

Military Resistance 8J5

HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



Members of the U.S. Navy carry a comrade wounded by an explosion to a medevac helicopter in Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan October 2, 2010.
REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly

Empires Go To Hell

From: Dennis Serdel
To: Military Resistance
Sent: September 29, 2010
Subject: Empires Go To Hell by Dennis

**Written by Dennis Serdel, Military Resistance 2010; Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour)
Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade; United Auto Workers GM Retiree**

Empires Go To Hell

the heat seeps through the helmet
boils the sheet metal on all the desert
camouflaged trucks and vehicles
the oversized rucksack pulls
on the shoulders
grinds away on the gut
everybody is not fighting the war
only a few considering
all the Soldiers around the world
this long war is taking it's toll
like sores eating the brain
the body is beginning to ache
the head the back the legs
grind on but the pain pills
only help but can't cure exhaustion
they can't give back
the days the months the years
who can't count all the steps
nobody can count the miles
and waiting feel the minutes
the hours the days then go on
wasting a life for this battlefield
that goes back to blood on the soil
to every invasion by all sorts
of empires in the past
where only cemeteries
and memorials remain
the world must get rid of empires
all they do is invade and rape
small countries for any type
of gold the little countries have
but the empires may be
brought down within
and work against the empires
of the world until there
are no empires anymore.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or

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IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Resistance Action

Oct 3 (Reuters) & Oct 4 (Reuters)

KIRKUK - A roadside bomb targeting a convoy of elections commission employees exploded, wounding two convoy guards in southern Kirkuk, police said.

GARMA - A sticky bomb attached to the car of Tahreer Khadim, an Iraqi cameraman working for Alhurra, a U.S.-based Arabic-language satellite television channel, killing him in Garma, 30 km (20 miles) northwest of Baghdad, said a local police source.

JALAWLA - Four policemen were killed and two wounded when a roadside bomb exploded during their patrol in Jalawla, 115 km (70 miles) northeast of Baghdad, a source in Diyala's operations command said, adding that the security force was in the area to check on an earlier explosion nearby.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting the convoy of police Brigadier Amir Hameed, embassy protection department of the Interior Ministry, wounded him and four others including two civilians in Karrada district of central Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting the convoy of Fouad al-Moussawi, deputy science and technology minister, killed one of his guards and wounded four civilians in Karrada district of central Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb went off near a car owned by a member of a state-backed organisation helping families of those killed for political reasons, wounding two people in Karrada, police said.

BAGHDAD - A sticky bomb attached to a car wounded a government official working for the labour and social affairs ministry, in northwestern Baghdad, an interior ministry source said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol exploded, wounding an officer, in eastern Mosul, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army security checkpoint wounded a soldier in eastern Mosul, police said.

TAL AFAR - A car bomb went off and wounded three policemen as they approached the device in a car on a mission to dismantle it in the town of Tal Afar, 420 km (260 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

FALLUJA - Militants using silenced weapons drove by a police checkpoint and opened fire, killing one policeman and wounding another in the city of Falluja, 50 km (35 miles) west of Baghdad, a source in the city's police headquarters said.

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

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Sunday: Nationality Not Announced

October 3 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an insurgent attack in northern Afghanistan today.

Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Monday: Nationality Not Announced

October 4 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today.

Another Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan Monday:

Nationality Not Announced

October 4 Reuters

KABUL - An ISAF servicemember died following an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

Lexington County Soldier, Aiken Soldier Killed In Combat In Afghanistan

10/4/2010 (WLTX)

Lexington, SC

The family of Spc. Luther "Will" Rabon of Lexington County told News19 that he was killed in combat Friday in Afghanistan.

In a prepared news release from South Carolina Adjutant General Stanhope Spears, officials said Rabon and Staff Sergeant Willie Harley of Aiken were killed when their vehicle struck an explosive.

"Specialist Rabon and Staff Sergeant Harley were serving their country with honor and pride. The South Carolina National Guard has lost two more members of our family. My thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends," Spears said in the Monday afternoon release.

News19 spoke with Rabon and his family on July 9th, which was the same day he deployed with the National Guard. He deployed with 100 other members of the 1221st Engineer Battalion. Previous Coverage: Local National Guardsmen Deploy to Afghanistan

Rabon is survived by four young children, ranging in age from six years old to one, and his parents. The Rabon family has travelled to Delaware to identify his body and bring him home.

There's no word yet for either man's funeral services.

Spears said that the mission of the 1221 Engineer Clearance Company is to clear roadways for military convoys.

Rabon and Harley were scheduled to return with their unit to South Carolina next summer.

Soldier From The Royal Gurkha Rifles Killed In Nahr-E Saraj Saturday

3 Oct 10 Ministry of Defence

It is with sadness that the Ministry of Defence must announce that a soldier from the 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles was killed in Afghanistan yesterday, Saturday 2 October 2010.

The soldier, serving as part of Combined Force Nahr-e Saraj (South), was killed in an explosion in the Nahr-e Saraj District of Helmand Province yesterday afternoon.

Three Polish Soldiers Wounded In Ghazni

10.4.2010 Nowe Media

Three Polish soldiers were wounded after motor attack by insurgents in Afghanistan, Sunday morning.

The press service of the Polish armed forces in Afghanistan said the injuries sustained were not serious and the lives of the soldiers are not in danger.

The attack in Ghazni province took place "during the execution of a joint combat mission with the Afghan Security Forces and US soldiers when insurgents executed a complex attack. As a result, the Polish soldiers were slightly wounded," reads the statement.

A helicopter immediately took the wounded to hospital.

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“Razziq Represents The Obama Administration’s Best Hope For Maintaining Stability In This Important Part Of Afghanistan”

“He Is Fiercely Loyal To President Hamid Karzai”

“Several U.S. Officials Said He Repays That Debt By Funneling Proceeds From Corrupt Activities To People Linked To The Karzai Brothers”



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

October 4, 2010 By Rajiv Chandrasekaran, Washington Post Staff Writer [Excerpts]

IN SPIN BOLDAK, AFGHANISTAN

When Abdul Razziq, a colonel in the Afghan Border Police, walks through the chockablock bazaar in this sand-swept trading hub on the frontier with Pakistan, he is mobbed by a crowd that deferentially addresses him as General Razziq. Young boys want his photograph. Gray-bearded men offer him tea. Merchants refuse to sell him anything - if he wants a bottle of cologne, he gets it for free.

U.S. officials say Razziq, who is illiterate and just 32, presides over a vast corruption network that skims customs duties, facilitates drug trafficking and smuggles other contraband.

Despite the allegations of graft, which he denies, Razziq represents the Obama administration's best hope for maintaining stability in this important part of Afghanistan.

"We're trying to promote integrity by watching his operations a whole lot more closely, but we don't want him to stop doing all of the good things that he's doing," said U.S. Army Special Forces Col. Robert Waltemeyer, who runs a border coordination center here with representatives of the Afghan and Pakistan security forces.

The question of what to do about Razziq has vexed U.S. and NATO officials. Some have advocated for his ouster to demonstrate a hard line against graft, while others have argued that he be left alone because his force, which is more than five times the size of the U.S. military presence here, provides vital security for NATO supply convoys heading into Kandahar.

"If we didn't have him, we'd be screwed," a U.S. Army officer said during a visit here in August. "It wouldn't be this quiet."

Razziq and his men also are valued because he is fiercely loyal to President Hamid Karzai and his half-brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, the chairman of the Kandahar province council.

Razziq owes his job and control over the border crossing to the president, and several U.S. officials said he repays that debt by funneling proceeds from corrupt activities to people linked to the Karzai brothers.

"Razziq is the poster child for all that is wrong with Afghanistan's government," said a civilian adviser working for the U.S. government in Afghanistan who opposes working with him.

"If we pulled him out of there, our control of the border would have collapsed," said a senior U.S. official who advocated for Razziq.

Razziq scoffed at U.S. attempts to confine him to security patrolling along the border. "My duties are universal," he said.

Some U.S. officials said Razziq has been emboldened by a lack of coordination among international troops.

U.S. Special Operations Forces have encouraged him to conduct the very sorts of combat missions that other officers have told him to avoid, the officials said. “Our messages to him are not consistent,” the U.S. Army officer here said.

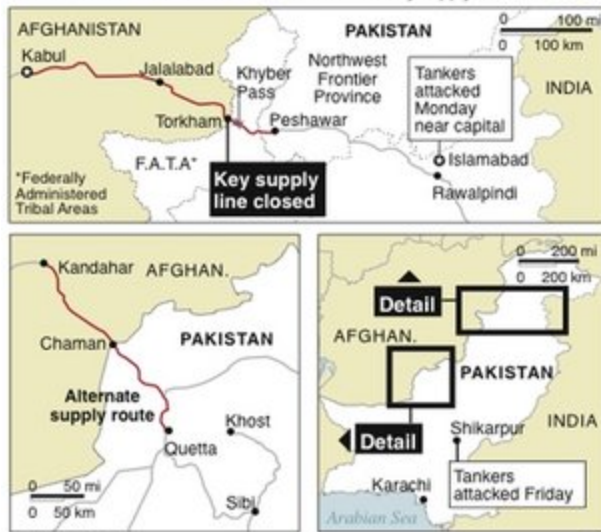
“As long as we don’t catch him moving trucks full of opium through the desert, we’ll let him slide,” the Army officer said.

“If his men are shaking people down on the highway, well, that’s just the way it’s done here. It’s no different from toll booths on the highways back home.”

60 Afghanistan Bound U.S. Military Fuel Supply Trucks Torched In Three Days: “The Truck Convoys Are About As Vulnerable To Militant Attacks As The Wagon Trains In Old American Cowboy Movies”

More tankers attacked in Pakistan

Gunmen set fire to about 20 tankers carrying oil for NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan on Monday. The attack, which happened near Islamabad, was the third of its kind since Pakistan closed a key supply line last week.





Burning military supply oil tankers for foreign troops in Afghanistan attacked by militants on the outside of Islamabad. Pakistani Taliban militants have claimed two fiery attacks on Afghanistan-bound supply convoys in which nearly 60 trucks have been torched in three days -- and vowed more to come. (AFP/Aamir Qureshi)



Burning oil tankers after militants attacked a terminal in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, early Monday, Oct. 4, 2010. The attack burned at least 20 oil tankers in Pakistan that were en route to US troops in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Anjum Naveed)
(AP Photo/Anjum Naveed)



(AP Photo/Anjum Naveed)

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

October 4, 2010 by Corey Flintoff, NPR & Al Jazeera [Excerpts]

U.S. and NATO officials are hoping that a very public and contrite apology will help bring a quick end to an international incident that's keeping vital supplies from reaching NATO troops in Afghanistan.

The dispute — which arose after a helicopter assault killed three Pakistani soldiers along the Afghan border last week — revealed critical vulnerabilities in the NATO supply chain, a long-haul convoy route through Pakistan that involves government and military officials, trucking gangsters and Taliban militants.

Some 80 percent of all NATO's noncombat supplies for Afghanistan pass through Pakistan, and the truck convoys are about as vulnerable to militant attacks as the wagon trains in old American cowboy movies.

The attack early on Monday close to the capital Islamabad was the third such strike on supply lorries since Friday.

Police said the attackers opened fire on trucks that were parked at a poorly-guarded terminal before setting them on fire.

Omar Hayat, the Islamabad police chief, confirmed the death toll and said the tankers were attacked as they were parked up at the Attock oil refinery outside the capital for refuelling.

"As they were waiting to get the oil, some people opened fire and threw Molotov cocktails at the tankers. The security guards retaliated and the gunfire continued for some time," Hayat said.

Al Jazeera's Kamal Hyder, reporting from Islamabad, said that the blocked supply route is used to move aviation fuel.

“It’s that aviation fuel that’s used in combat missions inside Afghanistan,” he said.

On Friday, up to 30 tankers carrying supplies for Nato troops in Afghanistan were set ablaze in two attacks by unidentified assailants in Shikarpur, in Sindh province.

A Taliban spokesman said the gunmen would keep up their assaults until the entire NATO supply line has been shut down.

That would be a costly situation for the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan, which has relatively few other options.

Good News For The Afghan Resistance!!

U.S. Occupation Commands’ Stupid Tactics Recruit Even More Fighters To Kill U.S. Troops



A foreign occupation armed forces member from the USA puts his hands on the body of an Afghan citizen without consent on a public road during a patrol at a village in Kandahar province, southern Afghanistan, October 4, 2010. REUTERS/Erik de Castro

Afghani citizens have no right to resist humiliating public 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 Barack Obama. Why, how could anybody not love that? You'd want that in your home town, right?]

WELCOME TO THE LONELY SIDE OF HELL: ALL HOME NOW!



U.S. marines from 1st Light Armoured Reconnaissance Battalion patrol an area in Taghaz village in Helmand, Afghanistan September 9, 2010. REUTERS/Erik de Castro



A U.S. marine from the 1st Light Armoured Reconnaissance Battalion patrols near a sandstorm in a desert in Helmand, Afghanistan, September 13, 2010. REUTERS/Erik de Castro

MILITARY NEWS



9-23-10 THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, UNIVERSAL UCLICK.

**Air Force Academy “Literally
Overrun With Christian
Conservative Fanatics”
“Cadets Must Pretend To Be
Evangelical Christians In Order To
Maintain Standing Among Their
Peers And Superiors”
Stupid Lying Shitbag Superintendent Lt.
Gen. Mike Gould Caught In Stupid Lie
Denying Results Of Academy Survey
That Reported Religious Persecution Of
Cadets**

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

30 September 2010, by: Mike Ludwig, Truthout Report [Excerpts]

An anonymous cadet at the US Air Force Academy (USAFA) spoke out against alleged religious discrimination at the school last week, saying that some cadets must pretend to be evangelical Christians in order to maintain standing among their peers and superiors. In an email to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF), the whistleblower stated that he is part of an “underground group” of about 100 cadets who cannot rely on proper channels to confront evangelical pressure.

The email, published by Veterans Today, applauds the MRFF from the “underground” and indicates that the academy is “literally overrun with Christian conservative fanatics.”

The MRFF and allies from a myriad of civil rights and interfaith groups sent a letter Tuesday to the Department of Defense (DoD) detailing the cadet’s email and other startling complaints, including testimony from the parents of an academy graduate who believe their daughter was “methodically brain washed” by a fundamentalist group there, demanding an investigation of the academy and the evangelical academy ministry Cadets For Christ.

The MRFF is also demanding the DoD pressure the USAFA to publicly release the results of a study of the religious climate at the academy.

Academy leadership announced last month that the results would not be released, which angered the anonymous cadet who contacted the MRFF.

Results of the so-called “Climate Study” leaked to the press, and “353 cadets (almost 1 out of every 5 survey participants) reported having been subjected to unwanted religious proselytizing, and 23 cadets (13 of them Christians) reported living ‘in fear of their physical safety’ because of their religious beliefs,” according to the MRFF.

Mikey Weinstein, a USAFA graduate and MRFF founder, told Truthout that USAFA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould was dishonest about the results of the Climate Study, and told the public that everything was fine at the academy without releasing the actual results.

He said it’s time for a legitimate investigation of the “fundamentalist culture” in the academy.

“That commander’s report belongs to the public because (Gould) lied to the American people,” Weinstein said.

“Until August of this year, I was supporting Gould and the Academy, now it is obvious that was a mistake.”

The USAFA issued a press release earlier this month after the MRFF alleged that dozens of cadets had come forward and complained about the improper and cult-like evangelism practiced by Cadets for Christ.

“Upon learning of this allegation, Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, USAFA superintendent, directed an immediate review of the claim,” the release states. “To date, the allegation is not substantiated. Throughout his tenure as Superintendent, General Gould has repeatedly emphasized the necessity for religious accommodation and respect.”

Weinstein received the email from the anonymous cadet after this initial spat with the academy and Gould.

The email describes a group of cadets who don’t fit the Protestant evangelical stereotype; they’re Catholics, mainstream Protestants, LGBT, atheists or agnostic.

They tell Weinstein that his earlier advice to “trust the system” and take their grievances up the chain of command has failed, and they are forced to pretend to be something they are not.

In order to achieve and prosper in the academy, these cadets pretend to be evangelicals and even attend Bible studies to avoid being “outed.”

“Despite the Cadet Honor Code we all lie about our lives,” the anonymous cadet writes. “We have to. We don’t have a choice. Thus we are all ‘invisible’ to our tormentors. They will never find us. My own parents don’t know. Only my fiancée knows and he/she is one of my classmates and a fellow member of our underground group.

“I keep ‘Christian’ books and ‘Christian’ CD’s in my room so others will be fooled and leave me alone and not suspect that I’m not actually with the USAFA ‘Christianity is the Only Way’ program here, even though I consider myself to be a Christian.”

The cadet reports that, in response to the MRFF’s attempt to hold USAFA leaders accountable, the academy’s public affairs office included anti-MRFF blog posts from www.christianfighterpilot.com in a blanket email containing news clips about the USAFA to the entire academy.

The blog, constantly at odds with Weinstein and the MRFF, reports deflecting a MRFF lawsuit earlier this year. Weinstein said the MRFF is considering future legal action.

In its letter to the DoD, the MRFF maintains that the Christian Fighter Pilot “God and Country” blog has spread personal attacks and lies about the foundation. The MRFF is also concerned about a blog post included in the mass email regarding ministry group Cadets for Christ, although it is unclear if the blogger is associated with Cadets for Christ.

Cadets and graduates, as well as concerned parents of several cadets and graduates, have contacted the MRFF with serious concerns about Cadets for Christ, according to the letter to Gates.

As of Wednesday, the Cadets for Christ web site appears to be down. The Colorado Independent reported that its organizers did not respond to a request for an interview.

The MRFF represents nearly 20,000 members of the military, more than 90 percent of them are Christians, according to Weinstein, who is a member of the Truthout board of advisers.

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**

**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

When The Truth Becomes Unacceptable



Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance
Sent: September 29, 2010
Subject: When The Truth Becomes Unacceptable

When The Truth Becomes Unacceptable

The worst thing I experienced in Vietnam was the lie.
100% of the Vietnam War was a lie.
100% of the Iraq War is a lie.
100% of the Afghanistan War is a lie.
I did not serve in Vietnam for the cause of freedom.
I served Big Business in America for the cause of profit.
When an active duty soldier or a veteran commits suicide by blowing his brains out, he is also putting a bullet in America's head.
Just like I saw in Vietnam.

You do this because you have to kill the lie.
You kill the emotional conflict that is unbearable.
Whenever the truth threatens one's belief system,
and the lie out weighs one's ability to cope,
you often pull the trigger.
It's a desperate act that only the hopeless know.
Betrayal by one's own government becomes
the assassin.
At the funeral,
instead of putting the American flag over the casket,
they ought to put the American flag inside the casket with the body,
because they both died.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
September 29, 2010

Photo and caption from the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: (hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

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

End These Fucking Wars!
**“My Understanding Of The
American Political System Is That
It Is Controlled By Powerful Elites
Who Give Up Nothing Without A
Struggle”**

**“Pray Tell, What Has Been Won By
Mere Civility?”**

**“Whatever Average People Have Won
Has Involved Much More Than The Use
Of The Tactic Of Civility”**



Banner hung by members of Veterans For Peace, Washington DC, 10.2.2010

From: SANFORD KELSON [Veterans For Peace & Military Resistance Organization]
Sent: September 24, 2010
Subject: End These Fucking Wars!

I am for civility, a tactic for change, and I am for the Fuck Banner too, another tactic for change, and I do not think they are in conflict, they are complimentary.

The Fuck banner is an effort to get results.

Tell me what results the peace mvmt has gotten with the tactic of civility.

Tell me, have we had any results from writing letters to elected non-representatives or lobbying them or voting for them?

Have we won any substantive successes by writing editorials, holding vigils, making presentations, working and voting for candidates like Obama, and peaceful and polite demonstrations?

Look at Obama orchestrating killing and destruction on an industrial scale but, thankfully, he does it so civilly. He is such a polite man.

My understanding of the American political system is that it is controlled by powerful elites who give up nothing without a struggle.

Civility is a tactic of our struggle. It has been used since the beginning of the Republic.

Pray tell, what has been won by mere civility?

Whatever average people have won has involved much more than the use of the tactic of civility. Whatever workers enjoy came about by aggressive union struggles, some struggles involving deaths.

If you think American elites would never do to the American worker what they did in the 1850s through the beginning of WWII please think again. This time they are using foreign workers at slave wages while simultaneously disciplining American workers, not only with unfair and oppressive employment conditions, but with mass unemployment.

They took the jobs overseas to gain larger profits with the help of USG taxpayer subsidies.

But this was and is being done under law and with civility.

The millions of Americans who are suffering below the poverty level, not able to afford the necessities of life, do so civilly. The war budgets are submitted and passed in Congress with civility. The arms manufacturers and their employees manufacture weapons and deliver them to the wars with civility.

We pay our taxes used to kill on a grand scale with civility. Many German Jews congregated in the town square civilly when order to do so for that last train ride.

What, objective success has VFP accomplished with all its civility such that it is a tactic lauded so? The Right, it seems, will garner measurable results this election through the use of the tactic of great incivility.

Is the fight to see who is more civil or is it to get objective results, like the end of militarism? Can the Right win results, like electing the most radical fascist types, while the Left claims winning because we are so very civil, such polite ladies and gentlemen? I think one of the worst attributes of Americans is being civil in the face of the greatest incivilities being done in our names, albeit done so very politely, done under law. You know, we no longer execute people barbarically by drawing and quartering. We do it civilly by lethal injection. Oh, civility is such a soothing drug.

It puts us to sleep. I guess if we see one of our children being raped we will just civilly interrupt the effort, you know, maybe a tap on the rapist's shoulder and mouth a weak, polite, 'Excuse me, sir, but...' Is there occasion to act uncivilly? If not now, when? If not now, how about when we are being asked, oh, oh, so politely, by people with guns, to get into the cattle car?

Who educated and socialized us to remain civil while our handlers are closet barbarians? What a great tactic. Let me get out my paper and pen and beseech my child's rapist to please cease and desist.

If we wish to win, we must use other tactics, too. Tactics like our forefathers used in the labor struggle. Tactics like used by the antiwar protestors during the 60s. Tactics like the civil rights activists used.

Yes, of course, the means we use are important. Nonviolence seems to be a correct tactic but that does not mean we do not use more aggressive tactics. Tactics that were labeled in the 60s by the elites as a crises in democracy and excess democracy.

Or is the risk too great, especially for those of us who live so very comfortably in the sea of such injustice, injustice that contributes to our physical comfort? Maybe only civilly objecting, a fairly safe activity (so far), may not be effective to make change but maybe it makes us feel so very good and proud about ourselves without personal suffering or risk?

This bemoaning the use of the word FUCK shows how unrealistic we are considering the nature of what is happening, what we are opposing, what we want to create. We need much more aggressive tactics or all we will win is the satisfaction that we acted civilly.

What has VFP in 25 years accomplished? What measurable successes have we wrought? I always hear us say things like, Well maybe we reached one or two people and you never know what they may accomplish some day because we reached them. We often say so happily, We got that crowd thinking.

No, I am not asking about that type of accomplishment.

I want to know what war did VFP shorten. What war did we stop? Even, I ask, about much lesser accomplishments than those. What are they? Or, we must ask, whether accomplishments are not the real goal.

Maybe we like doing what we do and maybe we feel so much better, superior even, because we are so civil in our tactics. Are we mostly just masturbating? Oops, forgive me for the reference to another sexual act.

Thank all of you who engaged in the Fuck Banner Drop. I was not there personally but I gave them comfort, support and legal advice. All within the purview of VFPs pledge to act in the best interest of the organization.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

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

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

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

ON OCTOBER 30, AMERICANS WHO ARE ANGRY AT ANGER WILL STROLL ON WASHINGTON. THEIR LEADER: JON STEWART. NOW SOME
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MILLION MODERATE MARCH



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**Obama Declares Victory, Sort Of,
Depending On How You Look At It,
In Iraq:**

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President Obama announces that U.S. forces in Iraq have, for lack of a better word, “won” the war.

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CAMP SPRINGS, MD—Addressing troops at Andrews Air Force Base Tuesday, President Barack Obama claimed victory in Iraq, saying that formal combat operations in the region would end Aug. 31, and that the United States had emerged from the seven-year war triumphant, kind of.

“For nearly a decade, our mission in Iraq has been to root out those who would choose violence over peace, to create a stable Iraqi government, and to transfer power to an incorruptible civilian police force,” Obama said. “And, in a manner of speaking, we sort of did some of that, right? More or less?”

“Granted, this is not the definitive, World War II–like victory most of us expected,” Obama continued. “But there’s a military triumph in there somewhere, I swear. You just have to look at it from the right angles.”

According to the president, the relative victory could be credited to a number of achieved benchmarks, depending upon how strict one’s definition of “achieved” is.

Obama pointed to the democratic election of an Iraqi parliament currently being held together by a thread; the streets of Iraq being slightly less hellish than they were in 2006; and the fact that women are now, for the most part, free to move around the country so long as they don’t make a big production out of it.

Obama also noted that during the war more Iraqi insurgents died than American troops, which, he admitted, isn’t necessarily the best way to determine a war’s victor, but is nonetheless still preferable to the other way around.

“By the end of this month, victory, to a certain extent, will be ours, and we can finally welcome our troops back home,” Obama concluded.

“That is unless they are one of the 50,000 U.S. soldiers who will have to stay in the region for the foreseeable future.”

Following the president’s address, a car bomb ripped through an outdoor market in Baghdad killing eight Iraqis and wounding 32.

Pentagon officials also declared the mission, in a sense, kind of sort of accomplished Tuesday, citing the handful of Iraqi hearts and minds that may have been won over by the U.S. occupancy, and the fact that Iraqi prime minister Nouri al-Maliki had not yet been assassinated.

“In cases where we were unable to rebuild infrastructure or quell violent civil unrest, it wasn’t for lack of trying,” Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, said during last Sunday’s taping of ABC’s This Week.

“And trying your best, one could argue, is technically a triumph in and of itself.”

“And hey, Saddam Hussein isn’t in power anymore,” Odierno continued. “So that’s something.”

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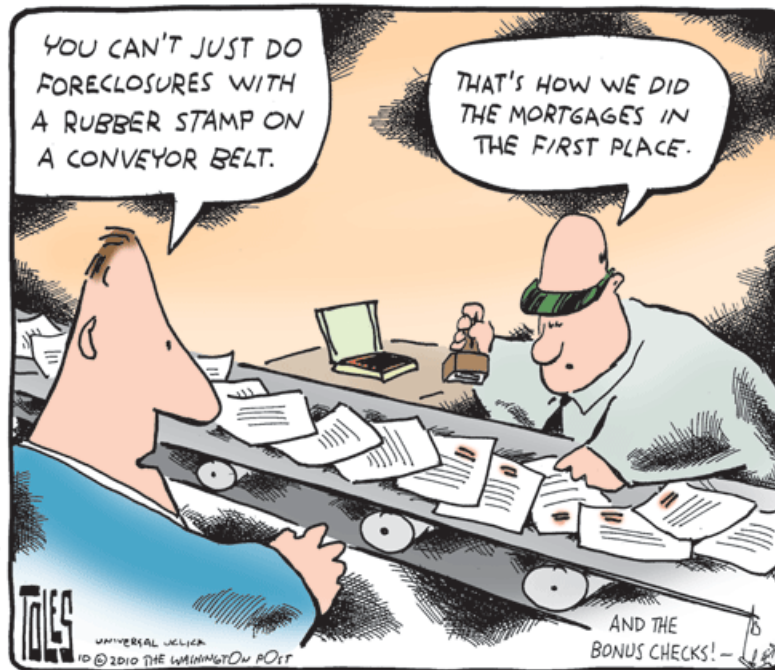
“President Obama deserves zero praise for this borderline accomplishment,” Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) told reporters. “After all, if it weren’t for President Bush ordering the initial invasion of Iraq and making it his central foreign policy initiative, we wouldn’t be here right now awkwardly celebrating the muddled outcome of whatever the hell it is we’ve been doing over there for the past seven years.”

Pentagon and White House sources said the American people should expect more wince-inducing victory-if-you-can-call-it-that celebrations 10 or 15 years from now when we kind of, but not really, win in Afghanistan.

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