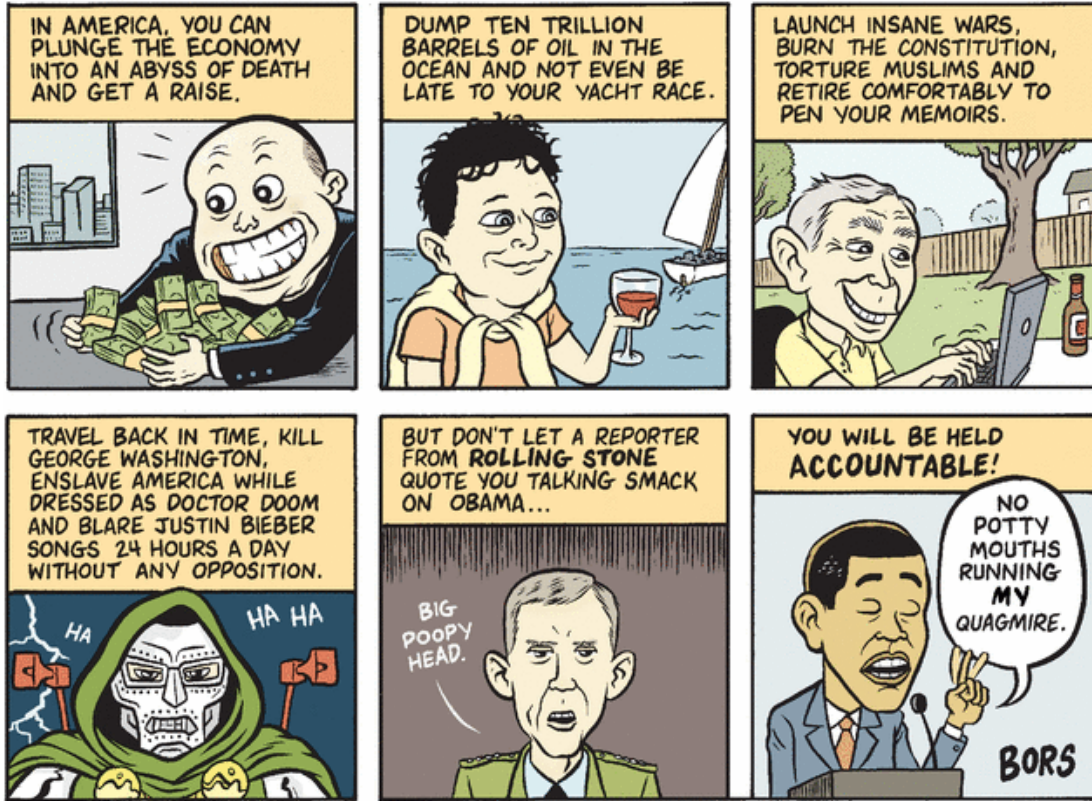


## Military Resistance 8G7



**“The New Sergeant Had A Message For The Troops: Watch Out For Grenades”**

**“This Was The Fifth Grenade  
Attack Alpha Company Has  
Suffered In The Past Week”  
“Stout Can’t Trust The Afghan  
Police Who Are Supposed To Be  
On His Side”  
His Local Ally Threatens To Burn  
Down An Old Man’s House:  
[Notes From A Completely Fucked Up,  
Hopelessly Ridiculous, Utterly Absurd  
Effort To Win A Lost War]**



Pvt. Dan Oswald with the 101st Airborne Division’s Alpha Company is cared for by medics in an aid station after being hit by shrapnel from a hand grenade in the Zhari district north of Kandahar city, Afghanistan. David Gilkey/NPR

July 6, 2010 by Tom Bowman, NPR [Excerpts]

At a combat outpost in Afghanistan’s Kandahar province, Army Spc. Steven Hackworth lies on a cot and grimaces in pain as a medic rotates his wrenched knee.

Just before lunch, Hackworth and other soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division were patrolling through the village of Sangeray, just down the hill from this post.

Suddenly, a man poked his head around a corner and threw something at the troops.

"I yelled, 'grenade!' and turned around and dove backwards and it went off," Hackworth recalls.

On a cot beside him, Army Pvt. Dan Oswald has a small puncture wound to his leg, and his face is peppered with cuts and bruises.

Oswald lifted his heavy rifle, known as a SAW or squad automatic weapon, to shield his eyes as the grenade came toward them. "I seen the grenade go off, I threw the SAW up into my face and just dove into the ditch," he says.

The village of Sangeray is in Zhari district, a wide patch of orchards, fields and villages north of Kandahar city, where Taliban fighters hide, plan their attacks and store their weapons.

Some troops call it "The Heart of Darkness."

This was the fifth grenade attack Alpha Company has suffered in the past week. More than half a dozen soldiers have been wounded, though none seriously.

Their commander, Capt. Nick Stout, has had enough. He gathers his soldiers in his operations center. Local Afghan leaders and police join them.

Stout seems almost caged.

"And I want us to walk down there. This is our chance to take action as a united front and talk to the people about this," he says.

Stout stabs at a map of Sangeray, taped to the wall.

"We're going to figure out who was in this compound right here.

"And it's going to be an opportunity for us to stand together and say, 'Look, what's going on around here,'" he tells the men. **[Well that's just fucking brilliant. "What's going on around here" is pretty fucking obvious, isn't it? Afghans are trying to kill foreign soldiers occupying their town. It's called guerilla warfare. Some guy named Petraeus even wrote a book about it. Duh.**

**[How fortunate it is that the Captain, in his determined effort to find out "what's going on around here," has the assistance of a local. His buddy local is a terrorist who pulls on an old man's beard and threatens to burn his house down if he won't inform on who threw a grenade: a really valuable ally perfectly chosen to win cooperation with the U.S. troops. See below. T]**

The mission for the day is to go after the people throwing the grenades. But there is a complication: Stout can't trust the Afghan police who are supposed to be on his side.

**Shortly before the last grenade attack, one of Stout's soldiers spotted an Afghan police officer sneaking off to talk on his cell phone. "When we walked up, he was real quick to hide his phone and just act like nothing was going on," Stout says.**

The Americans suspected him of double-crossing them and working for the Taliban. So they detained the policeman and searched him.

"And come to find out he had a couple of cell phones on him. He had a wallet with American money, lots of American money and Pakistani money," Stout says.

Stout's boss, battalion commander Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, perks up.

"How many police walk around with American \$100 bills? I don't even walk around with American \$100 bills," Davis says.

There is an Afghan political leader in the area trusted by the American soldiers. His name is Karim Jan; he is the district governor.

The Americans summoned him to their operations center after the grenade attack.

"We are here to get rid of those people. So I am fighting with the Taliban face (to) face. Whatever happens we should investigate guys and look for them," Jan says.

Jan shoulders an AK-47. U.S. troops and Afghan soldiers and police all gather in front of a truck.

Stout opens a detailed map of Sangeray and places it on the hood.

"We've identified this compound right here as the potential focal point and where those attacks are being based out of. We're going to search some compounds, we're going to talk to some people, and if anybody's suspicious or we find anything, we're going to arrest somebody," he says.

They race on foot down a dusty path and across an asphalt highway. It looks like an international posse: Americans in helmets and body armor; Afghans holding heavy machine guns and running to keep up.

Jan leads the pack, angry as a bull as he charges into the marketplace.

The scene leaves children and shopkeepers alike slack-jawed.

As the Americans stand to the side, the district governor drags a shopkeeper out of his store. The young man has been detained before on suspicion of working with the Taliban.

Jan orders him to get down on his knees. A translator does his best to keep up with what Jan is saying.

"I'm not going to tolerate anything. If I have proof that you work for the Taliban, I'm going to burn your house and destroy you," he says.

Jan releases the man and then strides down an alley, with the soldiers and police in tow, toward the compound where the grenade was thrown.

He bangs on metal doors. Men both old and young spill into the alley.

**An old man with a long white beard says he heard nothing. He says he had just returned from the fields and that he doesn't know who threw the grenade.**

**Jan threatens him, tugs on the man's beard and leans into his face.**

**"Find out or I'm going to burn your house," Jan says.**

The international posse turns a corner. They spot someone they suspect has ties to the Taliban. He is not from this village. They grab him and begin to question him.

The man says that he is innocent but that his brother — who isn't there — is involved with the Taliban.

No one believes the man. The Afghan police handcuff him, place a hood over his head and march him toward the village center.

There is one more place in the village to check.

Davis, the lieutenant colonel, and the others keep making wrong turns in this labyrinth of alleyways with walls 10 feet high on either side.

The group arrives at the site of another grenade attack.

**An elderly man and a toddler appear from behind a rusted metal door. The man admits that his older son threw the grenade, which wounded Americans.**

**"All these young kids, do they listen to me?" he says through a translator. "No, they don't listen to me."**

The man says he ordered his son to leave the house.

Jan, the district governor, lays down the law.

"You have to promise me they will not use your compound to throw grenades or shots from your house," he tells the man.

Back at the U.S. outpost, after dinner and as the sun begins to set, Stout heads to the top of a guard tower the soldiers call the Crow's Nest.

He looks out over Sangeray. In the soft light, the village looks peaceful.

That's all uncertain.

But at least for this one day, Stout can point to a few victories.

Jan took a bold stance. **[Assuming, of course, that Jan is not in fact the local leader of the Taliban resistance, putting on some wonderful street theatre to fool a clueless foreign Captain. Anybody care to take bets?]**

A few suspects are under arrest.

And one of his wounded soldiers, Hackworth, was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Standing before Alpha Company, the new sergeant had a message for the troops: Watch out for grenades. **[Obviously Hackworth knows “what’s going on around here.” Stick close to Sgt. Hackworth, avoid Jan, and thereby increase prospects for survival.]**

**Troops Invited:**

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **Local Soldier Killed By Car Bomb In Iraq**

June 15, 2010 By Shaun Chaiyabhat; WREG-TV

Newbern, TN

A community is mourning the death of a local soldier killed in Iraq over the weekend.

The Army has confirmed that Sgt. Israel O'Bryan was one of two Americans killed on Friday.

The 24-year-old O'Bryan was killed by a suicide attacker who blew up a car rigged with explosives. It was his second deployment.

O'Bryan was from Newbern, a small town that plans to honor his service.

**City officials say he's the third soldier from Newbern to be killed in action since the war started.**

To his friends from high school, he'll always be "Izzy".

According to the Dyer County High School yearbook, O'Bryan ran track, played soccer, and was on the Spanish club and National Honor Society.

During a phone conversation, his dad said he was raised to serve his country and comes from a military family. He went into the Army shortly after graduating from high school in 2004.

He enlisted after a stint at UT-Martin where he was a part of the ROTC.

His is the kind of service people in Newbern cherish. "That's what you call loyalty to America," said Gerald Tidwell who is friends with O'Bryan's parents. "I know them and they have my greatest sympathy and my heartfelt prayers from the very bottom of my heart. I think so does the whole community because we don't have too many people who are willing to sacrifice for our country."

Members of his parent's church said their hearts are with the family.

"We had a special prayer for the family on Sunday," said Marie Eldredge. "We're really sad that he lost his life. We were looking forward to him getting back to the states and for everything being okay."

Sgt. O'Bryan leaves behind a wife and a one-year-old son.

O'Bryan's young widow is also a former army soldier. The two met during his first tour.

"I'm sure he wouldn't look at himself as a hero but to me and to most people he is a hero."

O'Bryan will be buried in his wife's hometown in South Dakota.

The City of Newbern plans to hold a memorial at the local high school, but a date has not yet been set.

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**U.S. Military Command  
Confirms The Traitor Obama  
Will Not End The War On Iraq:  
American Soldiers Still Find And  
Kill Enemy Fighters “And Will  
Continue To Do So After The  
Official End Of Combat  
Operations”**

**“‘In Practical Terms, Nothing Will Change,’ Said Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Lanza, The Top American Military Spokesman In Iraq”**

**“What Soldiers Today Would Call Combat Operations Will Be Called ‘Stability Operations’”**



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

**Iraqi security forces were not present or informed of the mission, a contravention of the emphasis from commanders that operations be conducted jointly, and at the request of the Iraqis.**

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

July 2, 2010 By TIM ARANGO, New York Times [Excerpts]

**NEAR TULUL AL-BAQ, Iraq — President Obama has set an August deadline for the end of the combat mission in Iraq.**



**Here at this makeshift desert camp in the insurgent badlands of northern Iraq, a mission is under way that is not going to stop then: American soldiers hunting terrorists and covertly watching an Iraqi checkpoint staffed by police officers whom the soldiers say they do not trust.**

“They’re not checking anybody, and they’re wondering why I.E.D.’s are getting in to town,” said Staff Sgt. Kelly E. Young, 39, from Albertville, Ala., as he watched the major roadway that connects Baghdad with Mosul, regarded as the country’s most dangerous city. He referred to improvised explosive devices, the military term for homemade bombs.

The August deadline might be seen back home as a milestone in the fulfillment of President Obama’s promise to end the war in Iraq, but here it is more complex. American soldiers still find and kill enemy fighters, on their own and in partnership with Iraqi security forces, and will continue to do so after the official end of combat operations. More Americans are certain to die, if significantly fewer than in the height of fighting here.

What soldiers today would call combat operations — hunting insurgents, joint raids between Iraqi security forces and United States Special Forces to kill or arrest militants — will be called “stability operations.”

“In practical terms, nothing will change,” said Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Lanza, the top American military spokesman in Iraq. “We are already doing stability operations.”

The mission here in the desert, a temporary base of armored vehicles and one tent for two platoons, provided a vivid example of what American forces still do on the ground and, military officers said, would be able to do after the reduction.

“They needed someone killed, so they sent us,” said Maj. Bryan L. Logan, squadron operations officer for the Third Squadron, Seventh Cavalry Regiment, referring to an insurgent cell that had been planting bombs near the highway.

**Iraqi security forces were not present or informed of the mission, a contravention of the emphasis from commanders that operations be conducted jointly, and at the request of the Iraqis.**

**The operation was justified by a liberal interpretation of the security agreement that allows unilateral operations to protect American forces, or, in Colonel Jason’s words, to address “unique American problem sets.”**

**“That’s what they are doing,” he said, referring to his soldiers.**

For the troops living in the desert, it was a return to the soldiering life many hadn’t experienced since earlier in the war or during training back home: eating Meals Ready to Eat, or M.R.E.’s; sleeping on top of vehicles or on the ground; firing artillery, albeit nonlethal, illuminated rounds to remind insurgents that Americans are still here.

So as some soldiers in the desert hunted for insurgents, others felt they needed make sure that Iraqis at the checkpoint to Mosul were actually doing their jobs and stopping and searching vehicles.

Almost daily, press releases are issued that announce the killing or capture of terrorists by the Iraqi security forces, usually noting the involvement of "U.S. advisers."  
\\Sometimes credit is not given when American soldiers kill militants.

In April, the third-ranking member of Al Qaeda in Mesopotamia was killed by Iraqi forces, according to a press release.

But officers on the ground said he was killed by fire from an American Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

And no press release has been issued about the three insurgents who were recently killed by the American Hellfire missile.

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT  
THE BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE  
WARS**

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Arkansas Soldier Killed At Arghandab**

July 06, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 579-10

Spc. Clayton D. McGarran, 20, of Harrison, Ark., died July 4 at Arghandab, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device and rocket-propelled grenade fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

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**A Sergeant From The French 13th  
Engineer Regiment Mortally  
Wounded In Afghanistan:  
Web Site Comment: "Happy News"**

6 July 2010 Opex360.com [France]

A sergeant belonging to the 13th Engineer Regiment (CER) of Valdahon died of injuries, July 6, after being hit by the explosion of a homemade bomb during a reconnaissance mission north-east of Kabul.

The incident happened north of the village of Sherkel. The NCO who belonged to the detachment opening a route was seriously wounded by an improvised explosive device (IED). Evacuated to hospital in Kabul, the soldier could not be saved.

On May 9, the explosion of a bomb had hit a vehicle ahead-shielded (GVA) 13th RG, injuring the four occupants, including one seriously.

Also, July 2, a corporal in the 3rd Company, 1st Regiment Etranger Engineering (REG) of Laudun was very seriously wounded in the head during a clash with insurgents in a civil-military mission conducted in the village of Manokhel in Kapisa.

Two planes and two helicopters Tiger F15 were then asked to allow units to disengage.

The wounded soldier was evacuated to France. Currently, his prognosis is engaged.

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**“Happy News”  
[Comment From The Opex360.com Website]**

**Happy news.**

**Get out from our country other wise you all will be killed.**

**We wish you all hell.**

**Go to hell and have strong fire there to burn you forever.**

**By Afghan on July 6, 2010**

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE  
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## **Campbell Man Killed In Afghanistan Joined Marines For ‘Family,’ ‘Country’**

06/25/2010 By Lisa Fernandez, San Jose Mercury News

Since the eighth grade, Kevin Cueto wanted to be in the military.

So when the 23-year-old Marine from the South Bay was killed by an explosive device Tuesday in Afghanistan, his mourning family knows he died while living out his dream.

"Oh, we worried about him," said his aunt, Maria Cueto, a senior building custodian at Norman Mineta San Jose International Airport. "We tried to tell him about the dangers. But he didn't care. He said that if he was going to go, he wanted to go out for his country and for his family."

On Thursday, the U.S. Department of Defense issued a statement saying Cueto was killed while on combat operations against "enemy forces" in Helmand province in southwestern Afghanistan.

Cueto, who joined the Marines in 2005, was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Marine Expeditionary Force. It was based at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms in San Bernardino County.

His final assignment was his second tour of duty. He had been to Iraq in 2009. His aunt said he had been deployed to Afghanistan three months ago.

Growing up in San Jose, Cueto began thinking about joining the military as far back as middle school. He moved to Campbell to live with his father when he was a freshman at Westmont High School, his aunt said, which is when he joined the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He also was on Westmont's football, baseball and wrestling teams, his aunt said.

"He was a good student," she said. "He was a good kid. He always made us laugh."

She said her nephew loved to sing and dance, and was just an "all-around happy kid" with a really "good heart."

Cueto had recently starting seeing someone, a young woman in the Marine Reserves whom he met while on leave during Christmas at a karaoke restaurant where his cousin worked.

Cueto's Facebook page revealed him to be a proudly staunch conservative and an enthusiastic member of the National Rifle Association. More personally, his posts stated that his favorite movies were "We Were Soldiers," along with "Gladiator" and "Spaceballs." His favorite television shows were "Family Guy," "South Park" and "Battlestar Galactica." As for his interests, Cueto listed sports, video games, working out, and heavy metal and techno music.

His Facebook quote says he's "normally pretty chill love the beach and goodtimes love doing what i do and just kickin back and relaxing."

The announcement of his death touched Jim Free, president of the Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation, who called the Mercury News in the hopes of contacting Cueto's family and perhaps honoring the Marine with a brick when a new monument is built in that city.

Maria Cueto said her family is not particularly a military family, although Kevin's father and her brother, Phillip Cueto, is a facilities supervisor for General Dynamics, a military defense company in Santa Clara.

On Friday, the senior Cueto was in Delaware, awaiting the arrival of his son's body, which had been en route from Afghanistan to Germany to the United States. He was not available for comment, nor was Kevin's 19-year-old brother, Tim, who is entering Oklahoma University this fall. Kevin Cueto's mother, Kelley, lives in Oklahoma.

Maria Cueto said funeral arrangements are pending.

Cueto's service awards include the Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Cueto is the second San Jose military man killed in Afghanistan in six months. On Dec. 25, Army Staff Sgt. David Gutierrez, 35, of San Jose was killed in combat in Kandahar Air Field in Afghanistan.

And, on June 14, Army Spc. Nathan W. Cox, 27, of Fremont suffered fatal wounds when insurgents attacked his patrol unit with small-arms fire near a forward operating base at Kohogyani in eastern Afghanistan.

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## Woodburn Native Killed In Afghanistan



Pfc. Anthony Justesen Photo courtesy of the U.S. Army

6/25/2010 By: Amanda Newman, Woodburn Independent

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A St. Luke Catholic School graduate and former Woodburn resident, Pfc. Anthony Justesen, 22, was killed in action Wednesday in western Afghanistan.

He was a paratrooper with the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division.

Justesen was killed by an improvised explosive device during a dismounted operation in Farah province. He had been serving with B Troop, 4th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment.

Justesen's commander, Capt. William Lewis, remembered the man for his courage and devotion, he said. "Pfc. Anthony Justesen was the consummate professional. He conducted himself with resolve and calmness usually reserved for seasoned veterans," Lewis said in a press release. "It has been an honor to serve as his commander."

A Woodburn native, Justesen attended St. Luke Catholic School and Woodburn High School before earning his GED and moved to Wilsonville as a teen.

He joined the army Oct. 10, 2008 and entered One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky. Upon completion of training, he reported to Fort Bragg, N.C., and was assigned to the 4th BCT in February 2009. He deployed with the 4-73rd Cavalry Regiment to Afghanistan in January.

"Pfc. Justesen was a true warrior and was dedicated to his platoon and troop," said Staff Sgt. Keith Hambright, Justesen's platoon sergeant. "Justesen carried his own weight and had extreme self motivation to get the job done. Pfc. Justesen was loved by every soldier in his platoon and always kept everyone full of joy and laughter. He will be missed throughout his unit."

Justesen was also close to his family, which includes sisters Teniele Justesen, 23, Samantha Justesen, 20, and Kimberley Rehder, 12, and brother Jeromie Rehder, 15.

When his last leave was over, his nephew Shawn said he was glad. "Glad that he's leaving?" asked his mother, Teniele. "No, I'm just glad I got to see him for awhile," Shawn replied.

"It still makes me smile," Justesen wrote of the exchange on his Facebook page last week.

Justesen's Afghanistan tour was nearly complete, and recent postings on his Facebook page show he was counting down the days.

"I just wanna go home," he wrote Sunday. The next day, two days before his death, he posted, "Back in 12 days or so."

But another recent posting, given new meaning after this week's events, hints that Justesen was looking toward a different home.

"Death is not darkness, it is the light that brings us into our new path, our continued adventure without the medium of a mortal body, we are free to explore the loving grasp of the Lord," he wrote June 3.

Justesen's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal,

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

He is survived by his parents, Shawna Rehder Robert Justesen.

A memorial in his honor will be held in Afghanistan.

A friend close to the family said they are en route to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware and will bring Justesen's body back to Woodburn, where a service will be held at St. Luke Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Anthony Justesen Memorial Preschool Building Fund at Key Bank of Woodburn.

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## **BEEN ON THE JOB TOO LONG: COME ON HOME, NOW**



A United States soldier during a patrol near the village of Charbagh in Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City, July 5, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)


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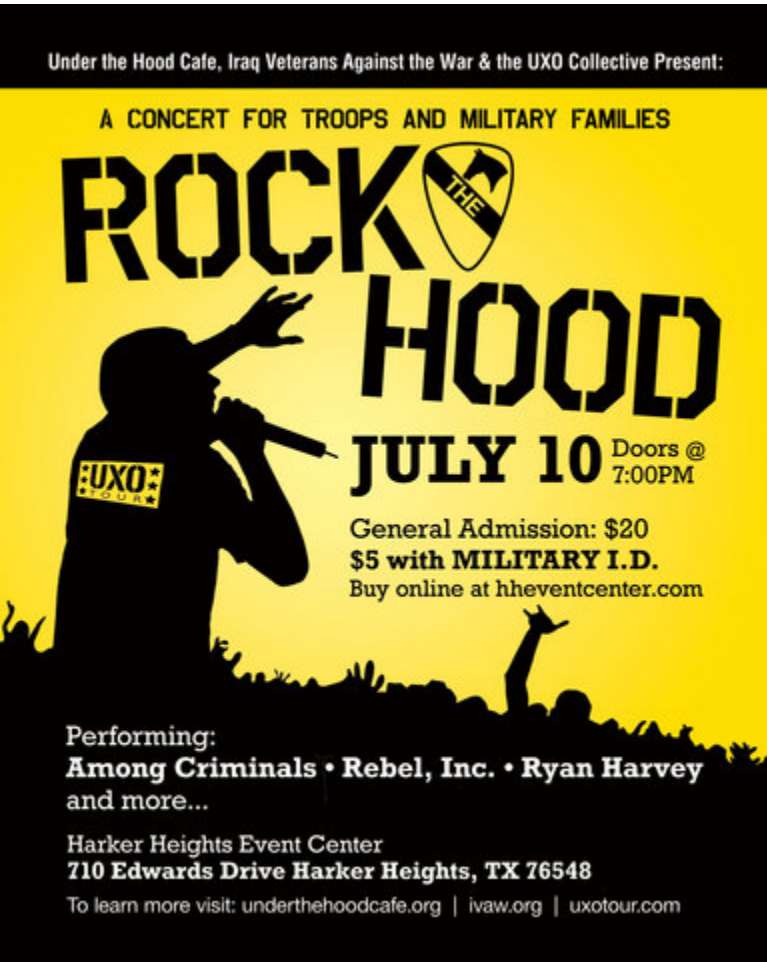
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## **Soldier Linked To WikiLeaks Iraq Attack Video Charged: “A Military Version Of A Grand Jury Hearing Will Determine If Manning Should Face A Trial By Court-Martial”**

Jul 6, 2010 The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An American soldier suspected of leaking a military video of an attack on unarmed men in Iraq was charged with multiple counts of mishandling and leaking



classified data and putting national security at risk, the Army said in a statement Tuesday.

Army Spc. Bradley Manning is suspected of leaking a classified video that shows a group of men walking down the street before being repeatedly shot by Apache helicopters. The American gunners can be heard laughing and referring to the men as "dead bastards."

The classified video was taken from the cockpit during a 2007 fire fight and posted last April on the website Wikileaks.org. It was an unflattering portrait of the war that raised questions about the military's rules of engagement and whether more should be done to prevent civilian casualties.

Among those believed to have been killed in the attack were a Reuters photographer, Namir Noor-Eldeen, 22, and his driver Saeed Chmagh, 40. Two children were wounded.

Manning, 22, from Potomac, Md., was detained in Baghdad in early June and is now being held in Kuwait.

A military version of a grand jury hearing will determine if Manning should face a trial by court-martial, the Army's statement said.

No date has been set for the hearing that will take place in Baghdad, Army spokesman Lt. Col. Eric Bloom told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

A criminal investigation is still open, the Army statement said, detailing charges against Manning including "transferring classified data onto his personal computer and adding unauthorized software to a classified computer system."

Manning was also charged with "communicating, transmitting and delivering national defense information to an unauthorized source" and with "disclosing classified information concerning the national defense with reason to believe that the information could cause injury to the United States."

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

**Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, 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 Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550**

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



The remains of Army Spc. Matthew Hennigan, of Las Vegas, July 2, 2010, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Hennigan died of wounds suffered earlier in Tangi Valley, Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with machine gun fire. (AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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# **They Really Do Hate Our Liberties: DC Traitors Out Of Control: Firefighter, Disabled Marine Corps Veteran And An Army Veteran Stuck On No-Fly List**

July 02, 2010 By Ashley Meeks, The Alamogordo Daily News

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — A former fireman and veteran born and raised in Las Cruces has joined a lawsuit filed Wednesday by the American Civil Liberties Union challenging his placement on the federal No-Fly List.

Retired Air Force officer Steve Washburn, 55, and nine other men and women, including a disabled Marine Corps veteran and an Army veteran, are suing Attorney General Eric Holder, FBI Director Robert Mueller and Timothy Healy, the director of the Terrorist Screening Center, a seven-year-old organization administered by the FBI.

**Six of the 10 plaintiffs remain stranded overseas, unable to return to the U.S., according to the court complaint, as does Washburn's wife, a visa-carrying Spanish citizen who is not on the list, but was also barred from flying home with her husband.**

The couple had been living in Saudi Arabia, where Washburn worked as a security expert for a technology company, but had decided this year to sell their belongings, take their savings and move back to America taking a week's stop in Dublin, Ireland, to meet a newborn grandchild, according to court documents.

But on Feb. 5, when they went to board the flight that would eventually return them to Las Cruces, Washburn was denied a boarding pass and told he was on the No-Fly List.

"I have absolutely no idea why I'm on the list," Washburn, a 1973 Mayfield High School graduate who attended New Mexico State University and worked as a firefighter for both the city of Las Cruces and NASA's White Sands Test Facility, told the Sun-News in an e-mail interview Wednesday.

**"No one will tell me why or give me a way to get off the list."**

After the initial stop, Washburn then attempted the U.S. Embassy's suggestion a flight to Mexico, to precede a land crossing.

**After several hours in flight, the plane was sent to London, where Washburn was interrogated, fingerprinted and DNA-tested by Scotland Yard, who then seized his life savings, according to court documents.**

**While moored in Ireland, Washburn reached out to the FBI, who interrogated him three times and gave him a polygraph test in which they said he was truthful.**

That questioning, Washburn told the Center for Public Integrity in May, "gave some hints of what might have landed him on the list: The agents discussed his conversion to Islam after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, his recent work in Saudi Arabia, his opposition to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the fact that he hailed from New Mexico, where the Yemeni-American imam Anwar al-Awlaki linked by U.S. officials to the failed Christmas Day terror plot - once taught (at New Mexico State University) years ago."

What officials wouldn't tell him is exactly why he was on the list or how he could get off it, according to ACLU-NM spokesman Micah McCoy.

"That's part of what this lawsuit is addressing," McCoy said. "None of the plaintiffs were ever informed why they were on the No-Fly List or were given any chance to contest it. He's never been charged with anything, never informed why he was on the list."

After waiting three months in Ireland, what should have been little more than a 12-hour flight home turned into a 72-hour, nearly 16,000-mile debacle in May that took him from Ireland to Germany, then to Brazil, Peru, Mexico City and finally to Jurez.

**After being detained overnight, he was escorted across the border under the supervision of Mexican and U.S. officials, then allegedly handcuffed to a chair for several hours and questioned by Customs and Border Protection officers in El Paso.**

Washburn told ABC he has never committed a crime and served honorably both in the military and at NORAD, the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

"You feel abused and you get angry because you're thinking, 'This is injustice,'" he said. "No one will tell you why or how you got on the list. Growing up in America, we're taught the great American system in that you're innocent until proven guilty."

Administration officials have declined to comment on the lawsuit.

"The right to move freely for work and to visit family members should never be denied without due process," said Peter Simonson, executive director of the ACLU of New Mexico.

"Because of secret no-fly lists, ... Washburn was put through a costly, distressing ordeal and to this day doesn't know the reason why."

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**“I Will Not Forget What They  
Have Done To Me”**

# Thinking Of Canada? Think Again: Toronto Cop Scum Riot; Beat & Kick Citizens & Make Wholesale False Arrests

[This one is for all those whining liberal idiots who babble about how things are so awful in the USA they're thinking of moving to Canada. Hey, go for it! There's a welcoming committee waiting, just for you. They got some practice in last month at the G20 protests. T]

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Lulu Maxwell, 17, Grade 12, Rosedale Heights

Maxwell and a friend were hanging around near Queen and Dufferin Sts. at a convergence centre for protesters on Sunday afternoon when police started making arrests. "My friend was blowing bubbles and I was scribbling peace signs on the sidewalk."

Within minutes, her friend was grabbed and Lulu was put up against a wall.

**Her backpack was searched and Lulu says an officer said she could be charged with possession of dangerous weapons "because I had eyewash solution in my backpack."**

She was taken to the detention centre and almost 12 hours after her arrest was allowed to call her parents. She was released, without charges being laid, at 5 a. m.

Natalie Logan, 21, U of T student

Logan was taking photos at The Esplanade on Saturday evening when she was arrested.

"I was documenting the protest when the police started encircling everyone," she said. She was taken to the detention centre at 3:30 a.m. "Before they handcuffed me, I peed in a bottle because I knew I wouldn't be able to otherwise."

She wasn't charged and suddenly released at 3:30 p.m., more than 14 hours after her arrest. "I am embarrassed for my city, embarrassed for Toronto Police and embarrassed that this could happen."

### **Selwyn Firth, 59, Toronto mayoral candidate**

Wanting a better view of a protest outside Queen's Park on Saturday, Firth walked to an elevated U of T building. When police told him to leave, he identified himself as a mayoral candidate.

**He refused and was forced to the ground, his cheek lacerated. He was arrested for obstruction.**

"I wasn't obstructing anyone, I was asking questions," said Firth, who was taken to the Eastern Ave. detention centre where he needed insulin for his Type 1 diabetes. Sunday morning he was taken to the Finch Ave., courthouse and again needed insulin, so was sent to hospital.

He later returned to court and was released on \$1,000 bail. He is considering suing the city and police.

Erin Boynton, 24, London, Ont.

She was arrested at The Esplanade early Sunday morning after police boxed dozens of protesters in.

"I was with a protest marching peacefully down Yonge from Dundas Square," she said. "When the cops came at us, many people scattered and those who were left in front of the (Novotel) got arrested." She said police came from all sides and "squished us in. They didn't give us a warning to leave.... just announced that we are arresting all of you."

She said a lot of people at the detention centre were innocent bystanders. "The police violated all our rights . . . there was police brutality. Quite frankly, it was quite disgusting." Boynton wasn't charged.

Cameron Fenton, 24, journalist with Dominion in Montreal

"A bunch of us were peacefully protesting (near the Eastern Ave. detention centre) at about 2:30 a.m. when police told us that it was an unlawful assembly and we had to leave," said Fenton. But they were boxed in and couldn't leave. Some time later, about 30 of them were walking about two blocks away when they were boxed in again by police.

Everyone was arrested. Fenton said he was never read his legal rights or allowed to make a phone call. "It was cold, there was barely any food or water... there was no place in the cages to even sit," he said Monday. "That detention centre was tantamount to torture." He was released on Sunday afternoon, after more than 17 hours in detention.

Emily Berrigan, 23, project manager for a local non-government agency

Berrigan spent her 23rd birthday Saturday night in a detention centre on charges of obstruction and unlawful demonstration.

She was with Oxfam Canada for the labour march in the morning, protesting peacefully. She went to Queen's Park around 8 p.m. for her bike and within 10 minutes was arrested. She was taken to the detention centre at 9 p.m. and got nothing to eat or drink until 5 a.m., when she was given a sandwich and some water, she said.

"The cage I was in had been pepper-sprayed and it stung our eyes and skin," she said. At about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, she was taken to the courts at Finch Ave. and released by 7 p.m. "That's inhumane," she said.

Adam MacIsaac, P.E.I.

MacIsaac, an independent journalist in town for the G20, took out his video camera to document police search methods and says he was aggressively thrown to the ground.

**Police began kicking him in the ribs and stunning him with a stun gun. "I have a pacemaker!" he screamed repeatedly, but says they didn't listen.**

MacIsaac was eventually taken to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was handcuffed to a hospital bed. He says officers harassed him; one repeatedly asked if his pacemaker battery was nuclear. He was later taken to the detention centre and left alone in the back of police cruiser.

**When police let him go seven hours later, they said they had no idea where his \$6000 worth of equipment went. They told him to file a complaint.**

Amy Miller, Montreal

Miller, an independent journalist, was on her way to the jail solidarity protest Sunday around noon with fellow journalist Adam MacIsaac. She stopped at Bloor and St. Thomas Sts. where she saw police officers searching a group of young people carrying backpacks. She says police attacked her.

"I was throttled at the neck and held down.

"Next thing you know I was being cuffed and put in one of the wagons." She says she was threatened and harassed by police at the Eastern Ave. detention centre.

**"I was told I was going to be raped, I was told I was going to be gangbanged, I was told that they were going to make sure that I was never going to want to act as a journalist again."**

She also says she spoke to numerous young women who were strip-searched by male officers.

Steve Cruikshank, 28, Newmarket

Cruikshank was among those boxed in by police “without warning” at the Queen St. and Spadina Ave. intersection Sunday evening. Officers kept yelling at people to “Move” but there was nowhere to go.

**Cruikshank said he asked where they should go and was hit in the face with a riot shield.**

He was arrested for breaching the peace and, with 50 others, taken to the Eastern Ave. detention centre.

“I asked for medical attention and they said ‘No’, that I was ‘barely bleeding.’

“I asked for a lawyer and wasn’t given access. I asked to make a phone call and they laughed.” About three hours later, he was released without charge.

Stefanie Roy, 21, Joliette, Que.

Roy said she was arrested early Sunday evening “for nothing.”

“We were sitting in front of a bank, talking and wanting to go home, when two big cars came up and police came out of them,” she said. They searched her car and found a hammer and a hatchet that happened to be there from a long time ago, Roy said. She was charged with possessing weapons. Police seized her laptop, boots, and a key-chain photo of her son.

The charge was dropped on Monday, but she is still missing her boots. “I’m not going back in there,” she said, standing in her socks and staring at the detention centre.

Jean-Christophe Martel, 21, Granby, Que.

Martel was arrested on the subway at 11 a.m. Sunday after police searched his bags and found something they considered to be heroin in his emergency medical kit. Police charged him with trafficking heroin.

Martel says he was not involved with the violence in any way.

After 24 hours, he was released from the detention centre Monday afternoon and the charge against him was dropped.

“I’m going back to Quebec,” he said. “I’ll never leave that province again.”

Guillaume Lemarron, 24, Montreal

Lemarron came with friends to the protest, and acted as a street medic on Saturday. They were arrested on Sunday while heading to the Greyhound station to leave town. Lemarron said the bandages and supplies he used in his work were misconstrued as bandanas. He was charged with wearing a disguise.



During the arrest, his glasses were broken. Lemarron said he was protesting for “a better world” and a new democracy.

“It’s in the past,” he said of his detention. “But I will not forget what they have done to me and others.”

Gabrielle Neveu, 21, Montreal

Neveu came to Toronto to raise awareness for better health care in developing countries. Neveu had a bandana around her neck. She agreed to let police search her bag but her boyfriend didn’t. The tension escalated. “I don’t think I would have got arrested if I was alone,” she said.

Police charged her with wearing a disguise. She was placed in the back of a police van that soon filled with other people. The van was taken to the detention centre where she stayed until Monday afternoon. Some people were strip-searched. “People were exhausted. No one had the energy to scream,” she said. The charge was later dropped.

Sasha Morrison, 28, Toronto

On Sunday, Morrison was talking to a friend on Queen St. when police searched her bag and discovered an air filter mask. She was charged with wearing a mask with intent. “I’m wearing a mask?” she said “It’s a bogus charge.”

**Morrison, a graffiti artist, sometimes works on projects with police. As she stood talking to media, an officer came by and said “Good to see you,” not realizing she had been arrested.**

She was seething after a 19-hour detention. “I’m vegan. I haven’t had anything to eat until three hours ago.”

David Breed, 34, Toronto

**On Sunday, Breed and his girlfriend had stopped to watch the bike rally and were planning to get something to eat before going home to change for his shift as a security guard.**

**“I was not involved in the protest,” he said. “I was standing on the sidewalk.”**

Breed was wearing black. Police searched him and found a retractable screwdriver and a Swiss army knife. He was arrested and charged with having concealed weapons. He’d had the knife since he was 10.

Breed’s girlfriend, Jennifer Booth, had a legal number scrawled on her arm, but said she didn’t intend to get in trouble. “I’ve been to a lot of these things and he hasn’t,” she said after his release Monday. The charge against Breed has not been dropped.

Philip Dwek, 25, Toronto, medical student

On Sunday evening, Dwek was headed home after studying in a coffee shop when he ran into a crowd at the corner of Queen St. and Spadina Ave. He found himself surrounded by riot police.

“We were in the rain and it was freezing cold, I was trying to hide my medical book, trying to cover it under my shirt,” recalled Dwek, adding police eventually gave him a plastic bag for his book. He was arrested for conspiracy to cause mischief, put in a van and taken to 43 Division, then later released. It cost \$60 to get back by taxi.

Dwek understands police were trying to prevent a repeat of the Saturday violence but wishes they were able to tell the protestors and bystanders from the “rebels without a cause.”

Joshua Enns, studying to be math teacher at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo

Enns was arrested during a prayer vigil on Sunday. Police took him behind a bus and searched his bag. He forgot about the “dollar store pocket knife” in his backpack he uses to cut fruit. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

“I don’t endorse violence personally,” he said. “I didn’t come down for the show.” Enns was strip-searched at the detention centre. He couldn’t sleep with the fluorescent lights. He still faces the weapons charge. “Hopefully this will be cleared up so I’ll be able to teach.”

Matthew Beatty, 32, Ajax high school teacher

A volunteer legal observer with Movement Defence Committee (MDC) for the G20 weekend, Beatty was following a protest march down The Esplanade on Saturday evening when he was arrested.

“I was on the sidewalks, never jeered or chanted with the crowd,” he said.

He was handcuffed and put in a “cage” with 20 others at the Eastern Ave. detention centre. “There were 40 people in one cage — it was brutal, and it was cold.” People were asking for toilet paper to wrap their arms and legs because of the cold, he said. During 18 hours in custody, he was given three cheese sandwiches, three cups of water and a cup of flavoured juice.

Tim V. Wight, 23

Wight says he was at Queen’s Park participating in a peaceful protest all day Saturday. “I was there . . . to protest my concerns about the stripping of human rights within the city and the blatant waste of a billion dollars.”

When police entered the park , Wight began to ask questions about why they were entering a peaceful protest zone. Police told him to move and said they would hit him if he didn't back up.

**He prepared to leave but then officers grabbed him, knocked him down and kicked him twice in the face with heavy boots. He was treated for a concussion and had to have his forehead stitched.**

Maryam Adrangi, 24

The spokeswoman for the Toronto Community Mobilization Network was arrested Sunday outside activist “convergence space” at Queen and Noble on Sunday afternoon. She said she was driven around the city in an unmarked police van for four hours, taken to the detention centre for about 30 minutes and released without charge.

**Adrangi, who was born in Iran, said she endured racist and sexist comments from police, who made fun of her name and the photos they took of her. “I was really angry and frustrated that the cops felt entitled to do that to people,” she said.**

“One cop said to me, ‘If you were my daughter I would slap you in the mouth.’ ”

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