

## Military Resistance 8K10



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Army Continue Defying The Law  
In Order To Poison More  
Soldiers:**

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# **“The Military Is Still Violating That Law By Not Properly Separating Out Hazardous Material”**

## **“The Defense Department’s Slow Reaction Has Exposed Another Generation Of Veterans To The Exact Same Carcinogens Found In Agent Orange”**

November 1, 2010 By Kelly Kennedy, Army Times [Excerpts]

Of four U.S. bases in Iraq operating burn pits, none complies with federal regulations designed to keep service members safe, according to a Government Accountability Office report.

The report, released Oct. 15, includes photos of hazy air near the pits, photos of prohibited hazardous materials, and a list of emitted health hazards such as carbon monoxide, dioxins, particulate matter and carcinogens.

Contracts with private companies to run the pits did not reflect emissions guidance, the contractors disobeyed orders to comply with the regulations and incinerators were not installed for five years — in part due to contract disputes, GAO found.

The military also does not sample burn-pit emissions as required by its own regulations, the report says.

**“The health impacts of burn-pit exposure on individuals are not well understood, mainly because the military does not collect required data on emissions or exposures,” it says.**

The report comes after Military Times began investigating the use of burn pits in the war zones in October 2008, leading Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and Rep. Bob Filner, D-Calif., to request an investigation by GAO.

Burning plastics and trash in open-air burn pits — such as the fire at Joint Base Balad that at one time burned 240 tons of trash a day — creates dioxin, the same chemical in the defoliant Agent Orange that has sickened so many Vietnam veterans.

“The Defense Department’s slow reaction has exposed another generation of veterans to the exact same carcinogens found in Agent Orange,” Feingold said.

**The military operates 221 burn pits in Afghanistan and 22 in Iraq, but officials said the number of pits in Afghanistan is growing.**

From September 2009 through October 2010, GAO researchers inspected four bases in Iraq — Asad, Marez, Taji and Warhorse — where the burn pits were run by contractor KBR, formerly Kellogg, Brown and Root.

The Veterans Affairs Department released a training report earlier this year telling adjudicators and physicians to inform veterans about potential exposure to environmental hazards in the war zone, and explaining how to properly adjudicate such claims.

Lawmakers worked to create a bill banning the pits, but the legislation that was eventually approved was a weakened version that banned only the burning of hazardous materials in the pits.

**But GAO found the military is still violating that law by not properly separating out hazardous material.**

**“Defense Department health officials said that many items now prohibited from burn pits, such as plastics, have been routinely burned at U.S. military bases from the start of each conflict,” the report states.**

The legislation, approved last year as part of the 2010 Defense Authorization Act, prohibits the military from burning, among other things, medical waste, tires, treated wood, batteries, compressed gas cylinders, fuel containers, aerosols, petroleums, asbestos, mercury or foam.

**But military commanders and U.S. Central Command officials told investigators those items are “routinely disposed of in burn pits.” Investigators found that most bases did not have enough people to manage recycling programs or enough money to replace pits with incinerators.**

The GAO said military officials also have not evaluated long-term health costs or the potential to lower costs by reducing waste or using landfills.

**And though health workers sampled air near the burn pits, they tested for dioxins at only three locations because the test was expensive and required specially trained personnel. Carbon monoxide was not tested in either Iraq or Afghanistan for the same reasons.**

VA officials told GAO that no one is tracking veterans who have been exposed to burn pits.

However, the Naval Health Research Center plans a study of birth outcomes, respiratory symptoms, chronic multisymptom illness, lupus and rheumatoid arthritis in people exposed to burn pits at Joint Base Balad, Coalition Operating Base Speicher and Camp Taji.

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## **ACTION REPORTS**

# **“The Other Two Weren’t As Eager To Return To War And, After A Bit Of Discussion, Felt (At Least The Sergeant I Spoke To) They Were ‘Pawns’ Of The Politicians” [Outreach To New York Army National Guard]**

From: Alan S, Military Resistance Organization  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: October 04, 2010  
Subject: Outreach To New York National Guard

Surprisingly, at an hour I never expected to find them, three National Guard soldiers stood observing pedestrian traffic at one of NY’s commuter terminals.

I approached one soldier, standing off from the other two. After identifying myself he quickly told me (proudly) he couldn’t wait to get back to Afghanistan since that’s what he joined for. The danger didn’t bother him after 18 years. He said he was born in the Ukraine but didn’t know of the local Ukrainian community here on the Lower East Side when I mentioned it. He seemed intrigued.

The other two weren’t as eager to return to war and, after a bit of discussion, felt (at least the sergeant I spoke to) they were “pawns” of the politicians.

The more he spoke about it the more agitated he got and felt the only resolution was to drop a bomb similar to the one that ended World War II in Japan. Although I didn’t agree with his solution I didn’t make my opinion overly pronounced and let him finish what he had to say. The other soldier, a private, remained mostly silent throughout the discussion.

Since I always carry Military Resistance/IVAW contact cards [see below] I gave them one each which they seemed to appreciate.

Returning to the first soldier I mistakenly referred to him as a private since that was the rank sewn on his uniform. “Specialist,” he corrected me and I asked what his specialty was. He paused a second or so and then replied “infantry.” I wished him luck as he accepted a card. Hopefully we’ll all meet again.

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## AND MORE OUTREACH

This time I came with more than cards and found five more troops patrolling the same terminal a few days later.

A group of 3, an Airman, National Guard private and sergeant responded amiably to my approach. The Airman wouldn't take a DVD (Sir! No Sir!) when offered (I had started the conversation by telling him/them I had gotten out just before Vietnam heated up and lots of others weren't so lucky) so it was a natural to offer the DVD but the Airman told me he wasn't "supposed to" accept anything but did take a card as did the others.

The sergeant knew us (Military Resistance) from our outreach at his National Guard Armory and had previously taken material at one of our outreaches. He hadn't reviewed the material yet, however.

Not far away two sergeants were more willing to accept material (one knew me) and although previously having taken an outreach handout: Traveling Soldier [see below], GI Rights Pamphlet and double sided Military Resistance/Traveling Soldier flyer he told me he liked the material and was glad to accept another card.

When I offered him the rest of the cards I had (20-25) he hesitated at first but then took them and seemed pleased with his decision. The other sergeant took a handout of material indicated and a DVD.

Neither said they weren't supposed to accept anything. Hopefully I'll see them again too.

## MORE:

# **ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!**

**An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.**

**If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.**

**Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.**

**They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.**

**If there were favorable responses, say so.**

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

**NOTE WELL:**

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.

Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

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**Telling the truth - about the occupations or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance to Imperial wars inside the armed forces.**

**Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together.**

We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces. If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

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# **FYI: Traveling Soldier Is Published By The Military Resistance Organization:**

## **Military Resistance Mission Statement:**

1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the wars of empire in Afghanistan and Iraq. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.

2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.

However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.

3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.

4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.

Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.



**This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.**

**5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.**

**This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels.**

**Any member may run for any job in the organization. All persons elected are subject to immediate recall, by majority vote of the membership.**

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**6. It is not necessary for Military Resistance to be in political agreement with other organizations in order to work together towards specific common objectives.**

**It is productive for organizations working together on common projects to discuss differences about the best way forward for the movement.**

**Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.**

## **Membership Requirements:**

**7. It is a condition of membership that each member prioritize and participate in organized action to reach out to active duty armed forces, Reserve and/or National Guard units.**

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**9. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.**

**10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.**

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**(Date)**

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **Resistance Action: Rocket Hits Green Zone**

Nov 7 (Reuters) & Nov 8 (Reuters)

**BAGHDAD - One Katyusha rocket landed in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone district of government offices and embassies, an interior ministry source said. No further details, including whether there had been any casualties, were available.**

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol wounded two policemen, in the Karrada district of central Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - Two bombs targeting a police patrol wounded four policemen, in central Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - A bomb targeting a police patrol wounded two people, including one police man, in western Mosul, police said.

HAMAM AL-ALIL- Insurgents in a speeding car opened fire on a police checkpoint, killing two policemen, in Hamam al-Alil near Mosul, a police source said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol on the road between Mosul and Tal Afar killed one policeman and wounded three policemen, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol in Baghdad's southern district of Ilaam, wounding two policemen, an interior ministry source said.

SAMARRA - A roadside bomb went off near a checkpoint manned by a government-backed Sahwa militia, killing two and wounding two in central Samarra, 100 km (60 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

SAMARRA - Three policemen were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near a checkpoint in Samarra, police said.

BAGHDAD - A sticky bomb attached to a car carrying a security guard of the minister of defence wounded him on Saturday in al-Amil district of southwestern Baghdad, an interior ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol, wounding three policemen on Saturday in the town of Tarmiya, 25 km (15 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - Guerrillas attacked an Iraqi army checkpoint and killed two soldiers on Saturday in the city of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Michigan Soldier Killed In Afghanistan**



U.S. Army Pfc. Shane M. Reifert, 23, of St. Clair County's Cottrellville Township, Mich. died Nov. 6, 2010 in Kunar province, Afghanistan of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) out of Fort Campbell, an Army post on the Kentucky-Tennessee border. (AP Photo/U.S. Army)

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## Arizona Soldier Killed In Kunar



U.S. Army Cpl. Aaron Cruttenden, 25 of Mesa, Ariz., died Nov. 7, 2010 in Kunar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire. (AP Photo/Department of Defense)

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## Pennsylvania Soldier Killed In Kunar



U.S. Army Spc. Dale Kridlo, 33 of Hughestown, Penn., died Nov. 7, 2010 in Kunar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire. (AP Photo/Department of Defense)

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## **Arizona Soldier Killed In Badghis**



Army Sgt. 1st Class Todd M. Harris, 37, of Tucson, Ariz., died Nov. 3 in Badghis province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small-arms fire. He was assigned to 87th Infantry Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. (AP Photo)

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

November 9 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an improvised explosive device attack in Southern Afghanistan Tuesday.

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## **Family: Soldier From Pa. Killed In Afghanistan**

November 8, 2010 The Associated Press

SCRANTON, Pa. — Relatives of a soldier from eastern Pennsylvania say he has been killed in Afghanistan.

Family members say 33-year-old Dale Kridlo of Pittston died early Sunday. His grandmother, Alberta Kridlo, says Army officials told the family that he was shot and died from his wounds. Military authorities said Monday they could not immediately confirm the death.

His aunt, 52-year-old Lynn Cingolani, said the family is “numb.” Relatives say the Pittston Area High School graduate was stationed in North Carolina and leaves behind twin 9-year-old daughters. They say he had been serving in Afghanistan since January and was scheduled to come home just before Christmas.

Family members say he loved to hunt and fish and was a big fan of Philadelphia’s Eagles and Phillies teams.

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## Soldier With Maine Ties Killed In Afghanistan

November 9, 2010 WMTW

AUGUSTA, Maine -- Another soldier with ties to Maine has been killed in Afghanistan.

Spc. Andrew Hutchins, 20, was killed Monday.

Hutchins was a military policeman serving with the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky.

“As Veterans Day approaches, we are painfully reminded that our country remains at war, and that our men and women in uniform are still called to duty for their country,” Gov. John Baldacci said.

Baldacci said he spoke with Hutchins’ father, who said his son had been wounded previously, but that he wanted to return to Afghanistan to be with his buddies.

Hutchins’ mother lives in Waltham and his father lives in Leeds. His wife plans to stay in Maine with her mother until Hutchins’ funeral.

**Hutchins is the second person this month with Maine ties killed in Afghanistan. Marine First Lt. James R. Zimmerman, 25, died Nov. 2.**

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# Hopatcong Soldier Was 'Great Man And An Even Better Friend'

10/30/2010 By LYND SAY CAYETANA BOUCHAL, New Jersey Herald

HOPATCONG — The body of a 23-year-old Hopatcong soldier returned home Friday, after paying the ultimate price in Afghanistan last week.

Sgt. Michael Kirspel Jr., a 2006 Hopatcong High School graduate, was killed in combat Wednesday while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. According to a U.S. Department of Defense report, Kirspel suffered fatal wounds when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device.

The soldier died near the village of Khwaja Kinti.

"Mike was a great soldier, a great man and an even better friend," said Sgt. Matthew Hubbard, who Kirspel served under during his 13-month tour in Iraq from October 2007 to November 2008. Kirspel had joined the Army one month after graduating high school.

"He loved '80s music and nobody could talk bad about 'the Boss' Bruce Springstein," Hubbard said. "He loved Jeeps and he loved living life."

The background of the 23-year-old's Myspace page is covered in Jeep logo.

Kirspel loved pizza and history, football and The Rolling Stones; he dreamed of going to Hawaii and loved off-roading and racing; in a Myspace blog, he said he wasn't much of a joke-teller, but he called himself a proud and reliable man "like a Jeep, baby"; his nickname was Krispey.

Kirspel was completing his second tour overseas. He was deployed this past spring from Fort Drum, N.Y. to Afghanistan, where he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery (Strike), 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

Hubbard said he, himself, was almost killed by an improvised explosive device in July. "The loss of Mike really, truly is killing me inside, but I'm trying to handle the pain of losing another great friend every day," he said.

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## The Marines Take Over From British Soldiers In Bloody Sangin:



# **Lt. Col. Boasts About How “You Can Go Out And Take The Fight To The Enemy”**

## **Result: “Thirteen Marines Have Been Killed And 49 Wounded Since The Battalion Arrived”**

11.9.2010 AP [Excerpts]

SANGIN, Afghanistan— U.S. Marines who recently inherited this lush river valley in southern Helmand province from British forces have tossed aside their predecessor's playbook in favor of a more aggressive strategy to tame one of the most violent places in Afghanistan.

“Sangin has been an area where drug lords, Taliban and people who don't want the government to come in and legitimize things have holed up,” said Lt. Col. Jason Morris, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. The unit took over responsibility for Sangin in mid-October nearly a month after the British withdrew.

“The fact that a lot of those patrol bases were closed down frees up maneuver forces so that you can go out and take the fight to the enemy,” Morris said during an interview at the battalion's main base in the district center, Forward Operating Base Jackson.

**As Morris spoke, the sound of heavy machine gun fire and mortar explosions echoed in the background for nearly 30 minutes as Marines tried to kill insurgents who were firing at the base from a set of abandoned compounds about 500 feet away.**

**The battalion has been in more than 100 firefights since it arrived, and the proximity of many of them to FOB Jackson illustrates just how much freedom of movement the Taliban still have in Sangin.**

Taliban attacks have taken their toll.

Thirteen Marines have been killed and 49 wounded since the battalion arrived.

Most of those casualties have come from IEDs, or improvised explosive devices, that the insurgents hide in compounds, along trails and in dense fields where they are hard to detect.

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# **Near Kandahar, The Deadly Farce Rolls On: “We Got People All Around Here Trying To Contain The Area But It’s Too Easy For Them To Put Down Their Guns, Look Like Everybody Else And Go About Their Business”**

**The additional problem for these American and Afghan forces is that nearly everybody else — the local Afghans — have also fled. The village is practically empty.**

November 9, 2010 by Tom Bowman, NPR [Excerpts]

Army Capt. Davitt Broderick’s command post is a two-story adobe house in southern Afghanistan’s Taliban country.

His company of about 100 soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division swept into this area of Kandahar’s Panjwaii district about two weeks ago in the dead of night, aboard massive Chinook helicopters. They are with about 200 Afghan army soldiers on a mission to sweep through the villages, fields and orchards west of the city of Kandahar.

They have rushed to set up small combat outposts and checkpoints.

It is a key test of the American war strategy for Afghanistan, being watched not only by the Taliban but by the U.S. military command up the ranks to Gen. David Petraeus.

When the American and Afghan troops swept in, the Taliban shot back. Broderick’s company continues to receive harassing fire.

But most of the Taliban fighters left in haste, leaving behind their bomb-making materials and, says Broderick, virtually disappearing.

“We got people all around here trying to contain the area but it’s too easy for them to put down their guns, look like everybody else and go about their business,” Broderick says.

**The additional problem for these American and Afghan forces is that nearly everybody else — the local Afghans — have also fled. The village is practically empty.**

Later, Lt. Col. Rob Harmon, Broderick’s boss, reviews with him plans for the area.

Broderick points to a satellite map of the town of Panjwaii hanging on the mud wall of the American compound. It shows a checkerboard of houses, fields and dirt roads.

He points to one spot on the map. The centerpiece of the community is the local bazaar.

Harmon wants to know whether there's progress bringing people back to the bazaar.

"You said 18 shops are open?" he asks.

"No, just one shop," Broderick explains. "The shopkeeper basically said the rest of them are afraid to open up."

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## **NEW GENERAL ORDER NO. 1: PACK UP GO HOME NOW!**



A concussed servicemember rests in a compound offering cover after a rocket propelled grenade exploded near his position during a battle against Taliban insurgents in the town of Nabuk in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, November 1, 2010.

REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

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



The remains of Army Spc. Pedro A. Maldonado of Houston Texas, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Oct. 31, 2010. Spc. Maldonado, 20, of Houston, Texas, died Oct. 29 in Kandalay, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

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## **Army Enlistments Drop: “Fiscal Year 2009 Finds The Fewest Active-Army Recruits Since NPP Began Its Analysis In 2004”**

[Thanks to Lee Sustar, who sent this in.]

October 20, 2010 By Kevin Young, Kevin Young's ZSpace Page [Excerpts]

Young people tend to enlist in the military when they see no better option for their future. Far from being an “all-volunteer” force, as commonly asserted, the US military survives in large part by coercing economically-disadvantaged and jobless youth into its ranks while promising them huge enlistment bonuses, money for college, job training, and other benefits.

But despite the longstanding correlation between economic desperation and military enlistment, it appears that the current recession has not produced a sudden spike in recruitment levels as many military recruiters had gleefully asserted and as others, including myself a few months ago, had believed.

A recently-released analysis of 2009 Army recruitment by the National Priorities Project (otherwise famous for its “cost of war” calculator) shows that the US recession and rising unemployment have failed to boost enlistment rates.

According to the report, “The economic recession appeared to have minimal impact on FY09 Army recruitment efforts. Only the broadest measure of unemployment showed a modest correlation with recruitment rates and that was primarily for recruits who identified themselves as white.”

**More telling, perhaps, is the fact that “Fiscal Year 2009 finds the fewest active-Army recruits since NPP began its analysis in 2004.”**

**The new report, which NPP compiled based on government data obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests, contradicts earlier military claims that recruitment levels had risen.**

The Army boasted late last year that it had exceeded its recruitment goals for the first time in several years.

Pentagon officials, meanwhile, bluntly asserted that the recession had put the military “in a very favorable position.”

**The main reason for the discrepancy, the NPP report notes, is that the Army had quietly lowered its original 2009 recruitment goals by about 17 percent, from 78,000 to 65,000 recruits, thus allowing it to report that it had exceeded expectations when it recruited only 70,045 new enlistees.**

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED  
ON TO HALT THE BLOODSHED  
THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO  
STOP THE WARS**

**“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.” Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

## 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**

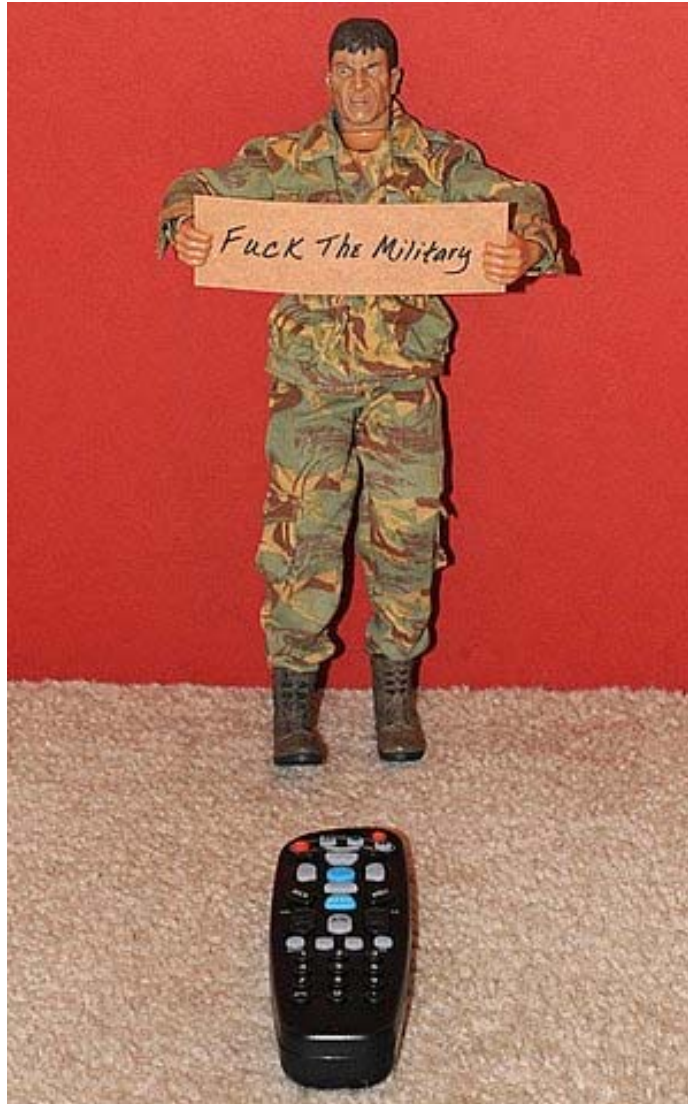
**I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.**

**-- 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**

# Remote Control Soldier



From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: October 30, 2010  
Subject: Remote Control Soldier

## Remote Control Soldier

**The first time I ever said,  
Fuck The Military,  
is the first time I ever  
experienced critical thinking.**

**Mike Hastie  
Vietnam Veteran**

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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.

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



**The Loathsome Traitor Obama  
Claims He May Kill Any American  
Citizen He Pleases In Complete  
Secrecy:**



# **“Not Only Does The President Have The Right To Sentence Americans To Death With No Due Process Or Charges Of Any Kind, But His Decisions As To Who Will Be Killed And Why He Wants Them Dead Are ‘State Secrets,’ And Thus No Court May Adjudicate Their Legality”**

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At this point, I didn't believe it was possible, but the Obama administration has just reached an all-new low in its abysmal civil liberties record.

In response to the lawsuit filed by Anwar Awlaki's father asking a court to enjoin the President from assassinating his son, a U.S. citizen, without any due process, the administration late last night, according to The Washington Post, filed a brief asking the court to dismiss the lawsuit without hearing the merits of the claims.

That's not surprising: both the Bush and Obama administrations have repeatedly insisted that their secret conduct is legal but nonetheless urge courts not to even rule on its legality.

But what's most notable here is that one of the arguments the Obama DOJ raises to demand dismissal of this lawsuit is "state secrets": in other words, not only does the President have the right to sentence Americans to death with no due process or charges of any kind, but his decisions as to who will be killed and why he wants them dead are "state secrets," and thus no court may adjudicate their legality.

If the President has the power to order American citizens killed with no due process, and to do so in such complete secrecy that no courts can even review his decisions, then what doesn't he have the power to do?

Just for the moment, I'll note that The New York Times' Charlie Savage, two weeks ago, wrote about the possibility that Obama might raise this argument, and quoted the far-right, Bush-supporting, executive-power-revering lawyer David Rivkin as follows:

"The government's increasing use of the state secrets doctrine to shield its actions from judicial review has been contentious. Some officials have argued that invoking it in the Awlaki matter, about which so much is already public, would risk a backlash.

"David Rivkin, a lawyer in the White House of President George H. W. Bush, echoed that concern.

**“I’m a huge fan of executive power, but if someone came up to you and said the government wants to target you and you can’t even talk about it in court to try to stop it, that’s too harsh even for me,” he said.”**

**Obama’s now asserting a power so radical -- the right to kill American citizens and do so in total secrecy, beyond even the reach of the courts -- that it’s “too harsh even for” one of the most far-right War on Terror cheerleading-lawyers in the nation.**

But that power is certainly not “too harsh” for the kind-hearted Constitutional Scholar we elected as President, nor for his hordes of all-justifying supporters soon to place themselves to the right of David Rivkin as they explain why this is all perfectly justified.

**One other thing, as always: vote Democrat, because the Republicans are scary!**

**The same Post article quotes a DOJ spokesman as saying that Awlaki “should surrender to American authorities and return to the United States, where he will be held accountable for his actions.”**

**But he’s not been charged with any crimes, let alone indicted for any.**

**The President has been trying to kill him for the entire year without any of that due process.**

**And now the President refuses even to account to an American court for those efforts to kill this American citizen on the ground that the President’s unilateral imposition of the death penalty is a “state secret.”**

And, indeed, American courts -- at Obama’s urging -- have been upholding that sort of a “state secrecy” claim even when it comes to war crimes such as torture and rendition.

**Does that sound like a political system to which any sane, rational person would “surrender”?**

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UPDATE:

As a reminder: Obama supporters who are dutifully insisting that the President not only has the right to order American citizens killed without due process, but to do so in total secrecy, on the ground that Awlaki is a Terrorist and Traitor, are embracing those accusations without having the slightest idea whether they’re actually true.

**All they know is that Obama has issued these accusations, which is good enough for them.**

**That’s the authoritarian mind, by definition: if the Leader accuses a fellow citizen of something, then it’s true -- no trial or any due process at all is needed and there is no need even for judicial review before the decreed sentence is meted out, even when the sentence is death.**

For those reciting the “Awlaki-is-a-traitor” mantra, there’s also the apparently irrelevant matter that Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution (the document which these same Obama supporters pretended to care about during the Bush years) provides that “No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court.”

Treason is a crime that the Constitution specifically requires be proven with due process in court, not by unilateral presidential decree. And that’s to say nothing of the fact that the same document -- the Constitution -- expressly forbids the deprivation of life “without due process of law.”

This one sentence from the Post article nicely summarizes the state of Obama’s civil liberties record: “The Obama administration has cited the state-secrets argument in at least three cases since taking office - in defense of Bush-era warrantless wiretapping, surveillance of an Islamic charity, and the torture and rendition of CIA prisoners.”

And now, in this case, Obama uses this secrecy and immunity weapon not to shield Bush lawlessness from judicial review, but his own.

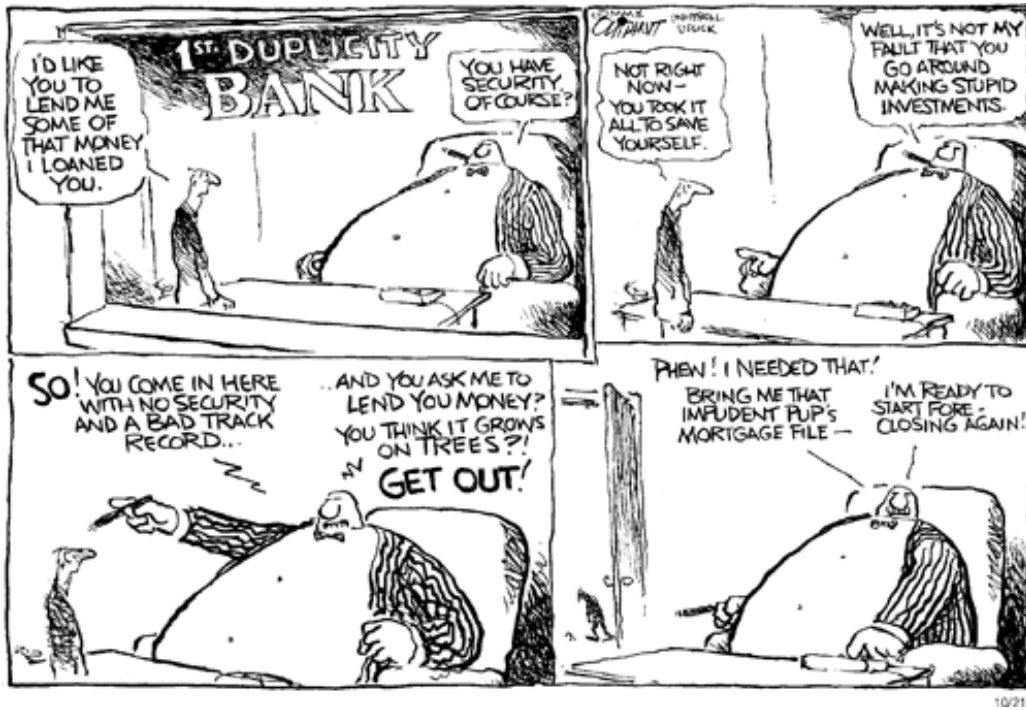
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