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## **Marine From Palatine Killed In Afghanistan: “None Of Us Like What’s Going Over There; None Of Us Like How It’s Handled”**



8/20/2010 By Ashok Selvam and Eric Peterson, Daily Herald Staff

A kind, considerate and hardworking Marine from Palatine who dreamed of a career in the military has been killed in action in Afghanistan.

**Christopher “C.J.” Boyd, 22, a 2006 graduate of Palatine High School, became the second suburban native this week to die in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.**

Boyd and the other Marine, Kevin E. Oratowski of Wheaton, were based at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Boyd, who lived in California with his wife and twin boys, was killed by a roadside bomb while on foot patrol in combat against enemy forces Thursday, according to the Marines.

Palatine High School's Pirates flag was lowered to half-staff Friday afternoon. Boyd's parents left their Palatine home Friday for Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to claim their son's body.

Boyd was a rifleman assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force. First Lt. Ken Kunze, a Marines spokesman at Camp Pendleton, said it was Boyd's first combat deployment.

Since enlisting in the Marine Corps in June 2006, Boyd's personal service awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Outside the Boyds' home, an American flag was at half-staff, as was a next-door neighbor's.

Neighbor Laura Bode remembers Boyd playing catch with his father. She talked with Boyd about his future after high school.

“None of us like what's going over there; none of us like how it's handled,” she said. “But when Chris was in high school he was dead set, he wanted to be a Navy Seal; he thought to be a Navy Seal would be the greatest thing in the world.”

Then came the shock when the fit and trim teenager returned home and told his family he was enlisting in the Marine Corps.

“All of us were dumbfounded,” Bode said.

“I know how much this hurts and I know how bad they miss him,” she said. “He helped his country, but now he's with God.”

Bode said Boyd would lend a hand with her backyard gardening. He was well-liked among his friends and deeply loved by his family.

“They always have been proud as (heck) of their son, and they have good reason to be,” Bode said.

Boyd was a member of the football, wrestling and lacrosse teams at Palatine High School. As center, he anchored the offensive line during his senior year. He may not

have been the biggest player on the field, but he had the smarts, toughness and work ethic to excel, head coach Tyler Donnelly said Friday.

He said Boyd became a role model for students he never knew. "For years his name has been passed down in our program. We talk about him all the time," Donnelly said. "I really can't think of a better kid to give an example of what we're trying to get across: selflessness, sacrifice and hard work.

"Very few kids - I probably could list five in my career - that I've coached could get something at his level, what he's accomplished."

Back and neck injuries never deterred C.J. from games or practices, Donnelly said. Trainers would have to hide equipment from him to keep him off the field. Donnelly said one time Boyd started crying because coaches and trainers wouldn't let him practice.

"I don't want it to be about our program, but he just paid a huge sacrifice in our limited role with him," Donnelly said. "It's not surprising at all that he would be going for multiple tours of duty over there and risking his life for everybody else. That's exactly who he was."

Boyd married his high school sweetheart, whom Donnelly also taught in class.

"That poor girl now has those two kids. Prayers go out to the family," Donnelly said.

There were at least three senior football players from the Class of 2006 who joined the military, he said. "You just worry when they're in areas of danger if they're going to make it out," Donnelly said. "It's just tragic. He is a heck of a young man."

Palatine High School was registering students Friday for the school year, which starts Wednesday.

Palatine-Schaumburg High School District 211 spokesman Tom Petersen said while the school has already lowered the Palatine Pirates flag to honor Boyd, it cannot have the American flag at half-staff unless direction is given by a higher governmental authority, like the governor.

Any further memorial will not be done without consulting his family, whom the district is still trying to reach, Petersen said.

Military officials said Lance Cpl. Oratowski, 23, was killed by a roadside bomb Wednesday in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

Oratowski, a light-armored vehicle crewman, enlisted in the Marine Corps in June 2008, according to Camp Pendleton officials.

He was in his first combat deployment when he died.

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# IRAQ WAR REPORTS

## U.S. “Servicemember” Wounded By Basra IED

Aug 28 (Reuters)

BASRA - A roadside bomb wounded a U.S. service member in Basra, 420 km (260 miles) southeast of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

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## Resistance Action

Aug 26 (Reuters) & By SINAN SALAHEDDIN, Associated Press Writer Sinan Salaheddin, Associated Press Writer & 8.27.10 AFP & 8.28 Reuters

**About 15 insurgent or militia attacks are still recorded in Iraq every day.**

BAGHDAD – Insurgents killed six members of a government-allied militia in an ambush northeast of Baghdad on Thursday, police said, offering no respite to a nation still reeling from a spate of attacks on police and soldiers a day earlier that left at least 56 dead.

Diyala police spokesman Maj. Ghalib al-Karkhi said the government-allied fighters, known as Sahwa or Awakening Councils, were driving near the town of Muqdadiyah around 1:30 a.m. when their car hit a roadside bomb.

The explosion killed four of the guards immediately, al-Karkhi said. Insurgents then attacked the two survivors, killing them, he said.

Muqdadiyah is about 60 miles (90 kilometers) north of Baghdad.

A senior Iraqi intelligence official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to talk to the media, raised the possibility that some of the attackers had inside help.

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Two Iraqi soldiers were killed and two seriously wounded when a roadside bomb went off near their patrol south of Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

BAQUBA: Six members of a militia that sided with US forces were killed yesterday, in the latest revenge attack against them, police said. The Sahwa (Awakening) fighters, also known as the “Sons of Iraq,” were killed in Shrwain, a village 90 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, around 4am, said police Captain Firas Al Dulaimi. “Six Sahwa were killed, two were wounded and one was unhurt,” he said.

Insurgents opened fire at a checkpoint run by government-backed militia, killing two members and wounding four others late on Thursday in Shirqat, 300 km (190 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb exploded near the house of a policeman late on Thursday in Falluja, police said. Three policemen were wounded when another bomb later exploded in the same place.

Insurgents opened fire at an Iraqi army patrol late on Thursday, killing two soldiers and one officer, in Baaj, 375 km (233 miles) northwest of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - Two policemen were killed when insurgents attacked a police checkpoint in western Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Two policemen were killed when insurgents in several cars attacked a police checkpoint in the town of Qaiyara, 290 km (180 miles) north of Baghdad, police said. Police killed one of the attackers and captured six others.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **7 U.S. Troops Killed in Afghanistan Fighting**

Aug. 29, 2010 CBS/AP

Seven U.S. troops have died in weekend attacks in Afghanistan's embattled southern and eastern regions.

Two servicemen died in bombings Sunday in southern Afghanistan, while two others were killed in a bomb attack in the south on Saturday and three in fighting in the east the same day.

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### **'His Daddy Is Now An Angel'**

August 21, 2010 By Leia Mendoza, WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Having two sons in the Marine Corps was never easy for Sandra and David Bock.

"Every time the phone rang and every time there was a knock at the door" the couple hoped it wasn't about one of their boys, Sandra Bock said Friday.

This time, it was.

Their middle son, Staff Sgt. Michael Bock of Omaha, died in combat Aug. 13 in Afghanistan's Helmand province. He was on foot patrol when he was killed by small-arms fire, said Capt. Brandon Cooley, a Marine Corps representative in Omaha.

Bock's parents, his widow, Tiffany Bock, and father-in-law, Michael Scheibelhofer, shared memories of the 26-year-old at a press conference at the Navy-Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in Omaha.

Sandra and David Bock, originally from the Omaha area and now living in Leesburg, Fla., remembered their son as an influential, outgoing and responsible man.

In fact, Michael convinced his younger brother, David Bock, to join the Marines shortly after he did in 2002. David, who now lives in North Carolina and works as a police officer, finished his military career about a year ago.

Michael Bock was a member of the 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

He is the third Omaha-area service member to die in the fighting in Afghanistan.

He grew up in Springfield, Neb., and attended Elkhorn's Mount Michael High School for two years. When his mother retired from teaching at Omaha Northwest High School, the family moved to Florida, where his father was working.

Bock graduated from Leesburg High School in 2002. About a month after graduating, he started boot camp.

He deployed twice to Iraq and most recently to Afghanistan in April.

His parents said they couldn't be more proud of their son. With so many memories, they'll never forget the person he was.

"Mike had a smile you couldn't resist," his mother said. "He was so caring and always looking for someone he could help."

His father recalled when Michael stayed at his sister's side after she was in a serious car accident.

Tiffany Bock said she'll always remember her husband as a loving family man.

She said she'll share "50 million stories" of her husband with their 3-year-old son, Zander, to ensure that he knows his father.

"His daddy is a hero," she said. "His daddy is now an angel here to protect him."

Michael Bock also is survived by his older brother, Paul Bock of Peoria, Ill., and sister, Christine Bock of Omaha.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Aug. 28 at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St. He will be buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

There also will be a service at Heafey-Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler funeral home next Friday, but details were pending.

A memorial service will be held later in Leesburg, Fla.

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## Pleasanton Marine Laid To Rest



Members of the Saenz family enter St. Andrew Catholic Church in Pleasanton behind the casket of U.S. Marine Sgt. Jose Luis Saenz III. Saenz, 30, a 1999 graduate of Pleasanton High School, was killed in Afghanistan on Aug. 9. John Davenport/Express-News

08/16/2010 By Vianna Davila - Express-News

PLEASANTON — The death of a beloved son can devastate a family. But the loss of a serviceman can bring an entire community together, and break its heart.

So hundreds gathered in Pleasanton Monday to pay tribute to U.S. Marine Sgt. Jose Luis Saenz III, killed Aug. 9 in Afghanistan after he stepped on an improvised explosive device while on patrol.

Saenz, 30, was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

While many of the mourners knew Saenz, a 1999 graduate of Pleasanton High School famous among family members for his sense of humor and endless courage, others who came to pay their respects had never met him.

Retired Marine Gunnery Sgt. Marshall Seay traveled to Pleasanton from Devine on Monday, though he left the Marine Corps 21 years ago and had no connection to Saenz or his family. "The Marine Corps is not a branch of the service; it's a way of life," said Seay, who donned his full Marine dress blues for the funeral. "The people of this country have forgotten what it's like to die in service." When the hearse carrying Saenz's body passed, Seay stood briskly at attention, raising his hand in salute.

Members of the Patriot Guard Riders, a volunteer veterans group, held large American flags and lined the pathway leading up to St. Andrew Catholic Church. They escorted Saenz's body from Port San Antonio into Pleasanton Saturday, and then led the funeral procession to the cemetery. "It's kind of the least you could do," said one of them, Manuel Tarin, who lost a cousin in the Vietnam War and whose daughter attended middle school with Army Pfc. John Andrade, 19, killed in Afghanistan two days before Saenz.

The riders stood at attention as Saenz's widow, Christy Heritage-Saenz, stepped from the pickup she was riding in and briefly stopped to adjust the miniature American and Marine Corps flags that someone had attached to the truck antenna, ensuring they were at half-staff.

As Saenz's casket was carried into the church, firefighters stopped their trucks outside, lights flashing soundlessly. Saenz's parents, three sisters, widow and 5-year-old son, Jose IV, slowly followed.

After the Mass, as the funeral procession inched toward San Ysidro Cemetery, people lined the streets, standing outside car dealerships, convenience stores and in the town square. They held flags, took off their hats, or stood with their hands over their hearts.

Rosalinda Llanas and her co-worker slipped out from the Shell gas station where they work to watch the long stream of cars. Llanas could relate to what the family was feeling. Her son Reginaldo Garcia, 19, left for Afghanistan on Friday, on a military tour with the Army.

Though her son learned of Saenz's death before his deployment, Garcia told his mother he would be all right, Llanas recalled Monday, as tears welled in her eyes.

But as Llanas worried about what was ahead for her son, Saenz's mother, Leonor, grieved over her loss.

At the cemetery, her son's friend and fellow Marine John Romero presented three American flags: to her, to Saenz's widow and to his son.

Leonor wailed as the Tejano duo Grupo Vision, a favorite of her son's, played a mournful rendition of "El Amigo Que Se Fue" — "The Friend Who Went Away."

She cried, embracing other mourners. "Pray for the other soldiers that are still there," she told them.



But soon it was time to let go.

As mourners slowly filed out of the cemetery, some took with them photos of Saenz that dangled from dozens of yellow balloons tied to the cemetery fence.

A group of Marines gathered up some of the balloons and wrote notes on them in marker. Then, with a resounding "Hooah," they released them into the sky.

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## **'A Great Guy' From Wheaton Killed In Afghanistan**



Kevin Oratowski (Family photo)

August 19, 2010 By William Lee, WGN

A Marine from Wheaton who was serving in his first combat deployment was killed by a blast in southwest Afghanistan, military officials said today.

Lance Cpl. Kevin Oratowski, 23, died Wednesday when he was caught in an explosion by an improvised explosive device while conducting mounted combat operations against enemy forces in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, according to the Department of Defense.

The Glenbard South High School graduate was a light armored vehicle crewman assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif., officials said.

His personal service awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, officials said.

Since they were notified of Oratowski's death Wednesday afternoon, his family has hosted a steady stream of well-wishers who have stopped by his parents' Wheaton home, said his older sister, Carrie.

Oratowski's family last spoke with him nearly two weeks ago. He planned to return to Wheaton for a visit in November, Carrie Oratowski said.

Oratowski enlisted in the Marine Corps June 23, 2008 and was serving in his first combat deployment. His sister said that joining the military gave Oratowski the sense of direction that he needed after graduating from high school.

"My brother was kind of lost after high school, and he didn't really know if he wanted to go to school. He decided to go join Marines and it was probably the best thing for him," she said.

Added Oratowski: "He was just a great guy, a great uncle...He loved the Marines."

Funeral arrangements haven't been finalized. Oratowski's family expects his body to arrive home early next week.

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## **Fallen Marine Remembered As A 'Hero'**

August 9, 2010 By Tim Adkins, The Ashland City Times

An Ashland City firefighter and EMT who was in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve died Sunday from injuries sustained in Afghanistan.

Daniel Greer, 25, who deployed in January, was in an accident with an improvised explosive device on Friday morning.

"Daniel has been a true hero, not only in serving his country, but in serving his community as an Ashland City firefighter," Ashland City fire chief Chuck Walker said.

Greer, a 2003 graduate of Harpeth High School, joined the Ashland City fire department as a volunteer in March 2005 and became a full-time employee two years later.

"He was an energetic and outgoing person and was a great asset to our department," Walker said. "His father said ever since Daniel was young he wanted to be a firefighter. He was also always passionate about his wishes to serve his country."

Greer joined the Pegram Volunteer Fire Department in July 2001 and volunteered there for four years before transferring to Ashland City.

"Daniel was a character. He was very outspoken, and he didn't mind letting you know what was on his mind," Walker said.

The fire chief said the death of Greer is the same as losing a family member.

"We (firefighters) spend a lot of time together. Even on Daniel's days off, he would often go hunting and fishing with the other firefighters," he said.

Walker said Greer's pride and joy was his family, which included his wife, Stacy, and young son, Ethan.

"He always put his family first even above the fire department and military," he said.

Details of the accident and funeral arrangements were not known at press time.

Walker said the city's police and fire departments plan to escort Greer's body back to Cheatham County from the Nashville airport.

**Greer is the second Cheatham County resident since July to die while serving in Afghanistan.**

Lance Cpl. Daniel "Gabe" Raney, 21, a 2007 graduate of Sycamore High School, died July 9 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province.

A memorial service for Raney was held on Sunday afternoon at the Coach House in Pleasant View. His family was presented a Purple Heart during the service.

An account has been set up to benefit Ethan D. Greer, son of Kristopher "Daniel" Greer.

If you wish to contribute to it make check payable to Stacy A. Greer. It can be mailed to or dropped off at any Pinnacle Bank office.

You can mail it to Pinnacle Financial, 524 S. Main St., Ashland City, TN 37015.

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## **Two Bases In Afghanistan Attacked By Insurgents Wearing American Uniforms: Four U.S. Troops Wounded**

August 28, 2010 by The Associated Press

U.S. and Afghan troops repelled attackers wearing American uniforms and suicide vests in a pair of simultaneous assaults before dawn Saturday on NATO bases near the Pakistani border, including one where seven CIA employees died in a suicide attack last year.

The raids appear part of an insurgent strategy to step up attacks in widely scattered parts of the country as the U.S. focuses its resources on the battle around the Taliban's southern birthplace of Kandahar.

The militant assault in the border province of Khost began about 4 a.m. when dozens of insurgents stormed Forward Operating Base Salerno and nearby Camp Chapman with

mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons, according to NATO and Afghan police.

Two attackers managed to breach the wire protecting Salerno but were killed before they could advance far onto the base, NATO said.

The Afghan Defense Ministry said two Afghan soldiers were killed and three wounded in the fighting. Four U.S. troops were wounded, NATO officials said.

Afghan police said about 50 insurgents took part in the twin assaults. After being driven away from the bases, the insurgents approached the nearby offices of the governor and provincial police headquarters but were also scattered, said Khost provincial police Chief Abdul Hakim Ishaqzai.

Small-arms fire continued through the morning, while NATO helicopters patrolled overhead. The dead were wearing U.S. Army uniforms, which can be easily purchased in shops in Kabul and other cities, possibly pilfered from military warehouses.

Saturday, three more American service members were killed — two in a bombing in the south and the third in fighting in eastern Afghanistan, the U.S. command said. That brought to 38 the number of U.S. troops killed this month — well below last month's figure of 66.

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## **Two Drones Down In Afghanistan; Taliban Recover Camera From One**

Aug 26 AFP & (Reuters)

KANDAHAR/WARDAK - Two unmanned aircraft, or drones, crashed on Thursday due to mechanical failure, one in Kandahar province and a second in Wardak province, ISAF said.

One crashed in a Taliban stronghold in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, allowing insurgents to seize its camera, the coalition force said.

The lightweight, medium-range spy aircraft went down after it lost engine power over the restive province of Kandahar, a known hotbed of the Taliban insurgency, NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

"The aircraft's camera was not found and according to locals, is believed to have been recovered by insurgents," ISAF said in a statement.

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## **Occupation Air Attack Kills 6 Afghan Kids**

**[Good News For The Afghan  
Resistance!!]  
[Occupation Commands' Stupid Terror  
Tactics Recruit Ever More Fighters To  
Kill U.S. Troops]**

Aug 27 AFP

ASADABAD, Afghanistan – An Afghan police commander said Friday that NATO warplanes targeting Taliban insurgents killed six children in a mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan known to be a militant hotbed.

Provincial police chief Khalilullah Ziayee told AFP that children were collecting scrap metal on the mountain when NATO aircraft dropped bombs to disperse Taliban fighters attacking a nearby base.

“In the bombardment six children, aged six to 12, were killed. Another child was injured,” the police commander said.

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# **“American Officials Simultaneously Demanding That Mr. Karzai Root Out The Corruption That Pervades His Government While Sometimes Subsidizing The Very People Suspected Of Perpetrating It”**

August 25, 2010 By DEXTER FILKINS and MARK MAZZETTI, New York Times  
[Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — The aide to President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan at the center of a politically sensitive corruption investigation is being paid by the Central Intelligence Agency, according to Afghan and American officials.

Mohammed Zia Salehi, the chief of administration for the National Security Council, appears to have been on the payroll for many years, according to officials in Kabul and Washington. It is unclear exactly what Mr. Salehi does in exchange for his money, whether providing information to the spy agency, advancing American views inside the presidential palace, or both.

**Mr. Salehi’s relationship with the C.I.A. underscores deep contradictions at the heart of the Obama administration’s policy in Afghanistan, with American officials simultaneously demanding that Mr. Karzai root out the corruption that pervades his government while sometimes subsidizing the very people suspected of perpetrating it.**

Mr. Salehi was arrested in July and released after Mr. Karzai intervened.

**There has been no suggestion that Mr. Salehi’s ties to the C.I.A. played a role in his release; rather, officials say, it is the fear that Mr. Salehi knows about corrupt dealings inside the Karzai administration.**

The ties underscore doubts about how seriously the Obama administration intends to fight corruption here.

The anticorruption drive, though strongly backed by the United States, is still vigorously debated inside the administration.

Some argue it should be a centerpiece of American strategy, and others say that attacking corrupt officials who are crucial to the war effort could destabilize the Karzai government.

The Obama administration is also racing to show progress in Afghanistan by December, when the White House will evaluate its mission there. Some administration officials argue that any comprehensive campaign to fight corruption inside Afghanistan is overly

ambitious, with less than a year to go before the American military is set to begin withdrawing troops.

“Fighting corruption is the very definition of mission creep,” one Obama administration official said.

Others in the administration view public corruption as the single greatest threat to the Afghan government and the American mission; it is the corrupt nature of the Karzai government, these officials say, that drives ordinary Afghans into the arms of the Taliban.

**Other prominent Afghans who American officials have said were on the C.I.A.’s payroll include the president’s half brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, suspected by investigators of playing a role in Afghanistan’s booming opium trade.**

**Earlier this year, American officials did not press Mr. Karzai to remove his brother from his post as the chairman of the Kandahar provincial council.**

**Mr. Salehi was arrested by the Afghan police after, investigators say, they wiretapped him soliciting a bribe — in the form of a car for his son — in exchange for impeding an American-backed investigation into a company suspected of shipping billions of dollars out of the country for Afghan officials, drug smugglers and insurgents.**

Mr. Salehi was released seven hours later, after telephoning Mr. Karzai from his jail cell to demand help, officials said, and after Mr. Karzai forcefully intervened on his behalf.

The president sent aides to get him and has since threatened to limit the power of the anticorruption unit that carried out the arrest.

A spokesman for President Karzai did not respond to a list of questions sent to his office, including whether Mr. Karzai knew that Mr. Salehi was a C.I.A. informant.

A spokesman for the C.I.A. declined to comment on any relationship with Mr. Salehi.

“The C.I.A. works hard to advance the full range of U.S. policy objectives in Afghanistan,” said Paul Gimigliano, a spokesman for the agency.

An American official said the practice of paying government officials was sensible, even if they turn out to be corrupt or unsavory.

“If we decide as a country that we’ll never deal with anyone in Afghanistan who might down the road — and certainly not at our behest — put his hand in the till, we can all come home right now,” the American official said.

“Corruption matters to us,” a senior Obama administration official said. “The fact that Salehi may have been on our payroll does not necessarily change any of the basic issues here.”

Mr. Salehi is a political survivor, who, like many Afghans, navigated shifting alliances through 31 years of war. He is a former interpreter for Abdul Rashid Dostum, the ethnic Uzbek with perhaps the most ruthless reputation among all Afghan warlords.

Mr. Dostum, a Karzai ally, was one of the C.I.A.'s leading allies on the ground in Afghanistan in the weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The agency employed his militia to help rout the Taliban from northern Afghanistan.

**Over the course of the nine-year-old war, the C.I.A. has enmeshed itself in the inner workings of Afghanistan's national security establishment.**

**From 2002 until just last year, the C.I.A. paid the entire budget of Afghanistan's spy service, the National Directorate of Security.**

Mr. Salehi often acts as a courier of money to other Afghans, according to an Afghan politician who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he feared retaliation.

Among the targets of the continuing Afghan anticorruption investigation is a secret fund of cash from which payments were made to various individuals, officials here said.

**Despite Mr. Salehi's status as a low-level functionary, the Afghan politician predicted that Mr. Karzai would never allow his prosecution to go forward, whatever the pressure from the United States. Mr. Salehi knows too much about the inner workings of the palace, he said.**

**"Karzai will protect him," the politician said, "because by going after him, you are opening the gates."**

Mr. Salehi is a confidant of some of the most powerful people in the Afghan government, including Engineer Ibrahim, who until recently was the deputy chief of the Afghan intelligence service.

Earlier this year, Mr. Salehi accompanied Mr. Ibrahim to Dubai to meet leaders of the Taliban to explore prospects for peace, according to a prominent Afghan with knowledge of the meeting.

Mr. Salehi was arrested last month in the course of a sprawling investigation into New Ansari, a money transfer firm that relies on couriers and other rudimentary means to move cash in and out of Afghanistan.

New Ansari was founded in the 1990s when the Taliban ruled most of Afghanistan. In the years since 2001, New Ansari grew into one of the most important financial hubs in Afghanistan, transferring billions of dollars in cash for prominent Afghans out of the country, most of it to Dubai.

New Ansari's offices were raided by Afghan agents, with American backing, in January. An American official familiar with the investigation said New Ansari appeared to have been transferring money for wealthy Afghans of every sort, including politicians, insurgents and drug traffickers.



“They were moving money for everybody,” the American official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

**The flow of capital out of Afghanistan is so large that it makes up a substantial portion of Afghanistan’s gross domestic product.**

**In an interview, a United Arab Emirates customs official said it received about \$1 billion from Afghanistan in 2009. But the American official said the amount might be closer to \$2.5 billion — about a quarter of Afghanistan’s gross domestic product.**

Much of the New Ansari cash was carried by couriers flying from Kabul and Kandahar, usually to Dubai, where many Afghan officials maintain second homes and live in splendorous wealth.

An American official familiar with the investigation said the examination of New Ansari’s books was providing rich insights into the culture of Afghan corruption.

“It’s a gold mine,” the official said.

Following the arrest, Mr. Salehi called Mr. Karzai directly from his cell to demand that he be freed. Mr. Karzai twice sent delegations to the detention center where Mr. Salehi was held. After seven hours, Mr. Salehi was let go.

Afterward, Gen. Nazar Mohammed Nikzad, the head of the Afghan unit investigating Mr. Salehi, was summoned to the Presidential Palace and asked by Mr. Karzai to explain his actions.

“Everything is lawful and by the book,” a Western official said of the Afghan anticorruption investigators. “They gather the evidence, they get the warrant signed off — and then the plug gets pulled every time.”

This is not the first time that Afghan prosecutors have run into resistance when they have tried to pursue an Afghan official on corruption charges related to New Ansari.

Sediq Chekari, the minister for Hajj and Religious Affairs, was allowed to flee the country as investigators prepared to charge him with accepting bribes in exchange for steering business to tour operators who ferry people to Saudi Arabia each year. Mr. Chekari fled to Britain, officials said. Afghanistan’s attorney general issued an arrest warrant through Interpol.

American officials say a key player in the scandal is Hajji Rafi Azimi, the vice chairman of Afghan United Bank. The bank’s chairman, Hajji Mohammed Jan, is a founder of New Ansari. According to American officials, Afghan prosecutors would like to arrest Mr. Azimi but so far have run into political interference they did not specify. He has not been formally charged.

In the past, some Western officials have expressed frustration at the political resistance that Afghan prosecutors have encountered when they have tried to investigate Afghan officials. Earlier this year, the American official said that the Obama administration was

considering extraordinary measures to bring corrupt Afghan officials to justice, including extradition.

“We are pushing some high-level public corruption cases right now, and they are just constantly stalling and stalling and stalling,” the American official said of the Karzai administration.

Another Western official said he was growing increasingly concerned about the morale — and safety — of the Afghan anticorruption prosecutors.

So far, the Afghan prosecutors have not folded. The Salehi case is likely to resurface — and very soon. Under Afghan law, prosecutors have a maximum of 33 days to indict a person after his arrest. Mr. Salehi was arrested in late July.

That means Afghan prosecutors may soon come before the Afghan attorney general, Mohammed Ishaq Aloko, to seek an indictment. It will be up to Mr. Aloko, who owes his job to Mr. Karzai, to sign it.

“They are all just doing their jobs,” the Western official said. “They are scared for their lives. They are scared for their families. If it continues, they will eventually give up the fight.”

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## Resistance Action



The police checkpoint attacked by militants killing eight Afghan policemen, in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug. 26, 2010. (AP Photo/ Fulad Hamdard)

August 24 Reuters & Aug 26 (Reuters)

**Taliban rebels killed eight Afghan police officers Thursday in northern Kunduz, an official said, stepping up strikes in what was once a relatively secure part of Afghanistan. The attack happened just before dawn when the police were asleep, Kunduz Governor Mohammad Omar told reporters. One policeman was wounded and one managed to escape, he said, lowering his earlier death toll of nine.**

ZABUL - A roadside bomb killed two Afghan soldiers in southern Zabul province, the Defence Ministry said.

One policeman was killed and eight wounded in three attacks by insurgents in Takhar, Paktika and Helmand provinces on Sunday and Monday, the Interior Ministry said.



The wreckage of a police vehicle where an improvised explosive device detonated, wounding several police officers in Jalalabad August 24, 2010. REUTERS/Parwiz

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## **FUTILE EXERCISE: ALL HOME NOW!**



US troops arrive at a US base in Arghandab Valley, in Kandahar province, on August 10, 2010. (AFP/Yuri Cortez)

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

## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **Resistance Press Conference At Former Government Military Base Reports Many Bases Taken**

August 28, 2010 MOGADISHU (Sh. M. Network)

The African Union troops AMISOM and Al-shabab fighters have togetherly closed the movement of Mekka-al-mukarama, a strategic street in the Somali capital Mogadishu, just as the fighting continues for the 6th consecutive day in the capital.

Al-shabab fighters had closed the street on the side that it controls of Dabka that leads to Bakara market after heavy fighting they took over the military base of Ahlu Sunna Waljma'a between Dabka and Bakara.

**Al-shabab officials had held press conference at the base of the Ahlu Sunna where they took over yesterday afternoon fighting where there had been religious centre of Ahlu Sunna (Mowla), where deceased great religious cleric Mo'alim Nor buried.**

**Al-shabab claimed victory over yesterday's fighting saying they took over the control of more military bases of both Ahlu Sunna and government soldiers..**

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

### **Pentagon To Screen Out Soldiers Showing Signs That They May Become Violent: [Not From The Onion]**

[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

Aug. 21, 2010 by Nancy A. Youssef and Mark Seibel, McClatchy Newspapers [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON - The November 2009 shootings of more than 40 people by an Army psychiatrist at Fort Hood, Texas, revealed a wide range of security lapses at U.S. military bases, including a failure to consider the possibility that a threat might come from an "insider," according to a Pentagon report released Friday.

Among the recommendations:

Better screening of military personnel for signs that they may become violent.

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## **NOT ANOTHER DAY NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



A motorcade drives down Vermont's Interstate 89 in Richmond, Vt., escorting the casket of Vermont National Guard Sgt. Tristan Southworth, on Sunday, Aug., 29, 2010. The 21-year-old Southworth, of Walden, Vt., and Army Sgt. Steven DeLuzio, of South Glastonbury, Conn., died Aug. 22, 2010 in a prolonged gunbattle after their unit was attacked by insurgents with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades in the Paktika Province of Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Alden Pellett)

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



**“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.**

**“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.**

**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

<p><b>Hope for change doesn’t cut it when you’re still losing buddies. -- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War</b></p>
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# **Honorable Anniversary: August 28, 2008**



Iraq Veterans Against The War, Denver [www.ivaw.org/]

## **“Soldiers In Uniform Began The Four-Mile March To The Pepsi Center In Downtown Denver To Protest The Iraq War”**

*[From GI Special 6H20: 8.29.08]*

The thing that stays with me is the sight of those troops looking worried but determined in the face of police force and possible public hostility, trying to make their statement for peace, and how, at the last moment, the whole, huge crowd of civilians had joined them, lifting up their little march and transforming it into an enormous, uplifting show of support.

August 28, 2008 By Ruth Conniff, The Progressive & By Patti Thorn, Rocky Mountain News (Colorado) &lvaw.org/ & By Paul A. Anthony, Rocky Mountain News [Excerpts]

It started as a modest sized march.

**Two squads of 25 IVAW members each formed up outside the venue and began marching to the Pepsi center.**



From the Rage Against the Machine concert at the Denver Coliseum, about 150 soldiers in uniform began the four-mile march to the Pepsi Center in downtown Denver to protest the Iraq War.

The squads were led by members in dress uniforms and combat uniforms, with thousands of supporters marching behind them in support.

The group of mostly young people walked behind a banner that said: "Support GI Resistance."

## "Support GI Resistance"



Protesters march behind Iraq Veterans Against The War Wednesday from the Denver Coliseum to the Pepsi Center after a concert by Rage Against the Machine. Tim Hussin: The Rocky Mountain News

Though the event, co-sponsored by the anti-war group Tent State University and Iraq Veterans Against the War, was unpermitted, the parade proceeded peacefully.

Behind the troops, who marched calling cadence and chanting antiwar slogans, came a larger group in civilian clothes, cheering and waving signs, and growing larger and larger as the marchers wended their way through the downtown.

Wearing T-shirts and stickers with slogans such as "Arrest Bush" and "Make Out Not War," they sang rolling chants, Marine- style. "Tell Me What We're Marching For," sang one group. "Stop the torture, stop the war," answered another.

People lined the streets to watch, most approvingly.

**As the marchers wound their way through the neighborhoods west of the coliseum, they found solidarity with a group of Latinos holding up an anti-war sign and cheering them on.**

“Si, se puede!” shouted some young marchers. “Yes, we can!”

Not everyone was as respectful.

From the balcony of an apartment complex, a man yelled at the throngs of protesters to move on. “Don’t come back here,” he said.

But one protester had the last word: He suggested the man join the Army.

**As they drew near the heavily guarded convention center, cops in riot gear lined the street, and helicopters buzzed overhead. At an intersection, the group stopped facing squad cars with lights on and a phalanx of black-clad police.**

**“We can go on here or not,” one of the march’s organizers told the troops through a megaphone. The march was unauthorized and it was unclear whether the police intended to have a confrontation.**

**She seemed to be trying to calm everyone for a moment, pointing out that the Denver police so far have not been “prone to violence.”**

The march continued, and the civilians bringing up the rear cheered.

It was quite a spectacle: the soldiers in dress uniform and fatigues, and the cops in riot gear watching them from the sidelines.

The soldiers chanted:

“Everywhere we go  
People want to know  
Who we are  
Where we came from.  
We are the veterans  
Iraq War veterans  
Antiwar veterans  
Pissed-off veterans”

**At an intersection, the group stopped to read a letter to Barack Obama asking that he agree to three core principles: the immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq, full and adequate health care for all returning U.S. service members, and reparations to the Iraqi people.**

**The letter also upbraided the Democratic Party for their “initial and continued” support for the war.**

The police presence intensified. I passed a cop videotaping the marchers and a marcher in a green “copwatch” vest videotaping him right back.

Over the long course, from the outskirts of town into the denser downtown, the energy from the crowd seemed to build. The marchers chanting had a hypnotic effect.

“It’s alright  
Its OK  
Remember MLK  
He tried to lead the way  
But he was shot one day  
early in the morning”



Members of Iraq Veterans Against The War (IVAW) march in downtown Denver, leading several thousands activists towards The Pepsi Center. (Photo: Rocky Mountain News)

**Thus far, the march has been peaceful and well received, as residents along the route sprayed the marchers with hoses and provided water from their homes and businesses.**

**More and more people joined the march, until, suddenly, looking back as the group crossed a bridge and then paused right outside the Pepsi Center, you could see several thousand people in a line stretching as far as the eye could see.**

As the group passed into the perimeter of the convention hall, the police presence grew more threatening. “Hey, those ones have masks,” someone pointed out. A group of police in gas masks were pulling on thick gloves and grabbing their batons.

A white van with police in black flak jackets hanging off it rolled alongside the marchers.

The feeling of the whole, thousands-strong group was moving. “It’s beautiful,” one marcher said, looking back at the crowd in the late afternoon sun. Joey Minicucci, 18, of

Littleton, noted that his brother was in the military and would soon be sent to Iraq. That was one of the reasons he was going to the march.

Anne Hill, of Montrose, had other reasons. "I'm marching because it seems to be the last vestiges of our free speech and because people have demands and our government's not listening," she said.

The march came to a standstill at the perimeter of the Pepsi Center around 6:30 p.m., at which time the veterans attempted to have their statement delivered to Obama.

**Tension with police seemed to escalate, until several veterans stepped forward and saluted police. "We are your brothers and sisters in arms," said one.**

**"We don't want to hurt you. We don't want you to hurt us."**

With that, the standoff melted away and soon an appropriate aide was contacted. "I figured as long as we kept things peaceful, they would hear us, and they did," said Army veteran Jeffrey Wood.

Nancy Pelosi, meanwhile, was answering tough questions from the founder of Digg on CNN about why the Democrats in Congress have failed to pull the troops out of Iraq.

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**And join with Iraq Veterans Against the War to end the occupations and bring all troops home now! ([www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/))**

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

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

## **August 29, 1970: In Memoriam The Los Angeles Police Murder Ruben Salazar As Thousands Of Chicanos Demonstrate Against The War On Vietnam**



Carl Bunin Peace History Aug 27-Sept 2

**Between 15 and 30 thousand predominantly Chicanos (Americans of Mexican descent) gathered in East LA's Laguna Park as the culmination of the Chicano National Moratorium.**

**It was organized to protest the disproportionate number of deaths of Chicano soldiers in Vietnam (more than double their numbers in the population). There had been more than 20 other such demonstrations across the southwest.**

Three died when the anti-war march turned violent.

The Los Angeles Police Department attacked and one gunshot, fired into Silver Dollar Bar, killed Ruben Salazar, a Los Angeles Times columnist and a commentator on KMEX-TV (he had been accused by the LAPD of inciting the Chicano community).



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