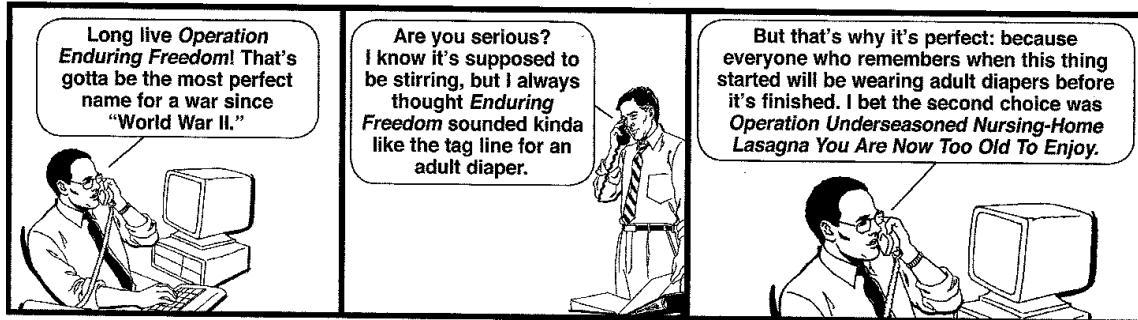


Military Resistance 8L2



[By David Rees, New York Magazine, 12.6.2010]

“Can Someone Please Tell Me What The FUCK Happened To OUR Country While We Were Gone?”

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“TSA Informs The Soldier That They're Going To Confiscate His Nail Clippers”

[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Veterans For Peace and Military Resistance Organization who sent this in.]

Via Steve Russell, December 4, 2010, "The Rag Blog Group"

[Correspondence From A Sergeant]

As the Chalk Leader for my flight home from Afghanistan, I witnessed the following:

When we were on our way back from Afghanistan, we flew out of Baghram Air Field.

We went through customs at BAF, full body scanners (no groping), had all of our bags searched, the whole nine yards.

Our first stop was Shannon, Ireland to refuel.

After that, we had to stop at Indianapolis, Indiana to drop off about 100 folks from the Indiana National Guard.

That's where the stupid started.

First, everyone was forced to get off the plane-even though the plane wasn't refueling again. All 330 people got off that plane, rather than let the 100 people from the ING get off.

We were filed from the plane to a holding area. No vending machines, no means of escape. Only a male/female latrine.

It's probably important to mention that we were ALL carrying weapons.

Everyone was carrying an M4 Carbine (rifle) and some, like me, were also carrying an M9 pistol. Oh, and our gunners had M-240B machine guns.

Of course, the weapons weren't loaded. And we had been cleared of all ammo well before we even got to customs at Baghram, then AGAIN at customs.

The TSA personnel at the airport seriously considered making us unload all of the baggage from the SECURE cargo hold to have it reinspected. Keep in mind, this cargo had been unpacked, inspected piece by piece by U.S. Customs officials, resealed and had bomb-sniffing dogs give it a one-hour run through.

After two hours of sitting in this holding area, the TSA decided not to reinspect our Cargo-just to inspect us again: Soldiers on the way home from war, who had already been inspected, reinspected and kept in a SECURE holding area for 2 hours.

Ok, whatever.

So we lined up to go through security AGAIN.

This is probably another good time to remind you all that all of us were carrying actual assault rifles, and some of us were also carrying pistols.

So we're in line, going through one at a time. One of our Soldiers had his Gerber multi-tool. TSA confiscated it. Kind of ridiculous, but it gets better.

A few minutes later, a guy empties his pockets and has a pair of nail clippers. Nail clippers.

TSA informs the Soldier that they're going to confiscate his nail clippers.

The conversation went something like this:

TSA Guy: You can't take those on the plane.

Soldier: What? I've had them since we left country.

TSA Guy: You're not suppose to have them.

Soldier: Why?

TSA Guy: They can be used as a weapon.

Soldier: (touches butt stock of the rifle) But this actually is a weapon. And I'm allowed to take it on.

TSA Guy: Yeah but you can't use it to take over the plane. You don't have bullets.

Soldier: And I can take over the plane with nail clippers?

TSA Guy: (awkward silence)

Me: Dude, just give him your damn nail clippers so we can get the fuck out of here. I'll buy you a new set.

Soldier: (hands nail clippers to TSA guy, makes it through security)

To top it off, the tsa demanded we all be swabbed for "explosive residue" detection.

Everyone failed, (go figure, we just came home from a war zone) because we tested positive for "Gun Powder Residue".

Who the FUCK is hiring these people?!

This might be a good time to remind everyone that approximately 233 people re-boarded that plane with assault rifles, pistols, and machine guns-but nothing that could have been used as a weapon.

Can someone please tell me What the FUCK happened to OUR country while we were gone?

Sgt. Mad Dog [XXX]

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

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Resistance Action



A patrol car damaged by a roadside bomb attack is towed away in Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 2, 2010. Iraqi authorities say rush-hour bombings in Baghdad have wounded several police officers. (AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

Dec 2 (Reuters) & Dec 3 (Reuters)

BAGHDAD - Militants shot and wounded Brigadier Ahmed Salih, the manager of the police intelligence department in Dhi Qar province, in north-central Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A sniper shot dead an Iraqi soldier at a security checkpoint in west-central Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

ABU GHRAIB - Militants shot dead a member of a government-backed Sunni militia in Abu Ghraib, on the western outskirts of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting a government-backed militia unit exploded, killing one militia member and wounding another, on Thursday in the Radwaniya district of southern Baghdad, police said.

SAMARRA - A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol and wounded three policemen in the city of Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, a source at the city's operation center said.

ABU GHRAIB - Armed men opened fire at the house of a government-backed militia Sahwa member, killing his wife in Abu Ghraib, on the western outskirts of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - Iraqi soldiers killed an attacker when he tried to throw a hand grenade at an army patrol in eastern Mosul, a police source at the Nineveh operations centre said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi police patrol wounded one policeman in eastern Baghdad, an interior ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi police patrol wounded two policemen in Baghdad's western district of Ghazaliya, an interior ministry source said.

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

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

December 3 Reuters

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

Marine Sergeant, A Former Piedmont High Student, Killed In Afghanistan

12/04/2010 By Cecily Burt, Oakland Tribune

Even as a little boy, Matt Abbate always wanted to be a Marine.

The 26-year-old sergeant, husband and father who grew up in Piedmont, was killed in the line of duty Thursday in Afghanistan, said his stepmother, Jane Whitfield, who is married to Matt's father, Sal Abbate, owner of Auto On the Go mobile mechanic service.

Abbate lived with his father and stepmother in Piedmont from the age of 4. He attended Beach Elementary School, Piedmont Middle School and spent his freshman year at Piedmont High School before moving to Fresno to live with his mother and stepfather, Karen and James Binion.

He attended Buchanan High School there for three years before graduating from Sierra Charter School in 2002.

After graduation, Abbate moved to Hawaii, where he landed a job on the Norwegian Star cruise ship. He wanted to see the world, and he got his wish, traveling through the Panama Canal and throughout Asia to Thailand, Australia and Fiji, Whitfield said.

But he never gave up his dream to become a Marine, and by age 20 he had joined the Corps. He loved it so much he re-enlisted, Whitfield said. Abbate had already done a 10-month tour of duty in Iraq and spent the past year in sniper training before shipping out for Afghanistan about three months ago, Whitfield said.

They saw him in September, shortly before he left.

"I think he really found his place in the Marines," Whitfield said. "He really loved the Marines and found a lot of satisfaction and received a number of honors" and was well-liked and respected among his colleagues, she said.

Whitfield said one of Abbate's most meaningful accolades came from his peers, who voted him the Marine they'd most like to be.

"Even now, today, hundreds of people have posted on his Facebook page," she added.

Abbate was a Boy Scout and was athletic, playing football in middle school and his freshman year of high school. Whitfield said Abbate was a good student, but liked to make time for fun.

"He was charismatic and good-looking, and he always had a girlfriend," she recalled. "He was very independent, always doing his own thing. Out of all the kids, he was the least likely to call and say he would be late."

As an adult, Abbate had matured.

"He was sincere and heartfelt and funny, and a wonderful father," she said. "He really grew into a wonderful young man."

In addition to his parents, Abbate is survived by his wife, Stacie Rigall, and son, Carson, 2; a brother, Elliott Abbate; and sisters Nikki Abbate, Valerie Binion and Kelly Binion. The family will gather Friday for a private memorial service in Piedmont; funeral services in Fresno are pending.

Soldier From Berks County Killed In Afghanistan

Nov. 25, 2010 By Robert Moran, Inquirer Staff Writer

A Bronze Star recipient from Berks County, Pa., who was engaged to be married was killed Monday by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan, the Army announced Wednesday.

Staff Sgt. Sean Michael Flannery, 29, of Wyomissing, was killed by an improvised explosive device in the village of Ghotamudkha in Kandahar province, a Taliban hotbed. Also killed in the incident was Spec. William Kyle Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, Va.

Flannery, who was engaged to Christina E. Martin of Raleigh, N.C., was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, based at Fort Campbell, Ky. He also had served in Iraq.

Flannery was born in West Reading and graduated in 1999 from Wyomissing High School, where he was captain of the soccer team. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Shippensburg University.

On his Facebook page, he listed that he was a fan of the Eagles and the comic actor Will Ferrell.

His mother, Charlene V. Flannery, wrote on her Facebook page on Nov. 1 that her son's best friend recently had been killed in a firefight in Afghanistan and that his platoon sergeant also had died.

Flannery is also survived by brothers Devin J. and Brian P., an Army sergeant.

Family Of Fallen Army Specialist Scott Nagorski Talks For The First Time

November 19, 2010 Bob Moore, FOX6 Reporter

WITI-TV, GREENFIELD —

The family of Army Specialist Scott Nagorski is talking for the first time since hearing of their son's death in Afghanistan. Nagorski turned 27 years old on November 13th. 24 hours later, enemy fighters shot and killed him and four other soldiers.

Scott Kurath says a visitor to his Franklin home Sunday at 11:10 a.m. could only mean one thing.

"I knew before I open the door. When you have a son in Afghanistan and you have the military standing outside your door in class-A uniforms it's not going to be good," said Kurath.

Nicole Jasinki says through Nagorski's good nature, he was an older brother who kept her safe long before he became a soldier.

"We were very close growing up. Even as a kid he was my hero. Yep it's hard I do miss him. When he was over there it's going to be hard," said Jasinski.

Ironically, as the Kurath family spoke Friday, it was the first birthday of Nagorski's only child, Melody. Nagorski's wife is still in Clarksville, TN for the short term. She has plans to relocate in southeast Wisconsin.

Funeral arrangements for Nagorski are pending.

“A Couple Hours Before The Team Arrived, A Marine Was Shot In The Head And Killed In An Alley Just Off The Bazaar”

“And The Bazaar Is Considered The Safest Place In The District”

“If You’re Scared, Why Did You Come To Sangin?”

12/03/1012 SEBASTIAN ABBOT; The Associated Press [Excerpts]

SANGIN, Afghanistan – “Clear, hold and build” is the official formula for fighting the Taliban, but in this southern river valley, the most dangerous place in Afghanistan, the experts say you have to be a realist to succeed.

The U.S. Marines and British civilian advisers in Helmand province’s Sangin district are trying to build roads and schools in terrain which, far from being cleared, still teems with

insurgents and crackles with the sounds of machine gun fire and explosions from multiple daily Taliban attacks.

“I’m definitely not trying to build the shining city upon a hill here,” said Lt. Karl Kadon, head of civil affairs for the Marine battalion in Sangin. “I’m just trying to build something that is stable enough that it’s not going to bother us.”

Even that is a daunting task. The Marines arrived in Sangin in October following four years of fighting by British forces that suffered heavy casualties and struggled to show progress.

A recent patrol through Sangin’s main bazaar by the civil affairs team illustrated just how tough development work can be.

A couple hours before the team arrived, a Marine was shot in the head and killed in an alley just off the bazaar.

The team was forced to lob green smoke grenades into the alley and sprint past to avoid being shot at themselves.

As shopkeepers looked on with icy stares, a kid minding a store remarked: “If you’re scared, why did you come to Sangin?”

And the bazaar is considered the safest place in the district.

Outside the center, the challenge of building is even greater. Sangin is almost entirely controlled by Taliban fighters and has been the deadliest district in Afghanistan for coalition forces this year.

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

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

**“They Can Never Be Sure Who Is
With The Taliban, Or Who Is
Aiding The Insurgents And Laying
The Traps”**

“It Is Easier To Drive Out The Taliban Than To Keep Them Out”

“They Can Hide Among The Population And Can Attack Kandahar City”



Pvt. Edwin Laplaunt, 19, probes for a mine in the Arghandab District of Kandahar Province. The troops can never be sure who is laying the traps or aiding the Taliban. Photo: Joao Silva for The New York Times

November 29, 2010 By CARLOTTA GALL, The New York Times [Excerpts]

DEH-E KUCHAY, Afghanistan — For the American soldiers charged with bringing security to southern Afghanistan, heavily mined villages like this one are a most dangerous challenge.

Patrolling alongside Afghan soldiers and police officers, they scale 10-foot walls to avoid going through gateways, where insurgents are more likely to place booby traps. They cut through cornfields and pomegranate orchards instead of taking the paths, for the same reason.

They rarely take the same route twice, knowing that routine can be a soldier’s deadliest mistake. They can never be sure who is with the Taliban, or who is aiding the insurgents and laying the traps.

Far more common is this kind of relentless patrolling by American forces, who remove mines one by one.

Since arriving more than 10 weeks ago, the soldiers have found an “obscene amount” — roughly 1,000 pounds — of explosives, said Lt. Tyson Walsh, the platoon leader of Company C, Task Force 1-66.

It was while accompanying the platoon on a patrol several weeks ago that Joao Silva, an experienced war photographer for The New York Times, stepped on a mine and was severely wounded.

“Please don’t walk on my fields, they are newly sown,” a farmer, waving a packet of seeds, called to the soldiers as they patrolled.

“Hajji, you know the deal,” an American sergeant answered. “The Taliban put mines on the paths, so we have to walk in the fields.”

The farmer’s concern presented a quandary for the soldiers, who would like to keep villagers on their side. “I think the farmers are laying the I.E.D.’s because we are walking through their fields,” said Sgt. Michael Ricchiuti. “They get paid to do it.”

The suspects the soldiers have caught are varied. One was a Pakistani who said he was doing construction work, but his hands tested full of explosive residue, the company commander, Capt. Walter Reed, said. Another was an Afghan youth from the town who claimed to be gathering brush.

The platoon also surprised three 16-year-olds digging a hole one day, Lieutenant Walsh said. The teenagers leapt over a wall and disappeared as soon as they saw the soldiers.

They need just three minutes to dig a hole, and often concoct the I.E.D. in stages to avoid detection, first laying a detonation cord or plastic jug of fertilizer, and then coming back later to hook up the initiator, or pressure plate.

With the big influx of American troops, it took just a few weeks in August to clear the main Taliban forces from Arghandab District, and insurgent attacks dropped dramatically. But as has often been the case in this war, it is easier to drive out the Taliban than to keep them out.

“Arghandab is the last area of cover before the city, or for fighters going down into Zhare District,” said Lt. Col. Rodger Lemons, commander of Task Force 1-66 in Arghandab.

“In the thick orchards, they can hide among the population and can attack Kandahar city. That’s why they like it.”

MILITARY NEWS

**THIS IS HOW OBAMA BRINGS THEM HOME:
ONE CASKET FOR SEVEN:**

ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE!

The casket containing the remains of Army Sgt. 1st Class Luis M. Gonzalez, of South Ozone Park, N.Y.; Sgt. Dale R. Griffin, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Sgt. Isaac B. Jackson, of Plattsburg, Mo.; Sgt. Patrick O. Williamson, of Broussard, La.; Spc. Jared D. Stanker, of Evergreen Park, Ill.; Pfc. Christopher I. Walz, of Vancouver, Wash.; and Sgt. Fernando de la Rosa, of Alamo, Texas.; Nov. 18, 2010, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

The group died by a roadside bomb, Oct. 27, 2009, southern Afghan province of Kandahar.



REUTERS/Yuri Gripas



(AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)



REUTERS/Yuri Gripas



(AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

Eight Bodies Are Found Dumped In One Arlington Grave

[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance Organization who sent this in.]

4th December 2010 By Daily Mail Reporter

The U.S. Army has launched a criminal investigation after the remains of eight bodies were found dumped in one grave at Arlington National Cemetery.

The cremated remains were found in eight urns buried in a grave marked 'Unknown' at America's most prestigious burial ground for its armed forces.

One of the bodies has been deemed unidentifiable and reburied. Three others have been identified and their families are being notified. Officials are still working on identifying the rest.

The morbid discovery comes after a scathing report marred Arlington's reputation over the summer. The report revealed at least 211 discrepancies between burial maps and grave sites. Then over the summer the cemetery's reputation took another blow. One grave site at the cemetery was found empty, while another contained the wrong remains. A third had two sets of remains, only one of which matched the headstone's name.

ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE!



Vermont National Guard Spc. Travis Cook, of Bellows Falls, Vt., sits with his wife, Jennifer, who holds their son Travis II during a homecoming ceremony, Dec. 2, 2010, in South Burlington, Vt. Eighty more Vermont National Guard soldiers are back home after a yearlong deployment, which included about nine months in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Toby Talbot)

**“After 18 Years Of Service,
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**“Taylor Stated That Carrillo Was
‘Never Involved In A Firefight’”**

**“But Gilmore Said He Remembers
Carrillo Taking Charge Of The
Convoy After The Attack”**

**“Many Soldiers Have Said They Suspect
The Army Has Failed To Diagnose
Soldiers With PTSD To Save Money”**

[Here it is again. Same old story. Used up, thrown away, and the politicians couldn't care less. To repeat for the 3,552nd time, there is no enemy in Iraq or Afghanistan. Their citizens and U.S. troops have a common enemy. That common enemy owns and operates the Imperial government in Washington DC for their own profit. That common enemy started these wars of conquest on a platform of lies, because they couldn't tell the truth: U.S. Imperial wars are about making money for them, and nothing else. Payback is overdue. T]

11.29.10 By Michael Hoffman, Army Times [Excerpts]

Staff Sgt. Francisco Carrillo was a squad leader on patrol in Iraq searching for weapons and insurgents, riding in the lead vehicle of a convoy when an improvised explosive device ripped through one of the Humvees, injuring his platoon sergeant, another squad leader in his company, and the gunner.

That was five years ago. Today, Carrillo is locked in a battle with the Army. He says he has suffered symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder since he returned from the deployment in 2005.

But the Army says he's lying.

Carrillo, who has 18 years of service, is seeking medical retirement.

But a panel of doctors at Madigan Army Medical Center said the California National Guardsman with the 649th Engineer Company lied in his Fit for Duty Evaluation and faked PTSD symptoms to collect the benefits that come with medical retirement. The panel recommended Carrillo return to duty and remain eligible to deploy.

Carrillo's platoon sergeant from Iraq respectfully disagrees. He said the 29 Purple Hearts awarded to his company of 105 soldiers proves the level of violence Carrillo's unit sustained.

Carrillo's company was assigned to provide security for Joint Base Balad. As a squad leader, Carrillo went on patrols searching for IEDs and executing raids to capture weapons and insurgents.

"I was surprised when I heard he got denied," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Norman Valdez, who was injured in the attack and has shrapnel in his body.

"I have it and a lot of the soldiers working under me have it."

Madigan's rejection of Carrillo's PTSD claims comes as the Pentagon is trying to reduce the stigma of PTSD and encourage soldiers to come forward.

In July, the Veterans Affairs Department announced it would reduce the proof required for soldiers to seek PTSD treatment and benefits. Soldiers no longer need to provide written statements to prove they saw combat.

Many soldiers have said they suspect the Army has failed to diagnose soldiers with PTSD to save money.

Madigan doctors cited money as Carrillo's motivation for faking his symptoms. If medically retired, Carrillo would receive his retirement pay immediately rather than wait until age 60, provided he finished his 20 years in the Guard.

John Wickham, a lawyer who has represented veterans with PTSD, was surprised.

"I find it incredible that an 18-year veteran, senior (noncommissioned officer) and technician with unblemished performance records would suddenly concoct a vast fraudulent scheme," Wickham said after reviewing Carrillo's Fit for Duty report.

The California National Guard and Madigan Army Medical Center did not comment, citing privacy laws.

When Carrillo returned to his home in Chico, Calif., he said he turned to alcohol to numb himself. Carrillo knew he needed help. He said he suffered from nightmares, difficulty sleeping, hyper-vigilance, avoidance and obsessing.

He went to Darryl Lyons, the therapist with the 649th Engineer Company who diagnosed him with PTSD in 2006. In addition to Lyons, seven medical professionals have diagnosed Carrillo with PTSD. Carrillo has visited Stephen Diggs, a Chico psychologist, once a week for the past two years.

“It was undeniable he had this,” said Diggs, who treats four other Iraq veterans suffering from PTSD. “He will wake up and go to work and live his life in a way, but it doesn’t mean he’s not suffering from this,” said Diggs, who Carrillo allowed to speak to a reporter about his medical history.

In the Fit for Duty evaluation, the report cited Carrillo’s ability to earn his master’s degree and his marriage to his wife, Casey, following his return from deployment as proof he was faking the symptoms.

The panel also cited inconsistencies in Carrillo’s testimony specifically when compared to an interview Madigan’s doctors did with 1st Sgt. Darrell Taylor, the 649th Engineer Battalion’s first sergeant.

Madigan did not contact Valdez or retired Staff Sgt. Mike Gilmore, who was a squad leader with Carrillo in the company.

Taylor stated that Carrillo was “never involved in a firefight or in a vehicle that was hit with an IED.”

But Gilmore said he remembers Carrillo taking charge of the convoy after the attack. Carrillo raced back to the Humvee and called for a medevac, Gilmore said.

Carrillo said he has tried to appeal the decision and contacted his congressman, Rep. Wally Herger. With his enlistment over at the end of November, he is resigned to separating two years from reaching his 20-year mark.

“After 18 years of service, nothing is more shaming and demeaning to a soldier than not being heard, believed and being discredited,” Carrillo wrote in a letter to Madigan Army Medical Center.

Stop-Loss Payment Applications Extended Until Dec. 18

Dec 3, 2010, By Rick Maze - Staff writer, Army Times [Excerpts]

Congress has extended — again — the cutoff date for service members and veterans to apply for retroactive stop-loss allowances if their active-duty service was extended against their will.

The new deadline for applying is Dec. 18.

Stop-loss allowance is a \$500 payment for any month in which a service member spent one day or more under involuntary orders that delayed their retirement or separation from active duty.

The payment was created by Congress in 2008, over Defense Department objections, as additional compensation for the disruption in a person's plans. It currently applies to anyone who received stop-loss orders since the 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”

“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

<p>Hope for change doesn't cut it when you're still losing buddies. -- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War</p>

I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.
-- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace

“What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.”
-- Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787

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

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

“The 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

“The Courageous Blood Of Warriors Runs Through Wikileaks’ Veins” “Just As American Politicians Want Bradley Manning Executed Because He Revealed Crimes Of The US Government, They Want Julian Assange Executed”

[Thanks to Linda O, who sent this in.]

On the one hand the US government and the prostitute American media declare that there is nothing new in the hundreds of thousands of documents, yet on the other hand both pull out all stops to shut down WikiLeaks and its founder.

December 2, 2010 By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS, CounterPunch [Excerpts]

Paul Craig Roberts was an editor of the Wall Street Journal and an Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury. His latest book, HOW THE ECONOMY WAS LOST, has just been published by CounterPunch/AK Press.

The reaction to WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange tells us all we need to know about the total corruption of our “modern” world, which in fact is a throwback to the Dark Ages.

The documents are controversial, because they are official US documents and show all too clearly that the US government is a duplicitous entity whose raison d’etre is to control every other government.

WikiLeaks reveals truth, while the media covers up for the US government and its puppet states.

The American media is a whore, whereas the courageous blood of warriors runs through WikiLeaks’ veins.

Just as American politicians want Bradley Manning executed because he revealed crimes of the US government, they want Julian Assange executed.

In the past few days the more notorious of the dumbshits that sit in the US Congress have denounced Assange as a “traitor to America.”

What total ignorance. Assange is an Australian, not an American citizen. To be a traitor to America, one has to be of the nationality. An Australian cannot be a traitor to America any more than an American can be a traitor to Australia.

But don’t expect the morons who represent the lobbyists to know this much.

Mike Huckabee, the redneck Baptist preacher who was governor of Arkansas and, to America’s already overwhelming shame, was third runner up to the Republican presidential nomination, has called for Assange’s execution.

So here we have a “man of God” calling for the US government to murder an Australian citizen.

The material leaked from the US government to WikiLeaks shows that the US government is an extremely disreputable gang of gangsters.

The US government was able to get British prime minister Brown to “fix” the official Chilcot Investigation into how former prime minister Tony Blair manipulated and lied the British government into being mercenaries for the US invasion of Iraq. One of the “diplomatic” cables released has UK Defense Ministry official Jon Day promising the United States government that Prime Minister Brown’s government has “put measures in place to protect your interests.”

Other cables show the US government threatening Spanish prime minister Zapatero, ordering him to stop his criticisms of the Iraq war or else. I mean, really, how dare these foreign governments to think that they are sovereign.

Not only foreign governments are under the US thumb. So is Amazon.com. Joe Lieberman from Connecticut, who is Israel's most influential senator in the US Senate, delivered sufficiently credible threats to Amazon to cause the company to oust WikiLeaks content from their hosting service.

So there you have it.

On the one hand the US government and the prostitute American media declare that there is nothing new in the hundreds of thousands of documents, yet on the other hand both pull out all stops to shut down WikiLeaks and its founder.

Obviously, despite the US government's denials, the documents are extremely damaging.

The documents show that the US government is not what it pretends to be.

The US government has got away with telling lies for so long that it no longer hesitates to lie in the most blatant way.

WikiLeaks released a US classified document signed by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that explicitly orders US diplomats to spy on UN Security council officials and on the Secretary General of the United Nations. The cable is now in the public record. No one challenges its authenticity.

Yet, today the Obama regime, precisely White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs, declared that Hillary had never ordered or even asked US officials to spy on UN officials.

As Antiwar.com asked: Who do you believe, the printed word with Hillary's signature or the White House?

Anyone who believes the US government about anything is the epitome of gullibility.

Troops Invited:

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

Secretary Clinton and Representative King Get Wiki!



Insane Bullshit Of The Month, So Far: Government Employees Forbidden To Use “Official” Computers To Access WikiLeaks Website: Because It Posts “Classified Documents”

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WASHINGTON — The White House ordered government agencies Friday to block employees from accessing WikiLeaks from official computers, saying the diplomatic cables leaked by the website remain classified documents.

"The recent disclosure of US government documents by WikiLeaks has resulted in damage to our national security," the White House's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) said in a message to all federal agencies obtained by AFP.

It reminded them that "each federal employee and contractor is obligated to protect classified information" and said the whistleblower website's public release of US diplomatic cables did not mean they had been declassified.

"Unauthorized disclosures of classified documents (whether in print, on a blog or on websites) do not alter the documents' classified status or automatically result in declassification of the documents," the OMB said.

"To the contrary, classified information, whether or not already posted on public websites or disclosed to the media, remains classified, and must be treated as such by federal employees and contractors, until it is declassified by an appropriate US government authority."

The Library of Congress was among the institutions that blocked access to WikiLeaks, prompting the website to say on its Twitter feed the move signaled "end times" for the First Amendment of the US Constitution guaranteeing free speech.

In a post on the Library of Congress blog, communications director Matt Raymond confirmed that access to Wikileaks was being blocked and rejected accusations of censorship.

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They Really Do Hate Our Liberties: Obama Regime Delivers Subpoenas to More Anti-War, Solidarity Activists in Chicago

December 03, 2010 Committee to Stop FBI Repression

The FBI has informed a lawyer from the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) that at least three subpoenas to appear before a Grand Jury have been delivered in the Chicago area.

Attorney Jim Fennerty confirmed that FBI agent Robert Parker informed him just before 1:00 pm today that the subpoenas were being delivered at that moment.

This is a continuation of the assault on the anti-war movement that began on September 24th.

This case began with 14 subpoenas delivered to anti-war, labor and solidarity activists in coordinated raids that swept the Midwest, involving scores of federal agents.

“The FBI is continuing their campaign to intimidate the movement,” stated Joe Iosbaker of the national Committee to Stop FBI Repression. Iosbaker was one of those raided and subpoenaed in September.

Fennerty is one of the lead NLG attorneys from the legal team for the activists.

According to Fennerty, “The new subpoenas are summoning people for grand jury dates.

At least one of the three has been told to appear before the grand jury Tuesday, January 25th, in the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago.”

Three of the original 14 are awaiting new grand jury court dates as well. Iosbaker explained, “If the three women who have been called back – Sara Martin, Tracy Molm and Anh Pham - refuse to take part in the fishing expedition carried on by the U.S. Attorney, they can expect to be cited for contempt and jailed for the life of the grand jury.”

The Committee to Stop FBI Repression urges supporters to contact U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald and condemn the use of the grand jury to repress the anti-war and solidarity movements. Call Patrick J. Fitzgerald at 312-353-5300.

For more information on the case: www.stopfbi.net

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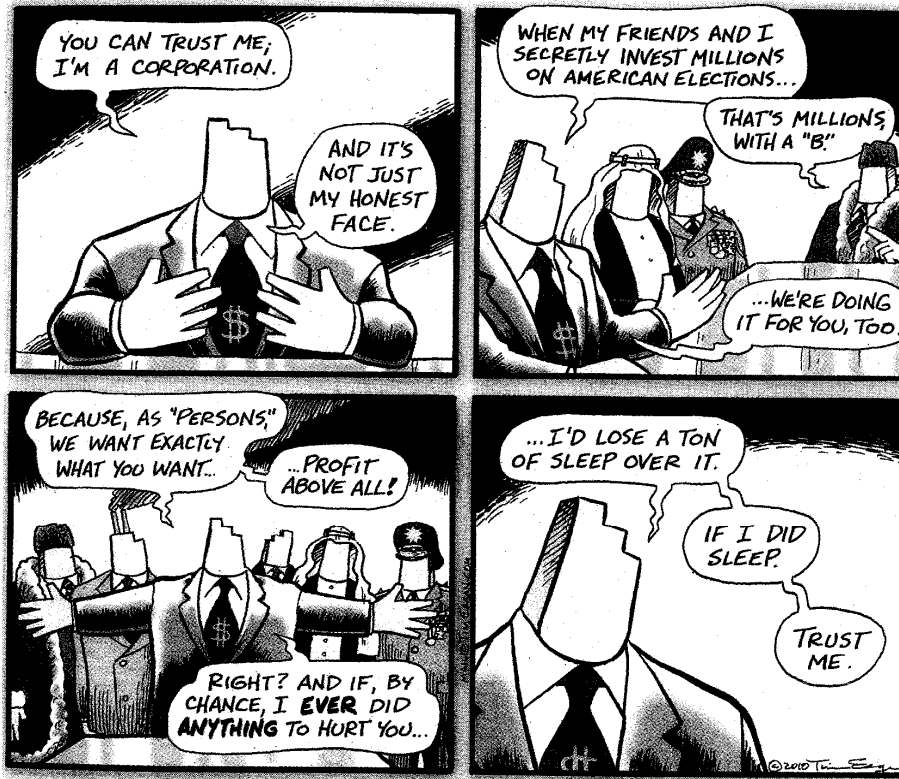
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