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**“S.C. Native Killed After Combat Role
Ends In Iraq”
[Enquirer Herald Headline]**



James McClamrock: COURTESY KATHRYN MCCLAMROCK -

Sep. 09, 2010 By David Perlmutter, Enquirer Herald

CONCORD, N.C. --

Kathryn McClamrock sat in her bedroom Tuesday night crying over a "silly TV show," when her younger sister, 10-year-old Caroline, came in sobbing and wiping her face with a wet towel.

"She said, 'There's two people from the Army downstairs. It's about Jamie. He was shot. He's dead.'" Kathryn, 18, recalled Wednesday evening. "After that, I had something to really cry about."

Pfc. James McClamrock, 22, born in Columbia and raised in Hendersonville and Statesville, N.C., was part of a security detail Tuesday in Iraq. He was guarding a company commander who was meeting with Iraqi security forces at an army base north of Baghdad.

Suddenly an Iraqi soldier opened fire on the Americans before he was shot and killed, the military said in a statement.

McClamrock and another U.S. soldier from the Army's Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division were killed, the first Americans to die in Iraq since combat operations formally ended last week.

Nine other Americans were wounded - underscoring the dangers facing 50,000 U.S. troops still in the country.

The U.S. military and Iraqi defense ministry are investigating the firefight.

Wednesday evening in Concord, where McClamrock's parents and five siblings live, friends gathered at Concord ARP Church, where his father is the pastor.

They recalled a deeply religious young man who had joined the Army a year ago after feeling a divine calling. They prayed for the families of the other dead soldier and the nine wounded soldiers.

Unlike many boys, McClamrock didn't grow up playing war games, or aching to be a soldier, sister Kathryn said.

After graduating from high school in 2006, James got married, started college and began working security for the federal Transportation Security Administration at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport.

"Then one night he declared he was enlisting in the Army because 'God wants me to do this,'" his sister said. "We're all strong Christians. If he said that, then nobody was going to stop him. His wife understood."

He signed up for a four-year stint and had been in the Army a year when he was killed.

U.S. Troops In Raid That Kills Seven Iraqis In Falluja “Despite The Official End Of Combat Operations”

IED Targets U.S. Military In Basra



A doctor treats a 90-year-old wounded woman at a hospital in Falluja, 50 km (31 miles) west of Baghdad September 15, 2010. Eight people were killed on Wednesday in a raid by Iraqi and U.S. security forces in Falluja. At least four other people, including the 90-year-old woman, were wounded in the raid. REUTERS/Mohammed Faisal

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

9.15.10 Associated Press & By Azhar Shalal, Maktoob Business

FALLUJAH - Eight civilians and two Iraqi soldiers were killed on Wednesday when shooting erupted after a joint US-Iraqi raid in the former rebel bastion of Fallujah, Iraqi officials said.

Civilians were caught in the crossfire.

Seven were killed and four wounded.

A vehicle ban was imposed on the city, and the area that was raided cordoned off by security forces, an AFP reporter said.

Fallujah police chief Brigadier General Faisal al-Essawi said five houses were raided.

He said eight civilians were killed, including two women and two children.

The incident highlights the continued fighting role of American forces in Iraq despite the official end of combat operations announced by President Barack Obama when the number of American troops fell below 50,000 at the end of August.

The shooting occurred on Wednesday morning in the Jbeil neighbourhood of central Fallujah, long a base for fighters who waged an insurgency against US troops and the Iraqi government that peaked in 2006 and 2007.

Fallujah media chief Mohammed Fathi also said eight people were killed.

Dr Omar al-Delli at Fallujah hospital said four bodies had so far been received. Essawi said four other bodies had been taken away by the forces who conducted the raids.

Earlier, Iraqi special forces and American troops cordoned off a neighborhood in the western part of Fallujah at about 2 a.m. before raiding several houses, police and hospital officials said.

In the southern city of Basra, a roadside bomb detonated near an American military vehicle on Wednesday, police in Iraq's second-largest city said. The U.S. military said no Americans were hurt in the incident.



U.S. Army and Iraqi at the scene of a roadside bomb attack on the U.S. military in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, Sept. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Nabil al-Jurani)

U.S. Non-Combat Troops Battle Insurgents In Hudaidy With Ground And Air Forces

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[Thanks to Felicity Arbuthnot, who sent this in.]

September 13 By TIMOTHY WILLIAMS, New York Times [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD – American military units fired on insurgents while supporting Iraqi troops northeast of the capital on Sunday, Iraqi officials said. It was the second such episode since the United States declared an end to its combat operations in Iraq less than two weeks ago.

There were no American casualties in the fighting in Hudaidy, a village about 50 miles from Baghdad.

Iraqi security officials said three people were killed: an Iraqi soldier, an Iraqi police officer and an insurgent. Ten people were wounded.

Iraqi military and civilian officials said American helicopters and some ground troops had taken part after Iraqi forces requested assistance. The Iraqis had come under fire while raiding insurgent hide-outs in the agricultural area.

On Sunday, Maj. Dhalib Attiya of the Diyala Police said insurgents had placed bombs at the perimeter of a 12-acre palm grove in Hudaidy to prevent Iraqi forces from approaching.

Some of the fighters then climbed into tall palms and fired at Iraqi Army and police units with sniper rifles, he said.

Isam Shakar Mizher, a member of the security committee of the Diyala Provincial Council, said Iraqi forces sought help from American helicopters after being unable to locate the snipers.

The battle started Saturday afternoon after Iraqi security forces arrested at least eight men suspected of having ties to the insurgency, the Iraqi police said.

Not long afterward, Iraqi soldiers and police officers were attacked near the orchard, and a police officer was killed by a bomb.

On Sunday evening, Iraqi security officials said the palm grove had been surrounded by Iraqi troops who planned to enter the field at dawn. It was not immediately clear whether American troops would accompany them.

U.S. Non-Combat Troops Battle Insurgents In Hudaidy With Ground

Forces, Cannon, Machine-Gun Fire, As F-16's Drop 500-Pound Bombs: “This Was A Grinding, Slow, Close Combat Fight,’ Colonel Frost Wrote” About Non-Combat Troops Fight With Insurgents: [#2]

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

September 13, 2010 By MICHAEL R. GORDON, The New York Times [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — American forces provided extensive support to the Iraqi military in a recent operation north of Baghdad, illustrating the risks that United States troops still endure in their new advisory role there.

During two days of combat in Diyala Province, American troops were armed with mortars, machine guns and sniper rifles. Apache and Kiowa helicopters attacked insurgents with cannon and machine-gun fire, and F-16's dropped 500-pound bombs.

One American soldier was slightly wounded during the operation, which at times put United States forces within the range of insurgents' hand grenades in an area thick with trenches and palm groves.

The latest round of fighting began when nearly 600 Iraqi soldiers and police mounted an operation in Diyala Province, a strategically vital area rife with sectarian tensions. A major purpose of the operation was to uncover arms caches and detain people from insurgent groups. The town of Al Hadid was one objective in a five-day campaign that covered 21 towns and cities.

While searching for an arms cache near Al Hadid, Iraqi forces came under attack from hand grenades and machine guns in an area laced with trenches. Late on Sept. 11, Iraqis asked for American help that very evening, and the Americans responded.

All told, 49 American soldiers were on the ground in support, including two Stryker platoons and a 10-person Special Forces detachment.

“This was a grinding, slow, close combat fight,” Colonel Frost wrote, also referring to the Iraqi security forces, or I.S.F.

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Sept 10 (Reuters) & Sept 11 (Reuters) & Sept 12 (Reuters) & Sept 13 (Reuters) & Sept 15 (Reuters) & Associated Press

In far northern Iraq, a roadside bomb killed nine Iraqi soldiers near Mosul on Wednesday. The soldiers killed were on a bus leaving their base in Tal Afar, 260 miles northwest of Baghdad, for vacation when the bomb exploded. Another five soldiers were injured in the attack.

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

TIKRIT - A sticky bomb attached to the car of a high ranking officer cut off part of his legs when it exploded in central Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi federal police patrol wounded three policemen in central Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

LATIFIYA - Insurgents opened fire on the car of a government-backed militia leader, killing him and three members of his family in Latifiya town, 40 km (25 miles) south of Baghdad, a security source said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol wounded four soldiers in the Kadhimiya district of northern Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A sticky bomb attached to the car of an Iraqi government intelligence officer killed him in the Ghazaliya district of western Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents using silenced weapons killed a police officer near his house in the Adil district of western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents using weapons equipped with silencers killed a guard of the Baghdad governorate building on Sunday evening in western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

AL-HDAID - At least four people were killed and around 10 wounded in clashes between militants and Iraqi security forces in al-Hdaid village near the city of Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) north of Baghdad, officials said.

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**The “Last Combat Brigade”
Announcement By Obama “Met
With Scoffs And Sarcasm By
Troops On The Ground”
“I Guess That Means We’re Not
Going To Get Blown Up Anymore”
“Those Who Remain Will Continue To
Conduct The Kind Of Missions That Have
Been Termed ‘Combat Patrols’
Throughout The War”**

August 25, 2010 By Heath Druzin, Stars and Stripes [Excerpts]

MOSUL, Iraq — On Sept. 1, the date the U.S. mission in Iraq officially changes, troops will still patrol the dusty fringes of this violent insurgent stronghold. They may raid the house of a suspected terrorist.

They will continue to face the ever-present danger of roadside bombs.

What they won't do is conduct combat operations, at least on paper.

But as Capt. Keith Benoit, who commands the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment's Apache Troop outside of Mosul, noted, "It's not like on (Sept. 1), we're all going out in khakis and a T-shirt."

But the very public departure of the 4th Stryker Brigade also caused confusion and anger among soldiers still facing daily threats, especially in the disputed, violence-plagued north, and masked a stark reality: Whatever the Obama administration calls it, the military mission in Iraq still bears many hallmarks of combat operations.

Around the city of Mosul, passed over by the surge of U.S. troops in 2007, the "last combat brigade" announcement met with scoffs and sarcasm by troops on the ground.

More than a few U.S. soldiers said they were offended by the implication that the danger somehow vanishes when Operation Iraqi Freedom becomes Operation New Dawn.

"I guess that means we're not going to get blown up anymore," was the deadpan response from 1st Lt. Ryan McAlister, with the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, who commands a rough-hewn U.S. outpost near Mosul.

The news has been confusing for both troops and some in the U.S. awaiting their loved ones' return from war.

"I had to tell my folks to cancel a welcome home party," said Cpl. Felmen Spencer, 26, of Jacksonville, Ark., who is also with the Apache Troop.

His parents thought the announcement meant he would be coming home immediately.

The Sept. 1 shift is not part of any official agreement, so the U.S. is not rule-bound to alter its tactics, and apart from the emphasis on training and the drop in troop numbers, little will change.

Those who remain will continue to conduct the kind of missions that have been termed "combat patrols" throughout the war.

If U.S. soldiers get intelligence about insurgents, they can conduct unilateral "counterterrorism" raids to capture them. If they see insurgents emplacing a bomb, they can kill them on the spot.

Much of these actions will fall under the banner of "force protection," a loose term meaning measures to protect U.S. forces and installations.

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Odious Odierno Caught In A Stupid \$11 Billion Lie About Iraq Oil Money:

Government Accounting Office Says Iraq Has Enough Cash Hoarded To Pay For Military Needs Without U.S. Taxpayers Money Pissed Away For Another Year



Odierno: Bullshit (AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

September 14, 2010 Reporting from Baghdad

A U.S. government study released Monday found that Iraq has a budget surplus of \$52.1 billion, with \$11.8 billion that is readily available for spending on its security forces.

The study by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, comes as lawmakers prepare to debate a \$2-billion funding request from the White House for the Iraqi security forces.

"Billions of dollars that Iraq has budgeted for security have gone unused.

"As U.S. troops withdraw, the Iraqi government must take a larger role in providing security throughout the country," the report said.

The Pentagon contested the findings, saying that the dollar figures were incorrect and that Iraq needed its cash reserves to meet expected budget deficits.

The former U.S. military commander in Iraq, Gen. Ray T. Odierno, has argued that the full funding is necessary for building up Iraq's border security forces and its army logistics.

In July, he told Washington reporters that Iraq would not see a substantial return from foreign investment in its oil fields for three or four years.

The GAO said it had audited Iraqi funds, and criticized the Iraqi government for not spending enough. It found that Iraq had failed to spend between \$2.5 billion and \$5.2 billion that it had budgeted for the Iraqi army and police between 2005 and 2009.

It added that the \$11.8 billion in uncommitted surplus funds should allow Iraq to spend more despite concerns about budget deficits.

"In light of these resources, Iraq has the potential to further contribute toward its security needs, even as it addresses other competing priorities," the report said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Titusville Soldier Dies In Afghanistan



James Page and three other soldiers were killed by enemy forces who attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device. (DoD)

September 5, 2010 BY WAYNE T. PRICE, FLORIDA TODAY

James Page, a 23-year-old Army private first class, who moved to Titusville from Bronson after graduating high school, had big plans when he was set to come home from Afghanistan this December.

Those plans included spending time with his 3-year-old son, Jarod, and taking his sister, Cristi Page of Bronson, skydiving.

Those plans ended this past Tuesday, when Page and three other soldiers were killed by enemy forces who attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device.

"He joined the Army because he wanted to make his son proud," said Deana Strickland, Page's mother, who lives in Cocoa.

According to the Defense Department, Page was awarded a number of decorations during his time in the Army, including a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a member of the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based in Bamberg, Germany.

He and the three other soldiers were in Afghanistan's Logar Province when the attack occurred. The other soldiers were Staff Sgt. Vinson B. Adkinson III, 26, of Harper, Kan.; Sgt. Raymond C. Alcaraz, 20, of Redlands, Calif.; and Pfc. Matthew E. George, 22, of North Carolina.

Cristi Page said her brother moved to Brevard County after graduating high school in Bronson, a small city west of Gainesville, to be with his mother. He worked at the Wal-Mart in Cocoa, an area Subway and also in the kitchen at one of the public schools.

About two years ago, an old girlfriend living in Tampa had tracked him down through the MySpace social networking site and told him about his son, Jarod.

It was life-changing news.

Page enlisted in the Army late in 2008 to support him.

"He really wasn't doing much with his life yet," Cristi Page said. "His main goal had always been that when he had kids that he was going to be a good father. He couldn't take care of his son financially at that time, so he went into the Army."

On his Facebook page, James Page wrote: "I love serving my country, but don't see myself making it a career just yet. All I want to do right now is get home safely and see my beautiful little boy Jarod."

Cristi said she and her brother were supposed to go skydiving earlier this year when he was home on leave, but the weather was bad so they had to reschedule. He was supposed to come home for a month in December and the brother and sister were planning to do it then. After the military, he wanted to be a skydiving instructor.

"He was a risk taker," Cristi Page said.

Page's funeral arrangements are pending. A memorial service for the slain soldiers will be Sept. 13 at the Army garrison in Bamberg and Sept. 17 at Camp Ederle in Vicenza, Italy.

Mother Of Fallen Soldier Escorts Body Home

September 09, 2010 By Naxiely Lopez, The Monitor

MISSION — Rosie Guerra embarked on the most difficult journey of her life Thursday as she accompanied the body of her son from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to his final resting place in Mission.

Her son, 20-year-old Pfc. Diego Miguel Montoya, was killed in action Sept. 2 while serving as a military policeman in Laghman Province, Afghanistan.

Guerra spoke to The Monitor on Thursday morning while the charter plane she was travelling in stopped to refuel in Alabama.

“That was the most difficult thing I’ve ever had to do in my life,” she said about identifying her son’s body. “But I’m so honored and so privileged to have the opportunity to have done that for him because I realize I have been chosen to be the mother of a hero.”

Montoya, who was deployed for his first tour five months ago, was killed after insurgents attacked the unit he was in.

Guerra said she found strength in her faith and in knowing that she would be the one bringing her son home. “The Lord has been in complete control of this situation, especially with me,” she said.

“In Dover, when they heard it was the mother who was coming, they asked several times, ‘Is she sure this is what she wants to do?’ and my husband asked me again and again, and I said, ‘Yes, I will do this. I can do this.’ If he went on a mission to serve his country, well, then this is mine, to come and bring him back home.”

A few hours after the conversation, the proud mother stepped off the small-engine aircraft at McCreery Aviation in McAllen and found solace in her family’s embrace. She stepped away from them only for a brief moment to say a quiet prayer before the white and silver casket, draped in an American flag, was carried into the hearse.

About a hundred yards away, the family of Lance Cpl. Derek “Prime Time” Hernandez, another fallen soldier of the Rio Grande Valley, watched silently as they relived events too painful to forget.

“We’ve gone through the same thing and we know how it feels,” one of Hernandez’s cousins said. “So we want to be here to support them to let them know that they’re not alone.”

The family stood together holding flags and wearing T-shirts in memory of the soldier who died in June.

“I think that the wound is always going to be there,” his older brother Riley Hernandez said. “We’re trying to stay very strong but you know it still hurts and it’s still very unbelievable. We still feel like he’s in Afghanistan.”

McAllen and Mission police, America’s Last Patrol, Patriot Guard Riders and other motorcycle clubs escorted the body to Ric Brown Family Funeral Home in Mission where his funeral service will be Saturday.

The Mission Fire Department set up a 20-by-36 foot flag at the intersection of Expressway 83 and Conway Avenue in Mission, where dozens of people lined up to show their support for the fallen hero as the procession went by.

Many of the onlookers said they didn't know Montoya, but it didn't stop them from showing their respects. One family was on their way to the store and decided to stop after they learned about the event from a Mission police officer. Another group of women took time during their lunch break to honor Montoya.

"We're very glad to stand out here and support our veterans and the family of the fallen soldier," said Mission Fire Chief Ricardo Saldaña. He and his staff of about 20 firefighters stood at attention as the body went by. "We'll always support them."

Many businesses, including McDonald's, flew the American flag half-staff, and people, young and old, crowded corners to wave as the soldier passed by.

Guerra said she was very thankful for the welcome her son received.

"I am so proud of my hometown," she said. "Just the way they've come together, and the outpour of their strength and prayers and love, it's just amazing. It's awesome. That's why we're proud to be Americans."

Montoya will be buried on the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

"My son made a very conscious decision to be in the Army to serve his country. He was the epitome of bravery, of honor and courage," she said. "He represented it all. He did not hesitate. He did not falter. This is what he believed in. He was on a mission. He served that mission and he served it very successfully."

Polish Soldier Badly Wounded In Ghazni

15.09.2010 Polskie Radio S.A.

A Polish soldier was badly wounded on Tuesday after the Warrior Base in Ghazni province, south east Afghanistan was shelled by insurgents.

The soldier was taken by Mi-17 medical helicopter to a field hospital where he is currently under constant medical supervision.

His family have been informed of the incident, said military spokesman Sebastian Kostecki.

Explosion Wounds German Soldier In Chardara

September 14, 2010 Xinhua

A mine detonated by militants in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province injured a soldier of NATO-led troops on Tuesday, a spokesman of the alliance in the province, Wessel said.

"A group of German soldiers went to visit a bridge exploded by Taliban insurgents in Chardara district and suddenly a bomb planted by Taliban militants went off injuring a soldier," Wessel told Xinhua.

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11 September 2010 TOLONews.com & September 13, 2010 From Matiullah Mati, CNN & TOLONews.com & 14 September 2010 TOLONews.com

The Taliban claimed responsibility for an attack in a livestock market of Archi district, claiming to have killed twelve Afghan National Army soldiers in the bombing. But the district Chief rejected the claim and said Afghan troops have only been hurt in the explosion. The bomb was attached on a tree branch, the district Chief further said.

An improvised explosive device detonated in western Helmand province Sunday morning, killing two policemen and a civilian. Another policeman and another civilian were injured, said Daud Ahamadi, spokesman for the governor of Helmand province. Ahamadi said the IED was placed in a motorbike and detonated in the center of the Sangin district of the province.

Three campaigners of an Afghan parliamentary election's candidate were wounded in attacks by anti-government forces in the northern Balkh province on Monday. The incident occurred in the province's Dawlatabad district when a group of campaigners for Abbas Ibrahimzada, a candidate for the upcoming Afghan parliamentary elections, were busy campaigning.

Ten-Thousand Waving Taliban Flags Demonstrate Against U.S. Occupation In Afghan Capital City: “Protesters Were Throwing Stones And Shouting ‘Death To American Slaves’ At Police:

Demonstrators Killed And Wounded When Bullets “Fired Into The Air” By Karzai Kops Fall On Their Heads



Kabul: Afghan man with Taliban flag in demonstration against U.S. government presence in Afghanistan, Sept. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Mustafa Quraishi)

September 15, 2010 By REUTERS & TOLONews.com [Excerpts]

Filed at 4:05 a.m. ET

KABUL (Reuters) - Police fired into the air to disperse thousands of anti-American [translation: anti-American government] protesters in Afghanistan's capital on Wednesday, witnesses and police said, with one person killed and at least five wounded.

[So, the dead and wounded were no doubt killed by bullets “fired into the air” falling on their heads. T]

"There are more than 10,000 of the demonstrators and some of them are waving the Taliban flag," police officer Mohammad Usman.

A police source later said one person had been killed and five wounded, and that the toll could rise.

The protests were the Reuters television pictures showed protesters waving large white flags, the symbol used by Taliban supporters.

A spokesman for the Taliban, Zabihullah Mujahid, said the hardline Islamist group was aware of the protests but had no role in them.

"People may have raised the Taliban flags to show their sentiment and sympathy for the Taliban," Mujahid told Reuters from an undisclosed location.

At the Pul-e-Kandahari, or Kandahar bridge in Kabul, police were ordered to advance towards one group of hundreds of protesters who were shouting "Death to American slaves" at police.

"There were hundreds of protesters, they were not throwing stones at the police and there were no militants among them, they were just chanting slogans, but the police suddenly opened fire," an eyewitness told TOLONews reporter.

At one point, volleys of gunfire could be heard. The protesters scattered, some sheltering in nearby houses in the mainly ethnic Pashtun and Tajik area of Kabul.

The protesters earlier gathered in the west of the capital, burning tyres and blocking a main highway link to the south. Thick black smoke rose above the area and police kept journalists several hundred metres back.

Reuters witnesses at the scene saw two unconscious people, covered in blood, being carried away suffering what appeared to be gunshot wounds.



Afghans protest against U.S. activities in Afghanistan after morning prayers in Kabul, Afghanistan, Sept. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Mustafa Quraishi)

Blackwater Mercenaries Go On Trial For Murdering Afghan Civilians In 2009

September 14, 2010 The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Jury selection is scheduled to begin in Virginia in the trial of two former defense contractors charged with the deaths of two Afghan nationals.

The trial of Justin H. Cannon of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Christopher Drotleff of Virginia Beach begins Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Norfolk. It's expected to last two to three weeks.

The former contractors for Blackwater Worldwide are accused in the shooting deaths of two Afghan nationals in Kabul in May 2009. Drotleff and Cannon have said they opened fire on a vehicle when it sped toward them.

The defendants were in the country to train the Afghan National Army.

Drotleff and Cannon face up to life in prison if convicted.

North Carolina-based Blackwater is now known as Xe (zee) Services,

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A soldier wounded in the leg is taken onboard a medevac UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter from the 101st Airborne division, in a military base in Kandahar province, August 29, 2010. REUTERS/Oleg Popov



U.S. soldiers from Task Force 1-66, return fire after being attacked by the Taliban on the banks of Arghandab River in Kandahar province September 9, 2010. REUTERS/Oleg Popov



A U.S. Marine from 1st Light Armoured Reconnaissance Battalion scans for roadside bombs during a patrol in Taghaz village, Helmand, September 9, 2010. REUTERS/Erik de Castro

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Government Troops Shoot Civilians After Attack By Insurgents Blow Them Up

September 12, 2010 Mareeg.com

MOGADISHU

Land mine explosions targeted to vehicles of the transitional government soldiers traveling in parts of Waberi and Hamarweyne districts in the Somali capital Mogadishu killed 5 government soldiers in the capital.

Locals said that the first blast occurred at around the areas of Ali Bulay mosque in Waberi district killing 5 soldiers, wounding three civilians who were reportedly injured bullets fired by government soldiers

More troops of the government had condoned at the areas where the blast occurred and started search operations at the areas according to witnesses.

He said that the government soldiers opened fire to each direction in the areas that caused all movements of the public traffic to be halted.

On the other hand another blast was targeted to a government soldiers' vehicle in parts of Hamarweyne district in Mogadishu and injured two of the soldiers.

MILITARY NEWS

“Army Veterans Who Believe They Are Eligible For Retroactive Stop-Loss Pay Must Apply By Oct. 21 — Or Forfeit Their Pay”

9.13.2010 By Jim Tice, Army Times [Excerpts]

Army veterans who believe they are eligible for retroactive stop-loss pay must apply by Oct. 21 — or forfeit their pay.

As of early August, the special pay had been approved for only 42 percent of the estimated 120,000 who may qualify for the one-time compensation.

With the application deadline approaching, the Army has conducted a mailing to 76,000 potentially eligible veterans, urging them to take a look at the program. Maj. Roy Witley, project manager for the Army's retroactive stop-loss pay task force, said the mailing has not been productive, as many of the recipients believe it is a scam offer of free money.

The special entitlement pro-gram, funded by Congress for \$534 million, is belated compensation for former and current service members who were involuntarily extended on active duty because of stop-loss from Sept. 11, 2001, through Sept. 30, 2008.

The program pays eligible applicants \$500 for every month they were involuntarily retained beyond their contracted service.

Soldiers who have received regular stop-loss pay are not eligible for retroactive pay unless they were involuntarily extended on active duty before Oct. 1, 2008.

As of early August, 50,000 applications had been approved and passed to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for payment, Witley said.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service reviews each case for tax withholding and any debts the applicant may have with the government, and then wires or mails the checks to the applicants. The payments are lump-sum, and they are tax-free if the applicant was in a combat zone when barred from leaving active duty because of stop-loss.

Witley said about 90 percent of the applications received by the Army are approved.

Of the remaining 10 percent, most are disapproved because of the bonus restriction.

Under procedures developed last fall, applications received via the website [https://www.stoplosspay .army.mil](https://www.stoplosspay.army.mil), are acknowledged via e-mail and assigned a case number.

Applications with proper, no-problem documentation are processed immediately, approved and sent to DFAS within a matter of days, Witley said.

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



The remains of Army Ranger Staff Sgt. Vinson Adkinson III at Ft. Sill, Okla., Sept. 9, 2010. Adkinson was killed when an improvised explosive device blew up near his unit in Afghanistan Aug. 31. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

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

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE
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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

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September 11, 2010 by Nancy Leigh, The International Middle East Media Center

On Saturday September 4th British-born Palestinian Political Hip Hop artist, Shadia Mansour, was held at gunpoint airport security and intelligence officers.

Ms. Mansour was told to return to her luggage after a usual baggage xray and multiple searches, when eight agents ran towards her, weapons drawn and pointed, they aggressively kicked away her bags and surrounded her.

The eight agents had their guns pointed at Ms. Mansour while having her stand in the same position for one hour in suspicion of a bomb being planted in her microphone which they had in their possession for ten minutes already.

Ms. Mansour assured the agents the microphone was used for recording music and was then asked by an officer to sing her lyrics to him, they screamed at her and asked "who she worked for, who bought the microphone, what does she sing about" and as the agents and officers shouted over one another she was also told, "we have found something planted in the microphone" all this transpiring while airport goers observed the entire ordeal.

Although standard for Palestinians to be strip searched upon departure of Israel, Ms Mansour was made to lay down on her back as female agents pushed aggressively into her joints and neck.

Once the female agents finished searching her the microphone was returned and Ms. Mansour was directed to her flight en route to London as though nothing had happened.

"For a few minutes I really thought they were going to take my life, the way they handled the situation literally made me feel like I was an attempted suicide bomber that had just been captured or something". Ms. Mansour commented on the incident.

No legal action has yet been taken.

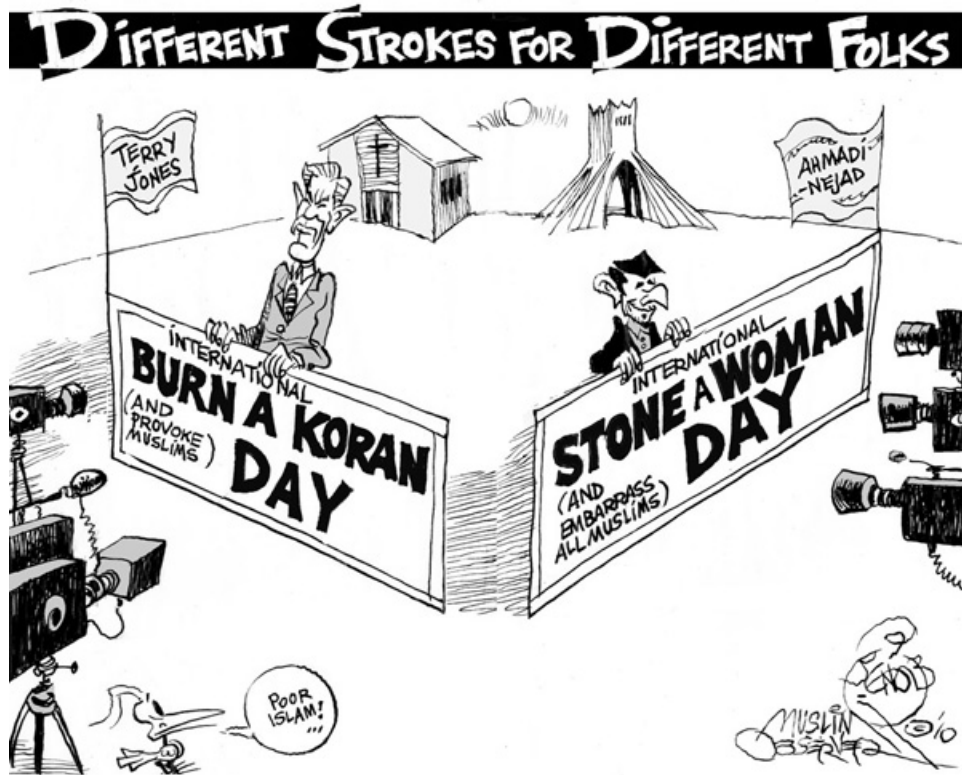
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