

## Military Resistance 8/10



**“I Just Wish They Were Out Of  
There — All Of Them”  
Friends, Family Remember Matt  
West:  
“West Died During His Third Tour Of  
Duty Overseas”**

September 4, 2010 BY SHERI McWHIRTER, Traverse City Record-Eagle

GAYLORD — Willie Norton threw his head back and laughed as he recalled his childhood friend Matt West. “All in all, he was a really good guy. I'm going to miss him, even though I haven't seen him in about 15 years,” Norton said.

West served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant and died this week in a bomb explosion in Afghanistan. He was 36 and leaves behind his wife, Carolyn, and their three young children, all under 5 years old.

“We lived across the street from each other in the Pine Briar neighborhood here in Gaylord,” Norton said. “We rode bikes and played a lot of ball together.”

Through the years many of West's close friends moved away from Gaylord, where he graduated from high school in 1992. But some like Norton fondly remember him.

“I wish he was still around so we could hang out and play some softball one more time. We're losing boys left and right. It hits home when you know one who went to war and didn't come back,” Norton said.

Sgt. Trevor Winkel, of the Otsego County Sheriff's Department, said he recalls working with West at a now-closed grocery store on Gaylord's west side.

“He always had a smile from ear to ear. He was a likeable kid, real easy to get along with,” Winkel said. “It's just devastating. You see it constantly on the news, but when I heard Gaylord and then his name, I thought, 'Wow, holy cow.'”

West worked for a while at Glen's Market in Gaylord, where employees lowered the U.S. flag out front.

“I went to school with him. He was a nice guy,” said Gene Gammon, a store employee. “He was two years behind me. He liked to have fun and goof around a lot.”

West returned to Gaylord after graduating from Northern Michigan University in 1997. Eventually he moved away and enlisted.

West died during his third tour of duty overseas.

He was in Afghanistan from March to September 2006, then in Iraq from March 2008 to June 2009. He arrived in Afghanistan for the second time in July, about a month before he died, according to military records.

“We'll never accept it. I keep thinking, 'No, this isn't true,' but then I remember, 'Yes, this has happened. We've lost a member of our family,’” said Beatrice West, his grandmother who lives in Elk Rapids. “You really can't put into words how you feel.”

West's military job was to diffuse bombs, a task of which he was proud, Beatrice West said.

“I'm hoping it was instant and he didn't suffer.

“I just wish they were out of there — all of them,” she said.

West died alongside four other soldiers, all stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado.

Beatrice West said her grandson was charming, and she recalled his close relationship with his late grandfather. That closeness was strained on one occasion, though, when his grandfather gave him a particularly bad home haircut.

“He put a baseball hat on his head until it grew back out. He slept with it on and even went into the bay to swim with it on his head,” Beatrice West laughed.

West received 20 military awards before his death and additional posthumous awards are expected. Among his awards: the Bronze Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge.

West's uncle Joe West, of Farmington Hills, said a private memorial service is planned at Fort Carson and his nephew will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. No memorial service is planned in Michigan, he said.

“All of our focus now is on his kids and his wife and taking care of them. We're going to take real good care of his kids,” Joe West said.

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **[Fools Said It Was Over] Citizens In Falluja March Against U.S.Troops**



Falluja: Mourners carrying coffins curse U.S. armed forces during a funeral procession for people killed in a raid in Fallujah west of Baghdad, Iraq, Sept. 16, 2010. U.S. and Iraqi forces launched a raid on the Fallujah Wednesday, killing at least seven people in the second incident this week in which American troops were involved in fighting despite the official end of combat. At least four other people, including a 90-year-old woman, were wounded in the raid, which took place in the Hay Jubail district of Falluja in western Anbar province. REUTERS/Mohanned Faisal



Falluja: Mourners carrying coffins curse U.S. armed forces during a funeral procession for people killed in a raid in Fallujah west of Baghdad, Iraq, Sept. 16, 2010. REUTERS/Mohanned Faisal



Falluja: Mourners yell condemnation of U.S. armed forces during a funeral procession for people killed in a raid in Fallujah west of Baghdad, Iraq, Sept. 16, 2010. (AP Photo/Bilal Fawzi)

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

# [Fools Said It Was Over] Welcome To Baghdad; Have A Nice Day



Iraqis politically aligned with anti-occupation nationalist Muqtada al-Sadr demonstrate against the U.S. military presence in Iraq after Friday prayers in Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq, Sept. 17, 2010. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)



Iraqis politically aligned with anti-occupation nationalist Muqtada al-Sadr burn the U.S. flag in Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq, Sept. 17, 2010. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

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# NOT ANOTHER DAY NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR NOT ANOTHER LIFE



The remains of Army Pvt. James F. McClamrock, Sept. 9, 2010 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. McClamrock, 22, of Huntersville, N.C., died Sept. 7 in Balad, Iraq of wounds sustained from small arms fire. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

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## Resistance Action

Sept 16 (Reuters) & Sept 17 (Reuters)

**SAMARRA** - A bomber killed two government-backed militia members and wounded four others in the centre of Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, police and medical sources said.

**KIRKUK** - Three policemen were wounded, including a major, when two bombs targeting their patrol went off, in the centre of Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

**MOSUL** - An off-duty soldier was killed by insurgents in a marketplace in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, a police source in the provincial police operations centre said.

**BAGHDAD** - A police official working in the embassy protection department of the Interior Ministry was killed by a bomb attached to his car in Mansour district of western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

**BAGHDAD** - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi police patrol wounded two policemen in Adhamiya district, northern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

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# **The Traitor Obama's Lying Bullshit Reeks On: U.S. Military Occupation In Total Control Of Access To "Green Zone" Headquarters Of Iraqi Government: "If Iraqi Security Forces Now Control The Green Zone Why Do U.S. Military- Issued Badges Still Determine Who Can Get In And Out?"**

September 16, 2010 By Shashank Bengali, McClatchy Newspapers [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD — Friends in the U.S. often are surprised to hear that, as Western journalists working in Baghdad, we don't live inside the famously fortified Green Zone. Access to the IZ, or "international zone," as it's also known, is governed by a complex and ever-changing formula of badges and placards, and every time I come into Iraq it takes me a few weeks to figure out the current system.

As a new arrival, I've applied for but haven't yet received a U.S. military-issued "green badge," which allows me to pass through the Iraqi-run checkpoints at IZ entrances and also to escort visitors. The green badges are the coin of the realm, and often time-consuming for Westerners to get, although the U.S. military says it's trying to streamline the system.

My Iraqi colleagues, who've been covering the war for McClatchy for several years, and are here year-round while we Westerners drop in and out, after several months of waiting were finally granted badges recently - but of different colors, which carry fewer privileges.

So for now I have limited access to the Green Zone, while I wait for my badge to be processed. This presents some challenges. When the U.S. Embassy invited me to a briefing earlier this week inside the Green Zone, a press officer suggested I hitch a ride with a green-badged member of another media organization. (Fortunately the Baghdad press corps is full of collegial folks, and it wasn't hard to drum up a lift.)

Yesterday, when one of my Iraqi colleagues and I had an appointment with a government official whose office is inside the Green Zone, we rather sheepishly had to

ask the official to send one of his aides to pick us up from just outside one of the entrances.

Never mind the slight and temporary embarrassment this causes for us. Many Iraqis who would like to visit Iraqi government buildings inside the Green Zone either can't get in or have to wait to be searched by security contractors in long lines at entrances exposed to possible insurgent attacks.

As more than one Iraqi has pointed out to me, if Iraqi security forces now control the Green Zone - American forces handed over the checkpoints in a major symbolic move three months ago - why do U.S. military-issued badges still determine who can get in and out?

U.S. military officials also say that the military retains control of the badging process because Iraqi security forces lack the capacity to do such thorough vetting.

**LIAR  
TRAITOR  
SOLDIER-KILLER  
DOMESTIC ENEMY  
UNFIT FOR COMMAND  
UNWORTHY OF OBEDIENCE:**



REUTERS/Jason Reed

***Why, I can smile, and murder whiles I smile,  
And cry 'Content' to that which grieves my heart  
And wet my cheeks with artificial tears,  
And frame my face to all occasions.  
-- Gloucester, "Henry VI"-Shakespeare***

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# **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

## **Airman From Montwood High School Dies In Afghanistan**

September 17, 2010 An airman from El Paso died Thursday in Afghanistan, according to our partner the El Paso Times.

Daniel Sanchez, 23, died after being shot in a firefight, relatives said. Neither the Air Force nor the Defense Department had confirmed Sanchez's death.

Sanchez graduated from Montwood High School and was stationed at Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

He had been in Afghanistan since June.

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## **Italian Special Forces Officer Killed In Afghanistan**

17 September (ANSA)

Rome September 17 - One of the two members of Italy's special forces in Afghanistan wounded Friday in a firefight with insurgents has died, defense ministry sources have told ANSA.

The casualty was named as Lt. Alessandro Romani of the 9th Col. Moschin assault regiment.

The firefight took place in the Bakwa District, in the western Farah Province, after a group of insurgents had planted a roadside bomb, military sources said. The special forces were called into action when an Italian drone spotted the insurgents planting the bomb.

They came under fire as they were landing their helicopter, the sources added. Initially, Lt. Romani and a private were said to have only suffered minor shoulder wounds, one more seriously than the other.

Lt. Romani's death was later confirmed by the Italian command headquarters in Herat.

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## **Foreign Occupation “Service Member” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan 9.16: Nationality Not Announced**

Sept 16 (Reuters)

KABUL - A foreign “service member” was killed in an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan.

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## **Second Foreign Occupation “Service Member” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan 9.16: Nationality Not Announced**

Sept 16 (Reuters)

A foreign “service member” was killed by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan.

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## **Marine From Penns Manor Killed In Afghanistan**



September 5, 2010 By RANDY WELLS, Indiana Gazette

KENWOOD - Penns Manor High School teachers remembered one of their former students who died Thursday in Afghanistan as a jovial young man with many friends who enjoyed having a good time and lighting up a classroom with his personality.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua Twigg, 21, formerly of the Penn Run area, was killed in action in Helmand province, Afghanistan, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, Twigg died Thursday while conducting combat operations while assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He was the son of Randy and Terri Twigg, who now live in Northern Cambria.

An uncle, August Twigg, said Thursday the family wished only to release the following statement: "The U.S. Marine Corps contacted Mr. and Mrs. Twigg early Thursday morning to inform them that their son, Joshua T. Twigg, was killed by hostile fire in Afghanistan," August Twigg read from the statement. "Josh was proud to serve his country as a Marine, having served previously in Iraq two years ago, and volunteering to be deployed to Afghanistan.

"Josh's family asks for your prayers as they grieve the loss of this fine young man who was loved by his parents, longtime girlfriend, brothers, sister, nieces and nephew, as well as his extended family and community of friends who knew and loved him. Please respect their privacy as they mourn," August Twigg said.

Twigg graduated in 2007 from Penns Manor. He played on the football team there and took several of the school's vocational-agriculture and technical classes. He was listed as an honors student during his senior year.

"Josh was very popular and mechanically inclined," said Andy Bridge, who taught Twigg in his woodshop and advanced technology classes. "He wasn't afraid to do anything, and he always had to be doing something."

Bridge said long before Twigg graduated he was planning to join the Marines. Bridge warned him that choice could place him in harm's way in Afghanistan. But Twigg was not deterred.

"He was fun to be around. I enjoyed having him class," Bridge said. "He was good kid. This is a real shame."

Penns Manor vo-ag teacher Jerry Hughes also had Twigg as a student in several of his classes.

"He was one of the kids you enjoyed coming to school to be with," Hughes said, adding that the usually jovial Twigg could come into a room and lift everyone's spirits.

"He enjoyed having a good time and making people laugh," he said.

Hughes also said he was under the impression Twigg was planning a career in construction, and the vo-ag teacher was a little surprised when he learned Twigg had enlisted in the military.

Twigg played defensive line and offensive tackle for the Comets. "He was a young man who enjoyed life," said football coach Bill Packer. "He always had a lot of friends around him. He always treated the coaches with a lot of respect."

Penns Manor High School Principal Daren Johnston said his most memorable recollection of Twigg was when Twigg made his high school graduation project presentation to a panel of five school administrators and teachers. Twigg based his project on his experiences working with his uncle in a moving business.

"He just floored me" with his presentation, Johnston said. "I always saw him as a football player," but his presentation was "one of the best projects I've seen. ... That graduation project still sticks out in my mind."

School officials plan to honor Twigg's memory in a brief ceremony preceding the Comets' football game at 7 this evening.

The Defense Department reported this morning Twigg was a fire team leader assigned to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, I Marine Expeditionary Force Forward. He joined the Marine Corps in July 2007 and was promoted to lance corporal May 1, 2010.

Twigg previously deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2008 to April 2009 and, most recently, to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in July 2010, according to the DOD.

His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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## East Canton Mourns Loss Of Local Soldier Killed In Afghanistan



September 9, 2010 Karen Mundy, Review Minerva Bureau

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," Charles Dickens said as he started one of his famous books. More than 100 years later, those words completely describe this September in the village of East Canton.

During a week filled with excitement and expectation for East Canton, students and staff are returning to brand new schools.

However, as they do, the school and community are mourning the loss of 1996 graduate Kevin Kessler, who was killed while serving his country in Afghanistan. At the recent grand opening celebration, a special time was set aside to honor U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kessler.

Kessler moved to East Canton during his high school years. He quickly became a part of the school and was elected vice president of his senior class.

Kessler, 32, was killed Aug. 30, by hostile fire during an IED attack in the Arghandab River Valley in Helmand, Afghanistan. He had been serving with the 4th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, which is stationed out of Fort Carson, Colo.

This was Kessler's third tour of duty; he had previously served two tours of duty in Iraq.

Jason Mills, a 1995 graduate of East Canton High School, remembers his close friend's infectious smile and love of music. The two had known each other while attending schools in Canton, and then reconnected when both ended up finishing their high school education in East Canton.

"Eight years after we graduated from high school, he (Kessler) stopped by to tell me he was enlisting. Since then, he has been all about serving his country. He was here a month ago and we sat out on the porch and had a beer together. We were having a barbecue. I had no idea ..." Mills said.

During that last visit home, Kevin and his wife, Adrian, also found out that they were expecting their first child.

Over this past weekend, Mills hosted a get-together of Kessler's friends from Canton and East Canton, so they could all have a time to reminisce and honor their fallen friend. Another guest that evening was Tony Millette of Canton, who had also planned to reconnect with his childhood neighbor.

"I am planning to move to Colorado, and that is where he is stationed out of. We were going to be able to get together again," Millette said.

Chris Corbi, who served as East Canton High School principal, also remembered the smile and the friendly personality of Kessler. "He was tall and thin and wore wire-rimmed glasses. If he saw you, he always said 'hi' and made you feel special," Corbi remembered.

"I am also so impressed with what he did with his life after graduation. He served three tours of duty for his country. He was a real hero, and we (the school and community) are planning to do other things in his honor," Corbi continued.

During the school's grand opening celebration on Thursday, Superintendent of Schools Melissa Marconi said Kessler, as well as other students who lost their lives as young adults, will be remembered in a special "Memory Garden," which was recently created by an Eagle Scout who is a sophomore at the school.

She also reported that one of Kessler's Army buddies had called from Afghanistan that morning. "Sgt. Chris Parker called, in tears, to ask us to 'please remember my friend Kevin,'" said Marconi.

Parker went on to tell her that he and Kessler had trained together, served together and were both in Afghanistan, although they were serving in different areas. Parker said his friend was "a heck of a Browns fan" and he was hoping for a "Browns victory in his (Kessler's) honor." (The Browns fulfilled his hopes as they defeated Chicago, 13-10, on Thursday night.)

Marconi reported Parker ended his conversation with her that morning by saying, "Tell everyone I loved him a lot."

Several family members of Kessler's were in attendance at the grand opening celebration of East Canton's new schools last week, including Mitchell Kmatz, a sixth-grader at East Canton. Following the morning program, Mitchell and his family were shown support by many others at the event.

The community is also honoring Kessler with signs at many area business and flags flown throughout the town and township.

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## **Farewell To A Hero: Family, Friends Remember USMC Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder**



Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder served on three tours of combat duty – two in Iraq, one in Afghanistan.

9.9.10 By Mike Gainor, Kanabec Publications

Throughout Pine City last week, people talked of their memories of U.S. Marine Corps Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder

Daniel Fedder's life was cut short at age 34 when he was killed in Afghanistan on Aug. 27 while working as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialist.

When family and friends bring up his name, they always mention the positive effect he had on those around him.

"Danny was a wonderful young man," said Gerry Klinkhammer Fedder's aunt and godmother. She said that she and her husband were very close to Jackie and Bob McKellar and their boys Dan and Dominick, who lived first in Beroun then in the Pine City area.

"We were always together, so our children grew up like brothers and sisters," Gerry said. "Their children were my children and my children were their children. That's just how close we were."

She said that Fedder was close to his parents. "Bob just thought he was the cat's meow," she said. "Bob was his stepfather, but you would never know that because Bob loved him like a son. I can't say enough about that. And Jackie was a very good mother to both boys."

"His brother Dominick (Nick) just adored him," she added. "Him and Nick, they would play pranks on each other. I guess one time they were goofing around and Danny put Nicky in the dryer! And he loved it. They kept the door open, and he had a helmet on. But mother didn't know about that for many years."

Fedder attended Grasston Christian Academy in his youth before starting at Pine City High School, where he excelled in wrestling. "When it came to his sports, he went all out," Gerry said. "When he did things that he believed in, he did them with all of his heart. He had many teachers who really loved him."

But he still had a mischievous streak. "He worked with me at Pamida, and he was a nut," Gerry said. "My son-in-law, Doug Schultz, and Dan worked together, and they were always pulling pranks – fun-loving pranks."

What kind of pranks? "They decided they wanted to taste the dog biscuits – they wanted to make sure that they were all different flavors, and they tasted them all," she said, laughing. "Of course, they were all the same flavor."

"Another time, the boys put pepper in the coffee grounds so that we would have real spicy coffee," she said. "Just crazy things like that."

Gerry said that there was a tradition of military service in the family. Two of Fedder's uncles and a cousin were Marines, with another in the Navy.

"From the time that he was very young, he knew that he wanted to be a Marine," she said. "And so he honored his uncles that way. I'll tell you: he loved his God, he loved his country, and he definitely loved his family.."

She said she knew what kind of work Fedder did for the EOD, and saw a YouTube video showing him disabling a roadside bomb. "To tell you the truth, I was scared half to

death,” she said. “But I knew why he was doing it. It made me a very proud aunt, to know that he was doing it with all his heart.

“One thing that is very true about Dan: if he didn’t do it, he didn’t ask his men to do it,” she said. “He loved his men just as much as he loved his family”

The last time she saw Fedder was the Christmas before last. “He surprised us all,” she said. “He came, and we partied hearty.”

She said that Bob and Jackie and Dominick saw Dan just before he was deployed to Afghanistan. “They had just a wonderful, wonderful time with him,” she said. “We’re just all so thankful for that time they had.”

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## **U.S. OCCUPATION RECRUITING DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR; RECRUITING FOR THE ARMED RESISTANCE THAT IS**



A foreign occupation soldier from the USA puts his hands on the body of an Afghan citizen without consent during a patrol at the village of Gul Kalacheh, Arghandab River valley in Kandahar province September 17, 2010. Photo: REUTERS/Oleg Popov

Afghani citizens have no right to resist body touching by occupation soldiers from the USA. If they do, they may be arrested, wounded, or killed.

Foreign occupation soldiers from the USA make a daily practice of publicly humiliating Afghan citizens.



This encourages self-respecting honorable Afghans to kill them.

[Fair is fair. Let's bring 94,000 Afghan troops over here to the USA.

[They can kill people at checkpoints, bust into their houses with force and violence, bomb and butcher their families, overthrow the government, put a new one in office they like better and "detain" anybody who doesn't like it in a military prison endlessly without any charges being filed against them, or any trial.

[Those Afghans are sure a bunch of backward primitives.

[They actually resent this help, have the absurd notion that it's bad their country is occupied by a foreign military dictatorship killing them wholesale, and consider it their patriotic duty to fight and kill the soldiers sent to grab their country.

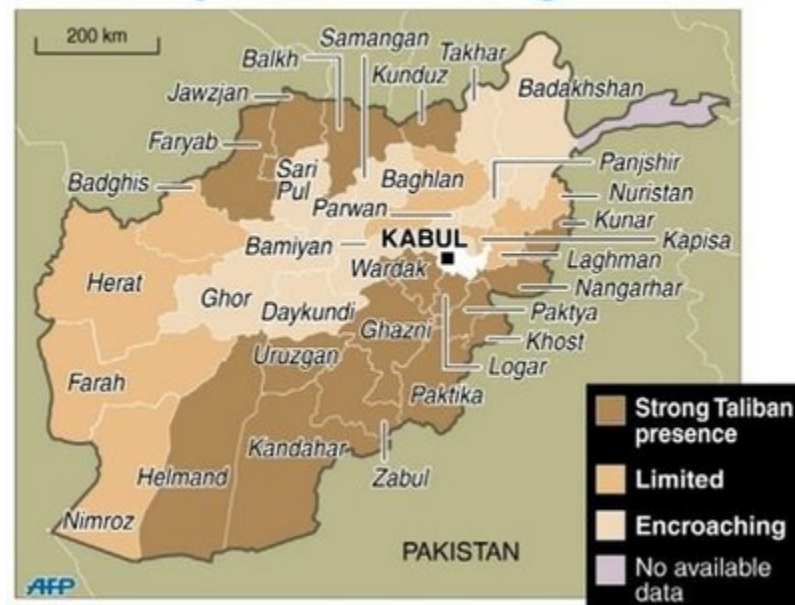
[What a bunch of silly people.

[How fortunate they are to live under a military dictatorship run by Barrack Obama.

[Why, how could anybody not love that? You'd want that in your home town, right?]

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## Taliban presence in Afghanistan



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## Resistance Action

Sept 16 AFP 7 By Jonathon Burch, Yahoo! News & 9.17.10 The New York Times & Reuters

**Around 100 Afghan civilians started throwing rocks at Australian forces guarding FOB Mirwais Thursday, in Chora district of southern Uruzgan province. One protester, armed with an AK-47 assault rifle, was shot by an Australian soldier when he tried to access the base through a side gate. The man was dragged off by the crowd and it was not immediately clear if he was dead. The protesters had thereafter dispersed.**

A land mine explosion near Adreskan killed two government election workers south of Herat and damaged the vehicle after transporting ballot boxes to Adreskan. One employee was wounded.

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Taliban fighters killed five security guards in Ghazni, also in the south, an official said. Militants attacked a security post at a road construction site, killing the privately employed guards, provincial spokesman Ismail Jahangir said.

Two other guards were wounded and another two missing, he said.

**Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility in a telephone call, saying the missing guards had been involved in planning the attack and were with the militants.**

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**The Taliban on Friday announced the capture of 30 government campaign workers, election officials and even a candidate for Parliament as Afghans prepared to vote in elections Saturday. Government officials confirmed most of the Taliban reports.**

On Thursday evening in northern Badghis Province, 8 workers with the Independent Election Commission and 10 campaigners for a candidate went to meet with village elders in Qolghai, in Muqur District, about opening a polling station, but armed Taliban insurgents in the village took them prisoner, according to Sharafuddin Majidi, a spokesman for the provincial governor.

In eastern Afghanistan, a candidate, Mollawi Hayatullah Purqani, was driving in the Alishing District of Laghman Province on Friday morning when he was stopped by the Taliban and taken away, according to Abdul Rahman Muhabat, head of the election commission in the province, who said that others with Mr. Purqani may have been captured as well.

Hours after the reports, the deputy minister of the interior in charge of police, Gen. Munir Mohammed Mangar, said at a news conference here that preparations for protecting the elections were proceeding peacefully.

**“I promise our people they will be secure,” he said. “There won’t be any problems.”**

**Asked about the workers taken prisoner in Badghis, General Mangar ignored the question. He did, however, say that two campaign workers had been captured in Herat on Wednesday.**

**He ended the news conference after 10 minutes.**

Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, said the Taliban were responsible for the capture of Mr. Purqani in Laghman, and added that 10 of Mr. Purqani's campaign workers were also captured.

In Badghis, the local Taliban commander, reached by telephone and speaking on condition of anonymity, took responsibility for taking the 8 election officials and 10 campaigners. He said they would be tried by a Taliban court for their crimes.

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

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

**ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT;  
ALL HOME NOW**



U.S. soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division line up in a sandstorm for food at Forward Operating Base Howz-e-Madad, in Zhari district, Kandahar province, southern Afghanistan, Aug. 24, 2010. The soldiers at Howz-e-Madad operate in a district which, continues to hold many well-armed fighters, and a support network which provides the fighters with improvised explosives and safe havens. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)



With fine, dense, airborne dust nearly blocking out the sunlight, U.S. Marines approach a U.S. Army medevac helicopter during the evacuation of a fellow Marine knocked unconscious when an improvised explosive device was detonated during a foot patrol, west of Lashkar Gah, in southern Afghanistan, Sept. 2, 2010. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)



U.S. soldiers from Task Force 1-66, patrol along the bank of Arghandab River in Kandahar province September 9, 2010. REUTERS/Oleg Popov



U.S. Marines from 1st Light Armoured Reconnaissance Battalion patrol in a village in Helmand September, 2010. REUTERS/Erik de Castro

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

### **Government Controls Down To Only “A Few Streets” In Mogadishu**

Sep 16, 2010 GAROWE ONLINE

The Somali Transitional Federal Government (TFG) backed by AU [translation: U.S. Government funded mercenaries], which has long promised to launch a major offensive against insurgents, controls only a few streets of Mogadishu.

Meanwhile, Somalia's hard-line al-Shabaab insurgent has imposed orders to close three aid agencies in Mogadishu namely: Mercy Corps, Med-Air and Horn Relief.

Speaking to the press when hundred protesters gathered in Mogadishu, Al-shabaab spokesman, Ali Dhere, said these organization was same with the others who “propagated Western ideology” to the Somali people.

“Starting today (Wednesday), the aid groups (Mercy Corps, Med-Air and Horn Relief) will not serve inside the country, am urging the other NGOs who has contract with American government should stop or else we will take action against them,” Ali Dhere said.

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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**

**Hope for change doesn't cut it when you're still losing buddies.**

**-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.**

**-- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace**

**“What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.”**

**-- Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787**

**One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004**

**The Social-Democrats ideal should not be the trade union secretary, but the tribune of the people who is able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression no matter where it appears no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; who is able to generalize all these manifestations and produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; who is able to take advantage of every event, however small, in order to set forth before all his socialist convictions and his democratic demands, in order to clarify for all and everyone the world-historic significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.”**

**-- V. I. Lenin; What Is To Be Done**

**A revolution is always distinguished by impoliteness, probably because the ruling classes did not take the trouble in good season to teach the people fine manners.  
-- Leon Trotsky, History Of The Russian Revolution**

**“The Nixon administration claimed and received great credit for withdrawing the Army from Vietnam, but it was the rebellion of low-ranking GIs that forced the government to abandon a hopeless suicidal policy”**

**-- David Cortright; Soldiers In Revolt**

**It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.**

**-- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers**

## **Stupid Calls Us Stupid**

**Comment: T**

**There is an epidemic of arrogant, elitist, and above all, profoundly ignorant sneering from self-identified “left” sources repeating in various ways that the population of the United States are lazy, stupid, blind, foolish sheep controlled by the government, and unable to think for themselves.**

**These writers contrast this supposedly brain-dead U.S. population under the control of the rich and their media with their own wisdom about what's wrong, and what people should think about what's wrong, if only most people weren't such hopeless fools.**

**Not only are these elitists self-righteous and smug, they are also out of touch with material reality.**

**That is hardly surprising, since their focus is fanaticizing about their own political wisdom and importance. For them, the rest of the population exists only as cardboard non-humans to be shit on.**

**Meanwhile, in the material world, there are huge masses of real people far wiser than these chattering fools who look down on us.**

**First, here are some examples of stupidity masquerading as profundity:**

*By G: 17 August, 2010, Countercurrents.org*

*The majority of Americans are decent, hard-working people, but they are none the less... stooges. They have been indoctrinated from birth to believe in a set of core values that are designed to keep them subservient and docile. They are the victims of propaganda that emanates from the government and the corporate media, designed to lead them to believe that we are "defending democracy" even though we have no real democracy of our own.*

*By C Aug 23, 2010: Email*

*In Capitalism, people are carefully controlled by immersing them in total ignorance through news media manipulation on a daily bases.*

*By CK Sept. 15, 2010*

*Though America arguably has the best post-secondary education money can buy, the education of most Americans is so terribly narrow that, outside of their own narrow area of specialization, Americans are morons.*

**Next are a few examples of many recent facts that illuminate the stupidity just quoted.**

**Finally, after the examples, incisive analyses of this layer of elitist social fungus written over one hundred years ago.**

**True then, true now.**

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By SAM SMITH July 23 - 25, 2010, CounterPunch

**[C]onsider the following from a recent Time poll:**



**86% oppose reducing spending on Social Security**

**82% oppose reducing spending on Medicare.**

**55% would reduce spending on the war in Afghanistan**

**63% would not reduce spending on unemployment compensation**

**68% would not reduce spending on healthcare.**

JONATHAN WEISMAN AUGUST 16, 2010, Wall St. Journal:

[T]he most recent Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll.

**In it, 74% said it would be acceptable to change Medicare to provide larger subsidies for low-income seniors, while cutting subsidies for the more affluent.**

**Sixty-four percent would accept capping Medicare and Medicaid payments to health-care providers, while 58% backed subjecting incomes over \$107,000 to Social Security taxes.**

**Slowly raising the retirement age to 70 to reduce Social Security costs was acceptable to only 36% of those polled.**

**Raising the eligibility age for Medicare was even less popular.**

Frank Rich, The New York Times 05 September 10:

**In recent polls, 60 percent of those surveyed thought the war in Iraq was a mistake, 70 percent thought it wasn't worth American lives, and only a quarter believed it made us safer from terrorism.**

James Page, The Boston Globe, September 14, 2010:

**CBS and Newsweek respectively found 56 and 52 percent of Americans supporting eliminating tax cuts for households making above \$250,000. Gallup found that 44 percent supported expiration of the cuts for the top 3 percent.**

**MORE:**

**“However Much The Hero Loves The Crowd, He Cannot But Look Down On It From Above”**

Excerpt from The Monist View Of History, By G.V. Plekhanov; 1895; St. Petersburg, Russia

**Once having imagined himself to be the main architect, the Demiurge of history, the “critically thinking” man thereby separates off himself and those like him into a special, higher variety of the human race.**

**This higher variety is contrasted to the mass, foreign to critical thought, and capable only of playing the part of clay in the creative hands of “critically thinking” personalities.**

**“Heroes” are contrasted to the “crowd.”**

**However much the hero loves the crowd, however filled he may be with sympathy for its age-long needs and its continuous sufferings, however much the hero loves the crowd, he cannot but realize that everything depends upon him, the hero, while the crowd is a mass alien to every creative element, something in the nature of a vast quantity of ciphers, which acquire some positive significance only in the event of a kind, “critically thinking” entity condescendingly taking its place at their head.**

**MORE:**

## **“Your Contrasting Of Heroes To The Crowd Is Mere Conceit And Therefore Self-Deception”**

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It has long ago been said that no one kindles a torch in order to leave it under a bushel.

So that the dialectical materialist adds that one should not leave the torch in the narrow study of the “intellectual.”

“So long as there exist “heroes” who imagine that it is sufficient for them to enlighten their own heads to be able to lead the crowd wherever they please, and to mould it, like clay, into anything that comes into their heads, the kingdom of reason remains a pretty phrase or a noble dream.

It begins to approach us with seven-league strides only when the “crowd” itself becomes the hero of historical action, and when in it, in that colourless “crowd,” there develops the appropriate consciousness of self.

Develop human consciousness, we said.

Develop the self-consciousness of the producers, we now add.

**Subjective philosophy seems to us harmful just because it prevents the intelligentsia from helping in the development of that self-consciousness, opposing heroes to the crowd, and imagining that the crowd is no more than a totality of ciphers, the significance of which depends only on the ideals of the hero who gives them the lead.**

If there's only a marsh, there'll be devils enough, says the popular proverb in its coarse way.

If there are only heroes, there'll be a crowd for them, say the subjectivists; and these heroes are we ourselves, the subjective intelligentsia.

To this we reply: your contrasting of heroes to the crowd is mere conceit and therefore self-deception.

And you will remain mere ... talkers, until you understand that for the triumph of your own ideals you must eliminate the very possibility of such contrasting, you must awaken in the crowd the heroic consciousness of self.

-- **“Mit der Gründlichkeit der geschichtlichen Action wird der Umfang der Masse zunehmen, deren Action sie ist.”** (“Together with the thoroughness of the historical action will grow the volume of the mass whose action it is.”) -- Marx, The Holy Family

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