men in the centre of the Iraqi capital, an interior ministry official said. One of the gunmen was killed in the attack.

In a town east of Baquba a police officer's nephew was kidnapped and executed, a security official said.

A car bomb blast killed two traffic police officers, in western Anbar province. Authorities say a police checkpoint in the provincial capital, Ramadi, was the target of the attack. Sixteen people were wounded in the explosion.

A parked car bomb wounded three policemen while they were trying to defuse it in southwestern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles), north of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi Army patrol wounded two soldiers in northern Mosul, police said.

A bomb attached to a police car wounded a policeman in the town of Shirqat, 300 km (190 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A bomb planted in the house of a police captain killed two and wounded 11 other members of the family in the city of Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting a U.S.-allied militia patrol killed three militiamen and seriously wounded one in Garma, 30 km (20 miles) northwest of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol wounded one soldier in central Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb exploded near an Iraqi police patrol, wounding one policeman in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting a tribal leader has exploded near the Iraqi city of Falluja, wounding him and killing three other people. Naeem Saleh al-Halbusi is a local leader of the Awakening Council that has been supporting American troops. One of the dead in Saturday's bombing near Falluja was the son of Mr Halbusi. Two bodyguards were also said to have died. Mr Halbusi suffered shrapnel wounds.

A bomb killed Mahmoud Abdullah, a senior U.S.-allied anti-insurgent militia leader, in Madaen town, 30 km (20 miles) southeast of Baghdad, after it was attached to his car, major Hassan Rasheed of Madaen police said. The bomb also wounded Abdullah's guards, the source added.

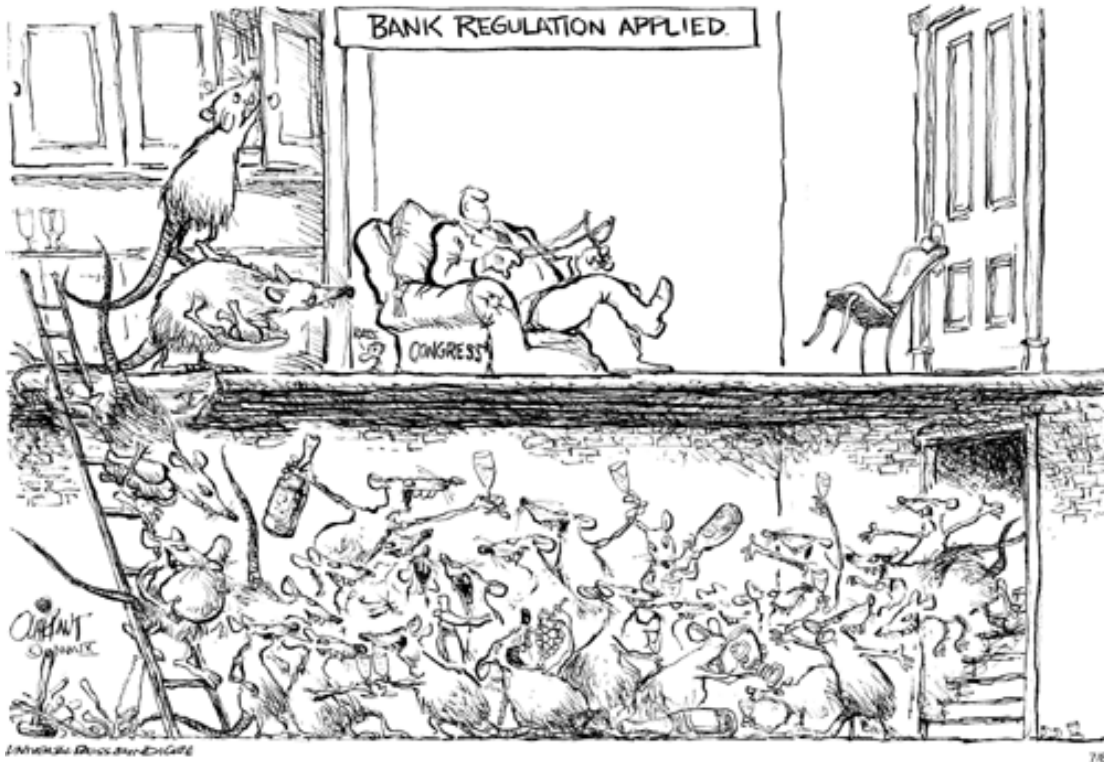
A roadside bomb killed an Iraqi soldier and wounded another when an army patrol passed by in Abu Ghraib town, on the western outskirts of Baghdad, police said. The



attack occurred close to an Iraqi police checkpoint and wounded two policemen as well, the source said.

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**

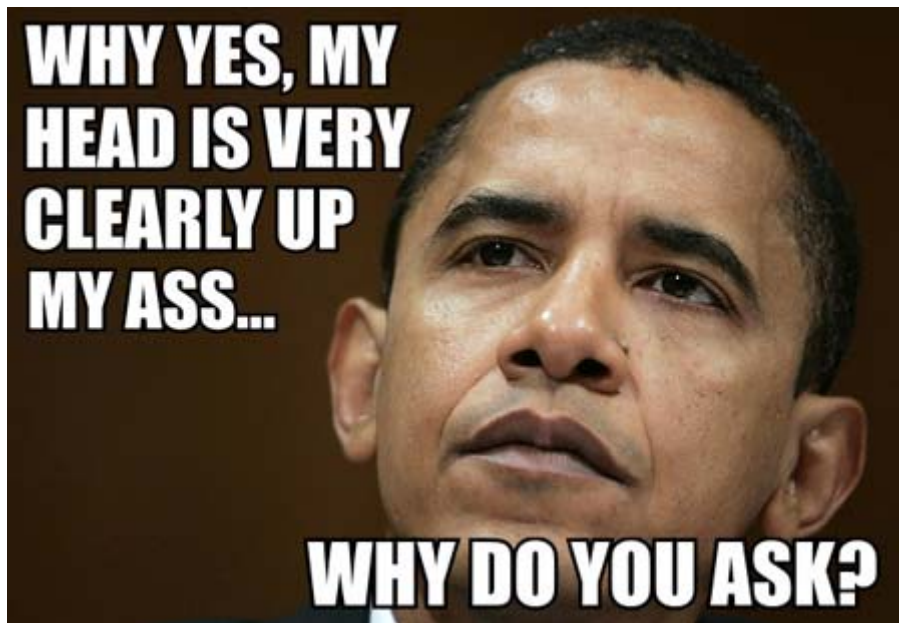


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# Suspected U.S. President Murders More Suspected Militants With “Suspected Drones” In Pakistan; 465 Suspects Killed So Far



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

17 July (AKI)

A missile allegedly fired by a United States drone hit a village in Pakistan's troubled northwest border region on Friday killing at least five suspected militants and injuring others.

The missile reportedly hit a house in the town of Razmak in North Waziristan tribal area, 30 km south of the district's main city, Miranshah.

**Including Friday's attack, 48 suspected drone air strikes have been carried out by the US since last September in the militant hotbed of northwest Pakistan.**

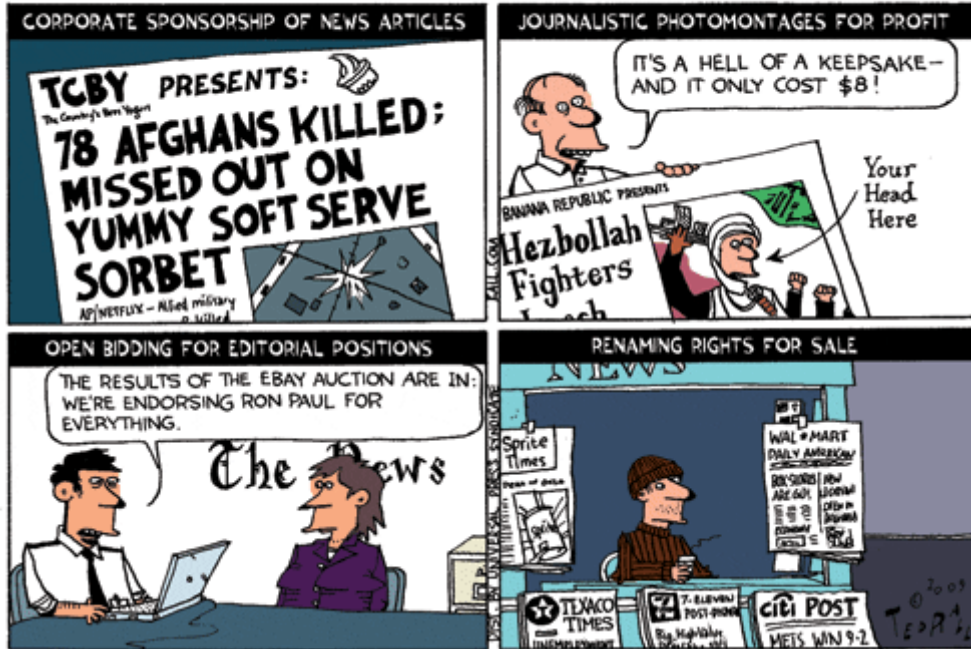
District government officials and Pakistani intelligence agencies have recorded the deaths of around 465 people as a result of the attacks.

North and South Waziristan tribal areas have been targeted by a series of recent missile strikes.

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