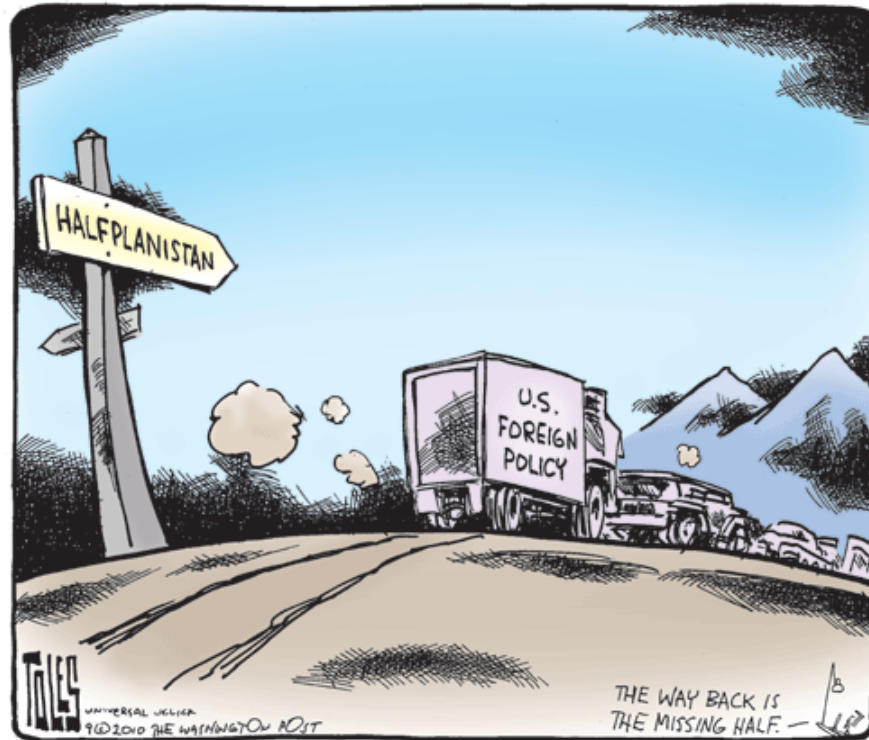


Military Resistance 8K4



“Tawney Is The 10th Marine From His Battalion To Be Killed In 10 Days” “His Wife Ashley Is Expecting A Baby Girl In January”

October 18, 2010 Alyssa Karas, The Oregonian

U.S. Marine Sgt. Ian M. Tawney always maintained close ties to his Dallas roots, but even from an early age, he loved to explore.

Tawney’s strong sense of independence manifested itself when he organized a yearlong trip to Argentina at age 15. And his enthusiasm for life became evident when he returned, spouting fluent Spanish.

“As a very young child, he had a very strong sense of self and was very decisive about what he wanted to do with his life,” said his mother, Theda Tawney on Monday.

So when Tawney, 25, joined the Marines five years ago, his work ethic quickly distinguished him, and he won several awards.

But his life was cut short Saturday when he was conducting combat operations and killed when an improvised explosive device blew up in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

Friends and family remember Tawney as a devoted husband, a loyal friend and an avid outdoorsman.

"It's hard when you've lost somebody and you try to define who they were," said his father, John Tawney.

His family was in Dover, Del., on Monday, awaiting the arrival of Tawney's body.

Tawney was soon to be a father himself. His wife Ashley is expecting a baby girl in January.

"He was honored to be a member of the Marine Corps," said his father. Among Tawney's numerous awards are the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Iraq Campaign Medal and Navy Unit Commendation.

"Even though he didn't like to call attention to himself, he was a natural leader," said his mother. Tawney previously fought in Iraq in 2007. He served with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Tawney is the 10th Marine from his battalion to be killed in 10 days.

Lance Cpl. Joseph Rodewald of Albany also served in Tawney's battalion and was killed Oct. 13 by a roadside bomb.

Tawney is the 26th person in Oregon to die in the Afghanistan conflict.

Tawney was a top student in squad leader school, and he graduated as the honor man of his class, his father said. He had wanted to make the Marines his career.

"He just knew what he wanted in his life, and he went for it," his mother said. "He was a man of great integrity."

His wife described him as outgoing and full of life. He loved hunting, snowboarding and riding motorcycles.

"He loved to laugh," Ashley Tawney said. The two met in pre-school and stayed friends throughout high school. Finally, when both of them were working at a retirement facility, they began dating. Tawney was excited about the arrival of their daughter.

"It's going to be a real blessing to have a part of him through her," Theda Tawney said.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Tawney is survived by brothers Shayne Chandler and Jacob Tawney, sisters Stacy Barham, Karin Lamberton and Karla Cowan, and grandmothers Leona Smith and Kathryn Tawney . Funeral arrangements are pending.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

November 3 AP

A foreign servicemember died a result of an IED strike in southern Afghanistan today.

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

November 3 AP

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

Two Australian Troops Wounded In Afghanistan

Nov 3, 2010 ABC

Two Australian Special Forces soldiers were slightly wounded in separate incidents in Afghanistan last week when the Bushmaster vehicles they were travelling in struck improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

The Defence Department says one soldier suffered a lower back injury, while the other suffered a minor ankle injury in the incidents on October 28.

The two soldiers were conducting operations with their partner unit, the Provincial Response Company (PRC) in northern Kandahar.

It says the incidents occurred moments after each other in separate locations.

Both wounded soldiers were immediately treated with first aid.

The soldier suffering a back injury was airlifted to a medical facility at Tarin Kot before being flown to another medical facility in Kandahar for further assessment.

The second soldier remained on patrol and completed the operation.

Slain Marine, A Clarksville Graduate, Remembered



A Marine Corps carry team on Saturday carries the remains of Marine Lance Cpl. Irvin Cenicerros, 21, of Clarksville, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The Associated Press

October 19, 2010 By Hicham Raache, TIMES RECORD

A Clarksville Marine killed in battle on Thursday is remembered by family and fellow Marines as a decent and loving man who exemplified the strong character of a Marine.

Lance Cpl. Irvin M. Cenicerros, 21, died while fighting in Afghanistan's Helmand province.

Cenicerros died in service to a cause he believed in, said his sister, Vanessa Cenicerros. "He told my father, 'Don't worry for me, papa, I'm fighting for the ones who can't fight, the ones who can't defend themselves,'" Vanessa Cenicerros said.

Irvin Cenicerros was born in Tampa, Fla., the son of Maria and Ignacio Cenicerros and the youngest of four children, including Vanessa and two brothers, Ivan and Abraham.

"He was our baby brother," Vanessa Cenicerros said. "That's why it hurts so much."

For much of his adolescence, Ivan's family lived in Tampa. As a child, Vanessa said, Cenicerros played tennis and football. In 2002, Ignacio's work brought him and his family to Clarksville.

As a young man, Cenicerros became fascinated with the cars.

"He always wanted to put details on them, make them look nicer with nice rims and nice tires," Vanessa said.

Cenicerros, Vanessa said, was constantly in good spirits.

"He was a very, very funny guy, always making jokes about everything," she said. "He always saw the good things in life. If something was going to be wrong, he would find the good things."

Cenicerros signed up with the Marines in August 2007 after graduating from Clarksville High School. He departed for boot camp in September 2007.

"The Marines to him were very strong people," Vanessa said. "He admired the strength of character of the Marines; that's why I think he wanted to be in the Marines, because he was the same way."

Cpl. Andrew Gutierrez became friends with Cenicerros, who he refers to as "Cini," while they went through boot camp together.

"He was a straight-up great Marine (who) did what he was told (and) knew right from wrong," Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez recalled Cenicerros' determination to prove himself as a Marine.

"(He was) a great machine gunner who did what he had to do to be the best," Gutierrez said.

Cenicerros was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, Calif. With his fellow Marines, he traveled to lands across the globe, including Hawaii, Dubai and countries in Africa.

Cenicerros was deployed to Afghanistan less than two weeks before he was killed in battle.

"He never let us know he was going," Vanessa Cenicerros said. "He didn't want us to worry; he knew our mom and dad would cry."

Cenicerros called and spoke with the family on Oct. 12, , Vanessa said. She said his words were heavy with emotion, out of character for his reliably jovial nature.

"He always made jokes, but the last time we talked to him, he was telling us he loved us and if anything happened to him to not worry because he would be close to God," she said.

Along with his parents and siblings, he is survived by his girlfriend, Stacey Rios, and Vanessa's daughter.

"He loved to play with my little one," she said. "He used to call her 'my little girl' and said he would always protect her."

Funeral Mass for Cenicerros will be 3 p.m. Friday at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Clarksville. Burial will be in Porreon, Mexico, where many of his family members reside.

Marine Killed In Afghanistan

10/19/2010 By George Zarazua, Express-News

Marine Cpl. Jorge Villarreal Jr.'s portrait hung high on the chain-link fence of the football stadium at Kennedy High School on Monday night as his closest friends huddled underneath in despair.

His father stood near, silent and stoic, as more than 150 mourners slowly gathered for the start of a candlelight vigil in memory of his fallen son.

Villarreal, 22, was killed Sunday in Afghanistan by a roadside bomb while he was on a foot patrol in Helmand province, the Defense Department announced Monday.

The motor vehicle operator was assigned to 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, Calif. "I'm very proud of him," Villarreal's father said. "He died for us."

The elder Villarreal attended the vigil without his wife, Yolanda, who had left town with their daughter, April, to escort the body of the younger Villarreal home.

His death came as a shock to his friends, who last spent time with Villarreal this summer when he visited before deploying to Afghanistan.

"It's hard for us right now," Jon-Erik Martinez, 22, told supporters who had come to the school's parking lot. "I would like to thank all of you for coming out to help all of us get through this time."

Villarreal, who graduated from Kennedy in 2006, was considered the backbone of a close-knit group of friends who grew up together.

"He was like our brother, actually," said Eric Gutierrez, 23.

Vince Reynosa, 22, said Villarreal often served as the peacemaker of the group, settling disputes among friends. He described Villarreal as a fun-loving young man who enjoyed spending time with his friends and going out on weekends.

In high school, his friends said, Villarreal was a member of the National Honor Society and served as his class treasurer.

Reynosa said that although Villarreal talked about joining the Marines, they were surprised to learn he enlisted Feb. 12, 2007.

"I'm at a loss for words because he's gone and I can't believe it," said Villarreal's cousin Stephanie Rymers. "He served our country. He did what he had to do, and he paid the ultimate sacrifice."

Villarreal previously deployed with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit to the western Pacific in 2008. The Marine Corps said his personal service awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and NATO Medal.

Friends said Villarreal expected to return home for the holidays and was excited about visiting them again.

Miguel Castaneda, 28, who serves in the Army, said that although he never served side by side with Villarreal, his friend did talk about death.

"He told me if anything were to happen to him, for us to mourn for him for an hour," Castaneda said. "After that, he said we should party it up and celebrate his life."

"I hope everyone does that for him. He deserves it."

**The Great Kandahar Police
Training Fiasco Rolls On:
"Our Guys, When They See
Someone Injured, Or An
Explosion, They Flee"
"It Took A Military Operation For
Sinclair To Pay A Recent Visit To A
Few Afghan Checkpoints And A
Police Station"
"They Are Writing Things Down, But
Nothing Ever Happens"**

They haven't even been taught what laws they're supposed to enforce, or how to fill out a report when they accuse someone of breaking them, let alone the rules governing treatment of prisoners or other knowledge vital in a war zone.

Nov 2 2010 By Paul Watson, Star Columnist, Toronto Star

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN—Midday, not far from a notorious insurgent neighbourhood, and the Afghan police station's observation tower was empty, except for a swept-up pile of cigarette butts and a thick piece of black cardboard.

It was lying on the concrete floor, roughly shaped like the upper half of an adult human, wearing the slightly soiled grey-blue uniform of the Afghan National Police.

The fallen cardboard cutout cop was the Afghan security force's version of a scarecrow, meant to give the impression to all that the dummy surveyed, including any Taliban plotters, that the police were watching.

That ruse doesn't cut it any more. And the dusty boot prints on the toppled uniform suggest the cops know it.

Toronto police Constable Phillip Sinclair shook his head in disbelief when he stumbled upon the mock cop while giving a Toronto Star reporter a tour of a police substation, just a few kilometres from the long-time Taliban stronghold of Malajat.

Sinclair said it was the first time he'd seen one. But after almost two months in Afghanistan, he's learned to expect the unexpected.

Like Canadian soldiers mentoring Afghan troops, Canadian police say they face enormous problems in the effort to build more effective security forces.

Just getting some to show up to work, and finish a shift, is a challenge.

Sinclair, a cheery, nine-year veteran of the Toronto force has gone after small-time crooks and major gangs in the city's northwest 31 Division. He needs more than a badge, police blues and a patrol car to work his beat here.

He suits up in camouflaged fatigues, with combat helmet, flak vest and ballistic glasses, armed with an assault rifle and a 9 mm pistol, to head into Kandahar city in a convoy of armored vehicles, backed by a phalanx of Canadian soldiers.

It took a military operation for Sinclair to pay a recent visit to a few Afghan checkpoints and a police station.

First Sinclair first had to attend an early morning orders briefing with his partner, Toronto police Sergeant Jason Waters, 36, and more than a dozen soldiers.

Their commander detailed the risks, the route and the open-fire rules if the convoy came under attack from anything more lethal than the regular rotten fruits and vegetables.

Four improvised explosive devices were discovered in the city in the previous 24 hours. Four males opened fire on a U.S. convoy in the city's south, the general direction of Sinclair's mission.

The threat level for motorcycle, car or truck bombs: High.

At each of his stops in Kandahar city, Sinclair asked how many police had received any training — not classes to upgrade skills, just something more than being given a uniform and told where to go.

Everywhere the situation was the same: police commanders were running check points and patrols, struggling to defend the city against insurgents, with large numbers of police who haven't had the most basic instruction.

They haven't even been taught what laws they're supposed to enforce, or how to fill out a report when they accuse someone of breaking them, let alone the rules governing treatment of prisoners or other knowledge vital in a war zone.

Only about half of the 2,600 ANP in Kandahar city and the surrounding districts have received any training, confirmed Katherine Heath-Eves, a Canadian foreign affairs spokeswoman here.

“Do you have a training officer here?” Sinclair asked Second Lieutenant Abdul Basir, 25, head of criminal investigations at the substation with the cutout cop in the observation tower.

“We do have one, but we never see him,” Basir replied.

Sinclair chuckled as he wrote the reply down on the questionnaire. He does that a lot. Laughter guards his sanity.

Third Lieutenant Abdul Malik greeted Sinclair at a checkpoint with his right foot wrapped in bandages. He said it was a wound from an IED blast. Malik invited Sinclair to sit on a small patch of grass.

Sinclair worked his way through the questionnaire to matters of training.

“We don't have enough time to sleep, so how would we train our men?” Malik snorted.

Third Lieutenant Noor Mohammed complained at another checkpoint that he only has one radio.

“If I take it, how do I communicate with my checkpoint?” he asked Sinclair, who promised to bring it up with headquarters.

Like many checkpoint commanders, Mohammed flagged the alarming number of police who quit. Some say the attrition rate is as high as around 50 per cent of the ANP force in Kandahar city.

“Lots of our guys, when they see someone injured, or an explosion, they flee,” he told Sinclair. “They don’t want to work any more.”

The checkpoint also needs a generator, Malik added, because in the 10th year of the war, the city that NATO commanders call the insurgents’ “centre of gravity” still has only intermittent electricity.

Sinclair promised to bring that up with headquarters, too. Malik and his men weren’t impressed.

“I have seen lots people come here with their notebooks and pens,” Malik said curtly. “They are writing things down, but nothing ever happens.”

Back on base, Sinclair admitted it’s tough asking headquarters to fix things, only to see the same problems festering on the next visit to cops on the firing lines, the bloodied streets of Kandahar city.

Kandahar Cluster Fuck Continued:

**“The U.S. Soldiers, He Said, Have
Uprooted Crops To Eliminate
Insurgent Cover And Drive
Armored Trucks Through The
Fields”**

**“How Could I Be Happy With Them?”
“The Afghan Government That U.S.
Officials Hoped Could Step In To Provide
Basic Services Remains A Skeleton Staff
Of Unskilled Bureaucrats That Is
Incapable Of Functioning On Its Own”**

November 2, 2010 By Joshua Partlow and Karen DeYoung, Washington Post [Excerpts]

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN - Despite months of American prodding, the Afghan government has failed to fill dozens of key positions in Kandahar, leaving an ineffectual local administration that U.S. officials fear will cripple the battlefield progress the military says it is making in the Taliban stronghold.

But the Afghan government that U.S. officials hoped could step in to provide basic services remains a skeleton staff of unskilled bureaucrats that is incapable of functioning on its own, according to U.S. officials.

For the past year, the United States and its NATO allies have tried to build a Kandahar administration that can address residents' grievances and sway them from the Taliban. The U.S. has also embarked on a massive spending spree in order to prop up Kandahar authorities and provide basic services.

But with power monopolized by the central government in Kabul, the provincial and municipal offices in southern Afghanistan's largest city are hamstrung and undermanned.

"The potential single failure point is the Afghan government."

"Right now, the government capacity is so anemic we have to do it," said the U.S. official who, like others, was not authorized to speak for the record.

"We are acting as donor and government. That's not sustainable."

Only about 40 Afghans work for the city government, out of 120 job slots, and the governor's staff faces a similar shortfall.

But even these numbers are misleading, as many of those on staff serve in menial jobs such as cooks or gardeners.

In the four key rural districts surrounding the city - Zhari, Panjwayi, Argandab and Dand - there are 44 critical jobs, such as district governors, financial officers and agricultural advisers, according to the U.S. military.

Just 12 of them now show up to work.

The city of Kandahar, with one million people and a flood of construction projects, for months had a single engineer. Doctors and nurses have been recruited for health clinics that have no managers.

The Taliban campaign to kill and intimidate government employees in Kandahar makes recruitment a hard sell. When Noor Ahmad Nazari was gunned down on his way home from work Oct. 4, it was the second time the city's deputy mayor had been assassinated in six months.

The pay does little to entice.

An Afghan working for the U.S.-led coalition or a foreign nonprofit can earn more than \$1,000 a month; at city hall, \$70. "The Afghan government cannot compete with this wartime economy," said another American official in Kandahar.

In Kabul, little attention is paid to Kandahar, Afghan and U.S. officials said, despite its key position in the war against the Taliban. Cabinet ministers rarely visit.

With 12,000 U.S. and NATO troops in Kandahar, the collateral damage of military operations often seems to make a more indelible impression.

“The Americans brought us more security, but what have they done? They destroyed our houses, they destroyed our gardens and orchards,” said Juma Khan, 70, who evacuated his family from its home in the Zhari district of Kandahar to avoid the fighting.

When the Taliban ruled his village, he said, members would search residents’ pockets for signs of government affiliation, ready to lynch or behead. But farmers who abstained from such government support could tend their vineyards in peace.

The U.S. soldiers, he said, have uprooted crops to eliminate insurgent cover and drive armored trucks through the fields, which the Taliban then seed with bombs.

“How could I be happy with them?” he said.

MORE:

Kandahar Cluster Fuck Continued:

**“‘Nobody Wants To Work With Me
— Everyone Wants To Stay Alive’
Said Kandahar Mayor Hamid
Haidari”**

**“Samiullah’s Brother-In-Law, Ahmad,
Scoffed At The Idea That Recent
Military Operations Brought
Improved Security To The City”
“The Government Lost Control”**

NOVEMBER 3, 2010 By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -- American operations to clear the Taliban from villages around Kandahar are pushing insurgents into the city, where the militants' campaign of assassinations and bombings is undermining efforts to stabilize Afghanistan's second-largest metropolis.

Over the past week, Taliban fighters on motorbikes have also swarmed roads in the heart of the city at night, checking motorists' documents and warning them against collaborating with the government, witnesses and coalition officials say.

"Nobody wants to work with me—they're all afraid," said Kandahar Mayor Hamid Haidari, sitting in his office in the unlit, nearly deserted municipal building amid a recent power blackout.

"Everyone wants to stay alive."

Mr. Haidari himself kept away from the office for 10 days last month after a warning that he would be targeted by a Taliban suicide bomber.

This climate of fear clashes with optimistic assessments by coalition and Afghan commanders, who say intensive military operations over the past two months have dealt a major blow to the Taliban in this southern province, the focus of President Barack Obama's troop surge.

American officials say the jump in Taliban activity in the city wasn't unexpected and shouldn't be viewed as a sign that the Kandahar campaign, whose ultimate goal is to secure the metropolis, is failing.

Taliban violence is keeping many locals away from government jobs. Until this summer, Eliyas Rahimi earned 78,000 afghanis, or \$1,730, a month, a princely amount by Afghan standards, as a public-relations consultant for the municipality.

In August, he began receiving warning phone calls from the Taliban, which he says he initially dismissed as pranks.

Then the caller recounted Mr. Rahimi's daily schedule, a sign he was under surveillance. The 23-year-old says he threw out his cellphone and never showed up at the office again.

"Anyone can be targeted here—and after you're dead, that is it. Nobody cares," said Mr. Rahimi, who remains unemployed.

Relatives of another shooting victim, a municipal employee named Samiullah, gathered around the adjoining bed. The man, unconscious, writhed as he was hooked up to a rusted oxygen tank. Two assassins' bullets had torn through his abdomen last week.

Samiullah's brother-in-law, Ahmad, scoffed at the idea that recent military operations brought improved security to the city.

"The government lost control," he said. "What security are they talking about when killers can come to your doorstep and shoot you in the chest in the center of the city?"

Obama Regime To Hand Over \$500 Million To War Profiteer For Embassy Construction In Afghanistan: “Washington’s Kabul Embassy Is Already Its Biggest In The World”

Nov 3 AFP & Reuters

The United States is bolstering its presence in Afghanistan with a 500 million dollar expansion of its Kabul embassy and the construction of two consulates, it announced Wednesday.

Washington’s Kabul embassy is already its biggest in the world, with about 1,100 employees, projected to rise to 1,200 by the end of the year, officials said. The U.S. embassy in Kabul is a sprawling complex in a prominent part of the city that dwarfs other diplomatic missions.

Heavily fortified, the embassy also has a private road linking it to the NATO headquarters and President Hamid Karzai’s palace.

The embassy expansion contract was worth 511 million dollars and had been awarded under US law to an American company, Caddell Construction Inc., ambassador Karl Eikenberry said.

Based in Montgomery, Alabama, Candell Construction, Inc. has carried out many contracts for the United States government and military, building several embassies, consulates, courthouses and prisons.

Another two contracts, worth 20 million dollars each, have been awarded for the construction of consulates in Herat, the main city in western Afghanistan, and Mazar-I-Sharif in the north, he said.

Speaking to a gathering of Afghan officials, Eikenberry said the expansion would enable the United States “to carry out its pledge to maintain into the future its very significant security, government, economic and civil society programmes”.

The embassy project includes an office building with 302 desks, two apartment buildings with 433 beds and a parking garage with capacity for 300 vehicles, it said.

It was due to be completed in June 2014, with the two consulates -- each expected to generate six million dollars for local businesses and employ 150 Afghans -- due to be finished in January 2011.

“All combined over the last two years, the dollar value for our diplomatic facilities expansion contracts in Kabul, Mazar and Herat now will be at about 800 million dollars,” Eikenberry said.

REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE: ALL HOME NOW



A U.S. soldier from 1-22 Infantry Battalion searching for roadside bombs during a patrol in a village in Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan October 4, 2010. REUTERS/Erik de Castro



A U.S. Marine from 8th Marines in a sandstorm at his remote outpost near Kunjak in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, October 28, 2010. REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly



A Marine Staff Sgt. from 8th Marines Alpha Company calls for a medic for a Marine who suffered a concussion caused by a rocket propelled grenade explosion 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



U.S. Marines from 8th Marines Alpha Company under fire from Taliban insurgents in the town of Nabuk in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, November 1, 2010. REUTERS/Finbarr O'Reilly



U.S. Marines from 8th Marines Alpha Company taking heavy fire during a battle against Taliban insurgents in the town of Nabuk in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, November 1, 2010.

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

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

U.S. Government-Backed Soldiers Kill Each Other And Civilians Fighting Over Extortion Money

11.3.10 Mareeg.com

Fighting between the transitional government soldiers in Mogadishu has killed 3 soldiers and wounded 6 others including civilians on Wednesday, according to witness, officials.

Residents told Mareeg news centre in Mogadishu that that the fighting started as more troops of the government disagreed extortion money collected from a checkpoint at around Ma'ruf neighborhood in Wadajir district in the capital.

Residents confirmed that 3 soldiers died while 6 others wounded during the gun battle.

More of the people in the areas had expressed concern over the fighting and it is not the first time that government soldiers dispute and fight in Mogadishu cause casualties of deaths and injuries in the capital.

MILITARY NEWS

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



U.S. Army soldiers bid goodbye to their colleague of 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry during his evacuation by a “Dustoff” medevac helicopter, part of Task Force Shadow from the 101st Airborne Division, in Kandahar province September 28, 2010. The injured soldier was wounded when a roadside bomb attack struck his unit while on patrol.

REUTERS/Erik de Castro

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

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

Blind, Stupid, Ignorant, Sadistic Freaks In Command Tormenting Troops Using Legally Prescribed Medical Marijuana:

**“‘What Are They Going To Do —
Send Me To Jail?’ Said Richelle
Golden, A Specialist With The
Oregon National Guard Who Is
Facing Court-Martial For Using
Medical Marijuana”**

**“Nobody Is Concerned About My
Health Care Here,” She Said. “They
Just See Me As A Junkie”**

One client, a former enlisted Marine who served three combat tours and was diagnosed with PTSD. The Marine began smoking marijuana while on active duty in California after a cocktail of prescription psychiatric drugs made him feel “like a zombie.” The Marine tested positive at a routine urinalysis. The Corps recently separated him on a general discharge, effectively stripping him of any disability payments or education benefits.

10.18.2010 By Andrew Tilghman, Army Times [Excerpts]

An Oregon National Guard soldier who smoked medical marijuana while in chemotherapy faces court-martial.

A Navy wife received medical marijuana for back pain but fears possessing or smoking it in her house will risk her husband’s career.

A Marine combat veteran who smoked medical marijuana to ease symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder could wind up suing the Corps for denying him an honorable discharge.

Accessible in 14 states — some with large military populations — medical marijuana is gaining greater acceptance in the medical community at large and raising questions about how to maintain a drug-free force.

It's still illegal under federal law and the Uniform Code of Military Justice for service members to smoke or possess marijuana. Commanders have little discretion and typically must process for separation any troops who smoke pot.

That can be done quietly with a general or even honorable discharge, or publicly by court-martial under Article 112(a) of the UCMJ.

But some troops claim it's a flawed policy that should permit exceptions.

"What are they going to do — send me to jail?" said Richelle Golden, a specialist with the Oregon National Guard who is facing court-martial for using medical marijuana.

Golden, a 39-year-old mother of four, said she began smoking marijuana in January while undergoing chemotherapy for a rare autoimmune disease known as Sjogren's syndrome, which causes rheumatoid arthritis and crippling joint pain.

She obtained the marijuana with a recommendation from her doctor in Oregon, which has allowed medical marijuana for certain conditions since 1998.

She said a colonel in the Oregon National Guard assured her that she could use the marijuana because she would soon receive a medical discharge.

In February, Army activation orders summoned her to the Warrior Transition Battalion at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Seattle.

Showing up in a wheelchair, Golden told Army officials there that she was using marijuana.

She was ordered to undergo a urinalysis and had her discharge placed on hold pending an investigation for drug use.

"Nobody is concerned about my health care here," she said. "They just see me as a junkie."

The new command offered her an Article 15; she refused and asked for a court-martial.

In an interview with Military Times, she said she declined nonjudicial punishment because the offer would have reduced her paygrade to E-1 and adversely affected her future benefits after 10 years of service.

Suzanne Ovel, a spokeswoman for Golden's WTU, declined to comment on her specific case.

More broadly, Ovel said, "The Department of Defense and the U.S. Army prohibit the use of marijuana for any service member as it is illegal according to federal law."

The Veterans Affairs Department had similar rules prohibiting medical marijuana, but it eased them in July and now permits former troops under its care to use medical marijuana without risking benefits or other disciplinary measures.

It's not just troops who feel pinched between military regulations and medical use of marijuana.

One Navy wife said she has a doctor's recommendation but is reluctant to bring medical marijuana into her home.

"I desperately want to be pain-free and am willing to try this, but do not want to risk my husband's career," said the woman, who declined to give her name.

On-base housing is legally federal property, so possession of marijuana by civilian family members, even under a doctor's recommendation, is considered a crime under federal law.

Retired Brig. Gen. David Brahms, who served as the Marine Corps' top judge advocate, is now a defense attorney in San Diego. He pointed to one client, a former enlisted Marine who served three combat tours and was diagnosed with PTSD.

The Marine, whom Brahms declined to name, began smoking marijuana while on active duty in California after a cocktail of prescription psychiatric drugs made him feel "like a zombie," Brahms said.

Predictably, the Marine tested positive at a routine urinalysis. The Corps recently separated him on a general discharge, effectively stripping him of any disability payments or education benefits.

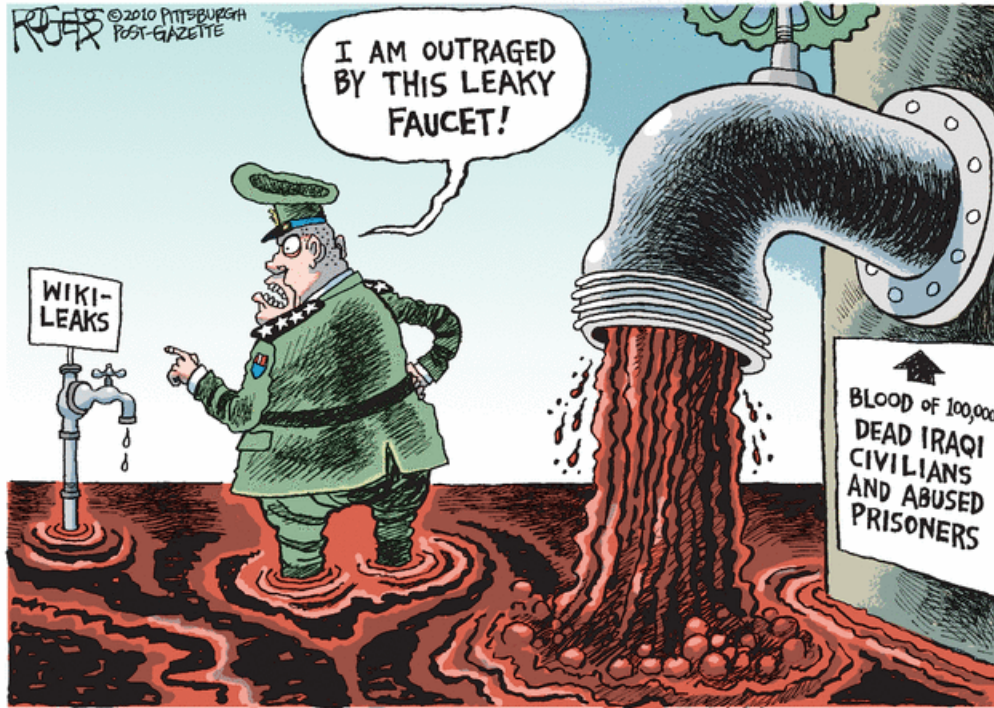
If administrative appeals are unsuccessful, the former Marine plans to sue the Corps, seeking to have his discharge upgraded to honorable, Brahms said.

"We trust commanders to make life-and-death decisions out in the field," he said.

"Why can't we trust them to make informed decisions about what to do in the case of one of their young people who has used marijuana?"

Troops Invited:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email to contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.



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

“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

“Just A Song Before I Go”



From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance

Sent: October 17, 2010
Subject: "Just A Song Before I Go"

"Just A Song Before I Go"

Travelling twice the speed of sound
it's easy to get burned.
Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young
58,000 American soldiers were killed in Vietnam.
Their average age was 19.
From the senior prom to Vietnam.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
October 17, 2010
The worst thing I experienced
in Vietnam was the lie.

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

**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

Election Day 1920:

A Hero In A Prison Cell Who Opposed U.S. Imperial War Gets One Million Votes



[Kansasheritage.org]

Carl Bunin Peace History November 1-7

November 2, 1920

Socialist Party candidate Eugene V. Debs received nearly one million votes for President though he was serving a prison sentence at the time for his criticism of World War I and his encouraging resistance to the draft.

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

Traveling Soldier is the publication of the Military Resistance Organization.

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/>

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

November 4, 1956: Shameful Anniversary: The Russian Empire Drowns A Revolution In Blood



Hungarian 'freedom fighters' temporarily forced back Russian tanks and troops



Russian tanks in Budapest

Carl Bunin Peace History November 1-7

Two hundred thousand Russian troops with 1000 tanks stopped an anti-Stalinist uprising in Hungary and installed a new pro-Soviet government. Although civilians had set up barricades along all the major roads leading to Budapest, the Russian air force bombed the capital and troops poured into the city in a massive dawn offensive.

Hungarian Army and National Guard troops participated in the resistance; only Communist Party functionaries and security police fought alongside the Warsaw Pact troops. The help promised from the U.S. to protect and aid the anti-Stalinists never came.

20,000 Hungarians ultimately died as a result (as well as 4000 troops), and ten times that many left the country permanently.

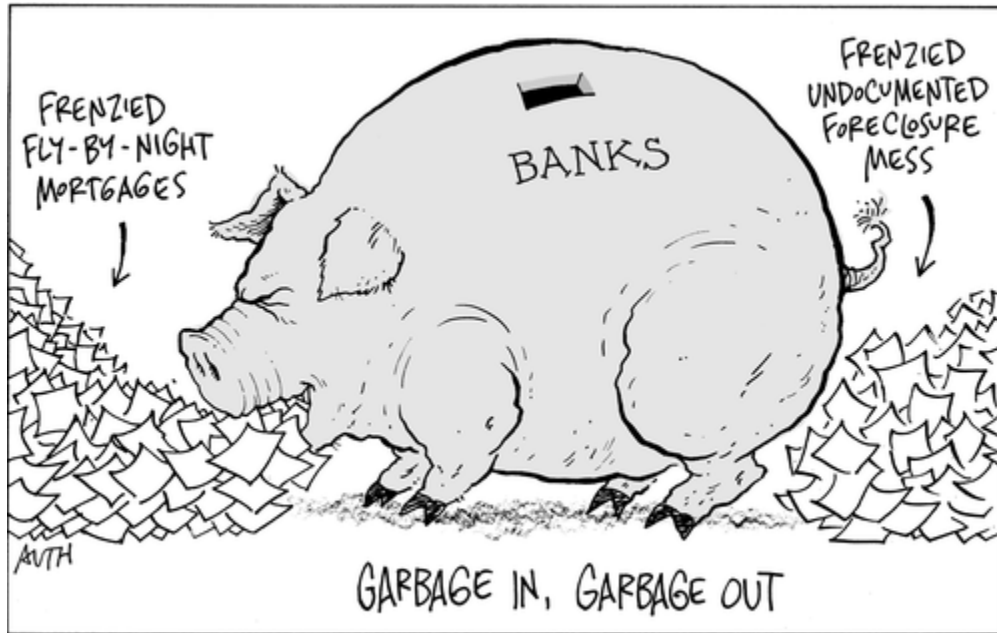
DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



Got an opinion? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send to contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request identification published.

Military Resistance Available In PDF Format
If you prefer PDF to Word format, email contact@militaryproject.org

CLASS WAR REPORTS



10-17-10 THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. UNIVERSAL-UNIQUE.

Military Resistance www.militaryproject.org

*This is how Obama brings the troops home,
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE.*



*Military Resistance is a near-daily news bulletin for service members
www.militaryproject.org*

Military Resistance Looks Even Better Printed Out
Military Resistance/GI Special are archived at website
<http://www.militaryproject.org> .

The following have chosen to post issues; there may be others:

<http://williambowles.info/wordpress/category/military-resistance/> ;
news@uruknet.info; http://www.traprockpeace.org/qi_special/

Military Resistance distributes and posts to our website copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available in an effort to advance understanding of the invasion and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. We believe this constitutes a "fair use" of any such copyrighted material as provided for in section 107 of the US Copyright Law since it is being distributed **without charge or profit** for educational purposes to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving the included information for educational purposes, in accordance with Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107. **Military Resistance has no affiliation whatsoever with the originator of these articles nor is Military Resistance endorsed or sponsored by the originators. This attributed work is provided a non-profit basis to facilitate understanding, research, education, and the advancement of human rights and social justice.** Go to:
www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/17/107.shtml for more information. If you wish to use copyrighted material from this site for purposes of your own that go beyond 'fair use', you must obtain permission from the copyright owner.

If printed out, a copy of this newsletter is your personal property and cannot legally be confiscated from you. "Possession of unauthorized material may not be prohibited." DoD Directive 1325.6 Section 3.5.1.2.