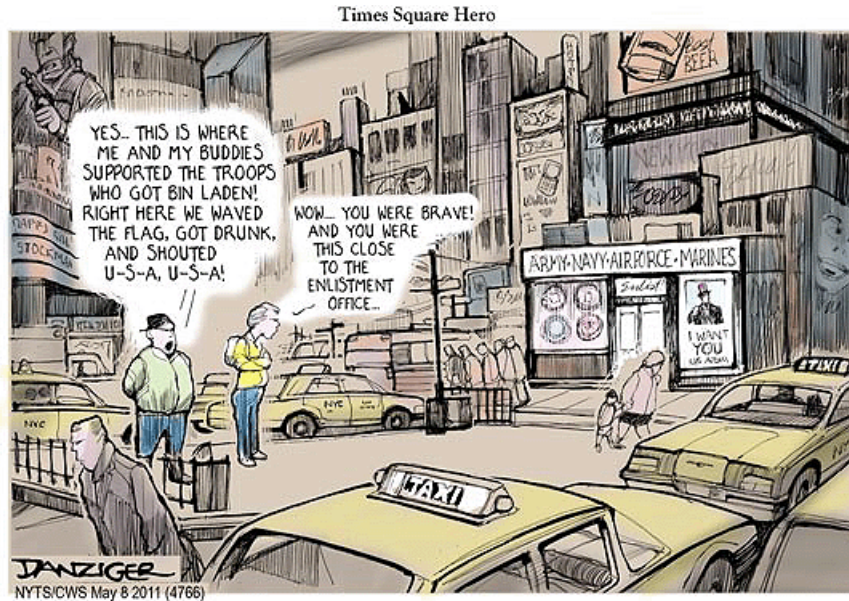


## **Military Resistance 9E15**



**“Who’d a Thunk It?”**

**Among U.S. Troops In  
Afghanistan, “Lowest Morale In  
Five Years Of Fighting”**

**“A Third Of The Force  
Experiencing Chronic Pain”**

**“Marines Reporting Their Morale To  
Be Medium, High Or Very High Fell  
To 59%, Down From 70% Of Those In  
Iraq In 2006”**

# **“For Soldiers In Afghanistan, That Same Number Has Dropped To 46%, Down From 66% Among Soldiers In Afghanistan In 2005”**

[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in. She writes “Who'da thunk it?”

[And thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance Organization, who also sent in information about this.]

**One example of combat stress appeared to be that Marines simply aren't getting along as well.**

**Some 17 percent of Marines reported getting into a fight and hitting someone in their unit, nearly double the 9 percent Marines in Iraq reported in 2006.**

May 23, 2011 By Andrew Tilghman, Army Times & May 19, 2011 By Gregg Zoroya - USA Today & By PAULINE JELINEK, Huffington Post & AP [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON -- As fighting and casualties in Afghanistan's war reached an all-time high, U.S. soldiers and Marines there reported plunging morale and the highest rates of mental health problems in five years.

A new military study of deployed soldiers and Marines suggests the fight in Afghanistan during the past year has been tougher, deadlier and more psychologically stressful than any of the U.S. military deployments of the past decade, including Iraq at its pre-surge peaks of violence.

U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan are experiencing some of the greatest psychological stress and lowest morale in five years of fighting, reports a military study.

The report says decline in individual morale is significant: 46.5 percent of troops said they had medium, high or very high morale, compared with 65.7 percent who said that in 2005.

About one in seven soldiers — and one in five Marines — reported high or very high morale.

The study by the surgeon general of U.S. Central Command focused on soldiers and Marines in combat units. It is the first joint study, and the data was compared with past studies of the individual services going back as far as 2004.

The most striking results came when troops were asked whether they had personally killed an enemy combatant. Among Marines, 56 percent said they were personally responsible for killing someone, a massive increase from the 12 percent of Marines in Iraq who responded that way in a 2006 survey.

Among soldiers, 48 percent in 2010 said they were personally responsible for killing an enemy combatant. In Iraq, the highest response ever recorded among soldiers was 15 percent in 2006.

About 73 percent of soldiers said someone in their unit was killed in action, significantly higher than 58 percent of soldiers who said the same during the peak of violence in Iraq, the report said.

Among Marines, 79 percent last year said someone from their unit died in Afghanistan, compared with 51 percent of Marines who were deployed to Iraq in 2006.

**Nearly 80 percent of Marines and soldiers said they'd seen a member of their unit killed or wounded, compared to roughly half who said that in the earlier years.**

**Half also said that an improvised explosive device detonated within 55 yards while they were on foot patrol.**

That level of violence has taken a toll.

Marines reporting their morale to be medium, high or very high fell to 59 percent, down from 70 per-cent of those in Iraq in 2006.

For soldiers in Afghanistan, that same number has dropped to 46 percent, down from 66 percent among soldiers in Afghanistan in 2005.

**Troops also reported being outside their forward operating bases more than ever, a reflection of the current military strategy's unprecedented dispersion.**

Some 75 percent of Marines say they spent more than 15 days of the previous month outside their FOB, compared with about 39 percent of Marines in Iraq in 2007. Among soldiers, 46 percent said they spent more than 15 days of the previous month outside their FOB, compared with 36 percent in Afghanistan in 2009.

**One example of combat stress appeared to be that Marines simply aren't getting along as well.**

**Some 17 percent of Marines reported getting into a fight and hitting someone in their unit, nearly double the 9 percent Marines in Iraq reported in 2006.**

The research, based on a survey of soldiers and Marines in 2010, also found that the praise the troops have for their unit sergeants has never been higher as the U.S. approaches the 10th year of its longest war.

Mental health strain was most severe among veterans of three or more deployments, with a third of those showing signs of psychological problems defined as either stress, depression or anxiety, the report obtained by USA Today says.

The report says soldiers and Marines reported more intense fighting than during the surge in Iraq in 2006-07, with 75 percent-80 percent of those in Afghanistan involved in firefights.

The study's researchers also found evidence of physical wear-and-tear with a third of the force experiencing chronic pain.

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## **ACTION REPORTS**

# **“It’s Hopeful When The Troops Are Pleased And Alert To What’s Being Said”**

## **[Commuter Terminal Outreach to New York National Guard 5/12/11]**

From: Alan S.

To: Military Resistance Newsletter

Sent: May 13, 2011\

Subject: Commuter Terminal Outreach to New York National Guard 5/12/11

This time upon entering one of the terminals I saw two soldiers immediately. They stood about 12 feet apart and I introduced myself to the nearest one.

He recognized me from our outreaches to his National Guard Armory and began telling me of his respect for Iraq Veteran and war resister Camilo Mejia in the “Querido Camilo” DVD and the point of view portrayed there, although he didn’t necessarily agree with it saying he has a family and has to do what he has to do.

He’d obviously received that DVD some time ago since we’ve been out of it for quite some time.

He said he tried being open minded about all things having been taught to be by his father.

Throughout he was notably unmindful of being observed and spoke very directly and earnestly, and I thought, glad to do so.

I gave him a “Sir! No Sir!” DVD (he’d never received one) plus a Military Resistance Newsletter issue and the torture statement by Stanley Howard. He seemed impressed and intrigued by the latter while turning down a handout from the April’s outreach saying he already had one.

The second soldier seemed pleased by attention and took the handout plus a DVD. He’d never seen me.

As a personal note this was one of the better encounters I've had.

It's hopeful when the troops are pleased and alert to what's being said.

**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.

**MORE:**

# **About 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.

Coordinating bodies report their actions, decisions and votes to the membership who elected them, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.

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.

8. Military Resistance or individual members may choose to support candidates for elective office who are for immediate withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan, but do not support a candidate opposed to immediate, unconditional withdrawal.

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.

-----**(Signed**

**(Date)**

----- **(Application taken by)**

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## **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**

### **Twin Bombs Kill 27 At Iraq Police Station**

05/19/11 (AP)

Twin bombs that lured policemen out of their fortified headquarters in a northern Iraqi city killed 27 people on Thursday, most of them police officers.

Scores were wounded in the double blasts in Kirkuk.

Eyewitness Adnan Karim described "a chaos of terror and fear" at a parking lot outside the police compound in central Kirkuk where the first two bombs went off.

"I saw a lot of dead bodies, burned dead bodies," said Karim, who owns a small shop about 100 yards (meters) from the police building and ran to the parking lot after the first explosion. The second one came about three minutes later, he said, and then "ambulances began to evacuate casualties of dead bodies and injured people."

At one hospital, bloodied and bandaged victims lay on the floor because the beds were already filled with patients. A patient blackened by the smoke from one of the explosions sat on a hospital bed, his head bandaged and bloodied. Around him a chaotic scene unfolded as doctors and nurses tended to patients and security officials brought in more victims.

A police truck pulled into the hospital driveway with four bodies laying in the bed of the truck. It was not clear whether they were alive or dead.

Kirkuk police Capt. Abdul Salam Zangana said the first explosion around 9 a.m. was from a bomb stuck to a car in the parking lot, which sent policemen rushing outside their secure headquarters compound to investigate.

That's when the second blast hit, Zangana said.

A police officer who was caught in the violence said he had just parked his car and was rolling down his windows when the first blast went off. He said the staff usually roll down their windows when parking their vehicles so they don't shatter in case of a bomb.

Police personnel gathered in the parking lot after the first blast to assess the damage when the second bomb exploded.

"I was pushed away by the blast," he said. "I saw the bodies of 12 officers. ... The boots of police officers were scattered at the scene. I saw a severed hand on the ground."

The double blasts killed 27 people, most of them policemen, and wounded more than 62, he said. It also blew out the windows of the police headquarters, where officials frantically tried to evacuate workers and find victims.

In the parking lot of the police station, vehicles were pockmarked with shrapnel and the carcass of one vehicle lay over a fence. Bloodied pools of water dotted the parking lot.

A third bomb, planted on a road, set cars and trucks ablaze when it exploded about 550 yards (500 meters) away, targeting a police patrol near a mosque, said Zangana, who oversees security units at the hospital where the dead and wounded were brought. Zangana said eight people were wounded in that blast.

Together, the explosions marked the worst strike in Kirkuk since early February.

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## **More Resistance Action**

May 18 (Reuters) & 05/19/11 Reuters

**QAIYARA** - A roadside bomb exploded near an Iraq army patrol, killing four soldiers, in the town of Qaiyara, 290 km (180 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

**BAQUBA** - A parked car bomb targeted the convoy of police Lieutenant-Colonel Abdul Hameed al-Shimari, the emergency response unit commander in Diyala province in Baquba.

Shimari escaped injury but three of his guards were among the wounded, the source said.

**MOSUL** - The manager of the police internal affairs department in Mosul escaped an attempt on his life but a police officer was wounded when a roadside bomb blew up late on Tuesday near their vehicle in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

**BAGHDAD** - Sticky bombs attached to two oil tanker trucks went off, killing one driver and wounding the other, late on Tuesday in the Amil district of southwestern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

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# AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

## Westfield Says Goodbye To SGT Kevin White



Sgt. Kevin White; Photo courtesy: myspace

May 13, 2011 Written by Jessica Malowicki, WGRZ

WESTFIELD, N.Y. -- Several hundred people lined the streets of Westfield Friday morning to pay tribute and say goodbye to a fallen soldier from the Chautauqua County community.

Army Sgt. Kevin White was killed in Afghanistan on May 2nd.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church on Union St. in Westfield.

Westfield Academy and Central School, where Kevin was a graduate, was closed so staff and students could attend the service.

Earlier this week the community came out to honor White as a procession carrying his body made its way through the town.

Family members say White, 22, was killed last Monday while on patrol in Afghanistan when the vehicle he was in hit an improvised explosive device.

White's father Paul tells 2 On Your Side the family got the news the next morning.

White served a tour of duty in Iraq and had only been in Afghanistan about two months when he was killed.

His death came just hours after al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. forces.

Kevin's mother Patricia works at the school and sent an email to her colleagues asking that they continue to pray for her son and his platoon, with no idea of knowing that her son would pay the ultimate price that very day.

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# Lance Corporal Ronald Freeman Laid To Rest

May 5, 2011 Written by Eric Glasser, WTSP

THONOTOSASSA, Florida -- For everyone packed inside the small, East Thonotosassa Baptist Church, the most significant event this week in the war on terror was not the death of Osama bin Laden.

It was the death of 25-year-old Lance Corporal Ronald "Doug" Freeman from Plant City. A loving husband, father of two and a proud Marine, Freeman was killed last week "on point" leading his company as he searched for IED's.

"On that Thursday patrol, one week ago, all his fellow Marines were behind him. He is a hero," said U.S. Marine Lt. David Duprey.

The timing of Freeman's death, say those mourning his loss, underscores the ongoing human sacrifice in the war on terror. Jimmye Hudson, a family friend, says she hopes Freeman's loss will remind people of what the battle is for, and the lives at stake.

She and others in attendance say they agree with President Obama's decision not to release pictures of bin Laden's corpse if it means any more young men and women may be put in harm's way.

"What's more is I just came out of a church service where someone died. And I saw that," said Hudson, "And that was a good human being."

"I think it would open up more harm. More retaliation," said Joan Bednar, a church member, "We don't want to see no more funerals."

And what about those brave young men and women in uniform? How do they feel about the President's decision? Ask them, and their sense of honor, duty and commitment again, shines.

"We're in harm's way no matter what," said Staff Sgt. Casey Fulton, a U.S. Marine representing the corps at Freeman's funeral, "And every time you deploy somewhere, you're in harm's way. As far as the president's decision on photographs, he's our Commander in Chief, and we just follow his lead."

But on Thursday, it was Lance Corporal Freeman who was leading.

"He died a hero's death, and now it is now our obligation to leave this place and conduct our lives in such a manner as to honor a hero's life," said Lt. Duprey. "Greater love has no man than this."

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# Iowa Soldier Injured In Afghanistan

May 19, 2011 AP

SUMNER, Iowa — A soldier from Sumner has been injured in an explosion in Afghanistan.

KWWL-TV is reporting that Army Spc. Zack Schick was on foot patrol when he was injured. Family members learned of his injuries on Tuesday.

Schick's parents, Julie and Curtis Schick, say he is in stable condition at a hospital in Germany.

Schick is a member of the active-duty Army.

The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier says Schick is a 2008 graduate of Sumner-Fredericksburg High School. The newspaper says he suffered severe burns, a broken jaw and leg injuries in Monday's explosion.

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## **200 Insurgents Storm A Construction Company Outpost In Southeastern Paktia Province: “Nearly Every One Of The Base’s 85 Guards, Engineers And Laborers Were Killed, Kidnapped Or Wounded”**

May 19, 2011 By Khan Mohammad, AFP & May 20th, 2011 Michael Hughes, Examiner.com [Excerpts]

200 insurgents stormed a construction company outpost in southeastern Paktia province on Thursday, killing 36 and wounding 24.

Militants attacked with heavy-machine guns, rifles and rocket-propelled grenades during a five-hour ordeal that began at 1am when a car-bomber rammed the premises of the Glassco Sky construction company.

The Independent reported that nearly every one of the base's 85 guards, engineers and laborers were killed, kidnapped or wounded.

The violence in the eastern province of Paktia, which borders Pakistan, started at around 2:00am (2130 GMT Wednesday) and raged for several hours.

The attack led to the highest death toll in a single Taliban operation since they struck at a bank in Jalalabad, also in the east, in February, killing 38 people.

“Thirty-six of our staff were killed in last night’s attack,” said Noorullah Bidar, director of the Afghan company targeted, Galaxy Star.

“They (the Taliban) destroyed a lot of our equipment including vehicles and equipment used for road construction.

Mohammad Ali, a guard for the company, told of how he was manning a security post at the compound when the Taliban started firing “from every direction.”

“I believe there were hundreds of them,” he said.

“Me and two of my friends managed to retreat to a room and hid ourselves in a hole in that room.

“We had only one bullet each left and we had kept them for ourselves because we know that Taliban brutally murder their prisoners.”

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said it carried out the attack, killing 40 people and torching four vehicles.

The region falls under the domain of the Taliban-affiliated Haqqani network, whose leader, Jalaluddin Haqqani, grew up just a few valleys away in Garda Seray. Taliban based out of the Waziristans across the border in Pakistan recently announced that construction companies were legitimate military targets.

**Zamari Zadran, subgovernor of the Wazie Zadran district, where the attack occurred, said the construction crew never called for help most likely because the Taliban have been forcing cellphone companies to cut off service at night in many volatile areas.**

The militants have made Afghan government projects a prime target in a bid to undermine the authority of President Hamid Karzai’s administration and have repeatedly captured foreign road construction workers from camps in the past.

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**Four Protesters Shot Protesting  
Killing Of 14 Protesters Who Were  
Protesting Killing Of Four Civilians  
By Foreign Troops:  
“The People In This Northern Area  
Despise The Taliban And Could Be The**

# Coalition's Biggest Allies If NATO Didn't Continually Kill Civilians"

May 20th, 2011 Michael Hughes, Examiner.com [Excerpts]

4 protesters were wounded on Thursday a day after 14 protesters were killed during anti-NATO demonstrations in Taloqan, located in the northern province of Takhar, in which 2,000 people took to the streets enraged by an ISAF-led night raid on Wednesday that killed two women and two men.

President Hamid Karzai condemned the U.S.-led coalition for, once again, killing innocent civilians while ISAF insisted those targeted were insurgents.

Juan Cole discussed on his blog how this type of anti-coalition animus is rare in the north, particularly in and around Taloqan which is predominantly Uzbek. Cole asserted that the southern Pashtuns are usually the ones that protest against NATO's presence. The people in this northern area despise the Taliban and could be the coalition's biggest allies if NATO didn't continually kill civilians.

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO HOOKING UP SOON; YOUR BFF ABDUL



Taliban fighters at an undisclosed location in southern Afghanistan May 5, 2011.  
REUTERS/Stringer

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

**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO COMPREHENSIBLE REASON TO BE IN THIS EXTREMELY HIGH RISK LOCATION AT THIS TIME, EXCEPT THAT THE PACK OF TRAITORS THAT RUN THE GOVERNMENT IN D.C. WANT YOU THERE TO DEFEND THEIR IMPERIAL DREAMS:  
That is not a good enough reason.**



United States Marines carry colleague wounded in an insurgent attack to a waiting medevac helicopter at a 'hot' landing zone under fire north of Sangin, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, May 15, 2011. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



A United States Marine, who was wounded in an insurgent attack, rides to hospital on a medevac helicopter north of Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, May 15, 2011. AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)



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## **PAKISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Taliban Car Bomb Targets US Convoy In Pakistan; One Killed, 11 Wounded**



The wreckage of a US consulate vehicle after a car bomb attack in Peshawar. Source: AFP

May 20, 2011 AFP

THE Taliban has bombed a US consulate convoy in Peshawar, killing one person and wounding 11 others in the first attack on Americans in Pakistan since Osama bin Laden's death.

A US embassy spokesman said no US personnel were seriously wounded in the rush-hour attack in the volatile northwestern city, which runs into the tribal belt that Washington has branded a global headquarters of al-Qa'ida.

Police said two foreigners were lightly wounded. One of two armoured vehicles was damaged by what a bomb disposal official said was 50 kilos of low-grade explosives packed into a car and detonated by remote-control.

"Two vehicles of the US consulate were on their way to the consulate when they were attacked," US embassy spokesman Alberto Rodriguez said.

“One vehicle was damaged. There is no death among our personnel and there are no serious injuries.

“Only one car was hit. In that car there were US citizen diplomats and a Pakistani driver,” he said.

Witnesses said the US consulate car skidded off the road after the blast, which happened at around 8.25am (12.25pm AEST), and smashed into an electricity pylon on a pedestrian footpath.

The bomb gouged a foot-deep crater out of the roadside, cracked the front wall of a nearby house and shattered the windows in two others.

Hukam Khan, in charge of the bomb disposal squad in Peshawar, said the 50 kilos of explosives were planted in a car before being detonated.

“They were not good quality explosives, that’s why there was relatively little damage,” he said.

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

### **THIS IS HOW OBAMA BRINGS THEM HOME: ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**



The remains of Army Cpl. Kevin W. White of Westfield, N.Y. at Dover Air Force Base, el. May 4, 2011. White died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

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

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

**“Former Marine Slaughtered By A  
SWAT Team During A May 5  
Assault On His Home In Arizona”  
He Served the Empire Abroad; The  
Regime Killed Him in His Home:  
“We Shouldn’t Be At All Surprised That  
A Regime Capable Of Sending  
Americans Abroad To Terrorize Iraqis In  
Their Homes Would Employ The Same  
State Terrorism Against Americans Here  
At Home”**

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

May 12, 2011 By William Grigg, LewRockwell.com

Jose Guerena survived two combat tours of Iraq, only to become a casualty of the Regime’s longest war — the one waged against its domestic subjects in the name of drug prohibition.

The former Marine was slaughtered by a SWAT team during a May 5 assault on his home in Arizona.

Guerena’s wife, Vanessa, heard a noise outside the couple’s home near Tucson at about 9 a.m. Jose, who had just gone to bed after pulling a 12-hour shift at the Asarco Mine, suspected — correctly, as it turned out — that his family was threatened by an armed criminal gang.

Grabbing his AR-15, Guerna instructed his wife and four-year-old son to hide in the closet while he confronted the intruders.

**According to Mrs. Guerna, the stormtroopers from the Pima County Regional SWAT team never identified themselves as police; they simply stormed into the home and started shooting.**

"I saw this guy pointing me at the window, Vanessa recalled in a television interview. "So, I got scared. And, I got like, 'Please don't shoot, I have a baby.' I put my baby (down). (And I) put bag in window. And, I yell 'Jose! Jose! Wake up!'"

"A deputy's bullet struck the side of the doorway, causing chips of wood to fall on his shield," recounts the Arizona Daily Star, paraphrasing an account provided by Pima County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) functionary Michael O'Connor. "That prompted some members of the team to think the deputy had been shot."

**Guerna never fired a shot; the marauders who invaded his home fired no fewer than seventy-one.**

**As is standard procedure in such events, the invaders claimed that Guerna had fired on the officers, as he had every moral and legal right to.**

Neither Jose nor his wife had a criminal history of any kind.

**The attack on their home was described as a narcotics enforcement operation, but there are no reports that narcotics were found at the residence -- even though the invaders reportedly "seized" (that is, stole) something that belonged to the victim.**

"Tucson is notorious for home invasions and we didn't want it to look like that," insisted PCSO spokesman O'Connor, exhibiting the dull-witted refusal to acknowledge the obvious that typifies tax-feeders of his station.

**He also maintained that the death squad "went lights and sirens and we absolutely did not do a 'no-knock' warrant," a claim refuted by the only surviving witness, Vanessa Guerna.**

Such details are morally inconsequential, since there was no reason — apart from the institutional vanity of the PCSO and the indecent eagerness of the armored adolescents who compose its SWAT team — to conduct a paramilitary raid to serve a routine search warrant.

"I never imagined I would lose him like that, he was badly injured but I never thought he could be killed by police after he served his country," lamented the wife of the murdered ex-Marine, who died on his feet, a rifle in his hand, and his face to an unexpected enemy.

The grim but unavoidable truth is this: We shouldn't be at all surprised that a Regime capable of sending Americans abroad to terrorize Iraqis in their homes would employ the same state terrorism against Americans here at home.

### **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](mailto: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.”

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

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

## Everything Is A Bright Shining Lie



Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: May 18, 2011  
Subject: Everything Is A Bright Shining Lie

### Everything Is A Bright Shining Lie

**“The greatest purveyor of violence in the world today is my own government.”**

**Martin Luther King Jr.  
Riverside Church  
New York City  
April 4, 1967**

**Today's date is: May 18, 2011  
Nothing  
has  
changed.**

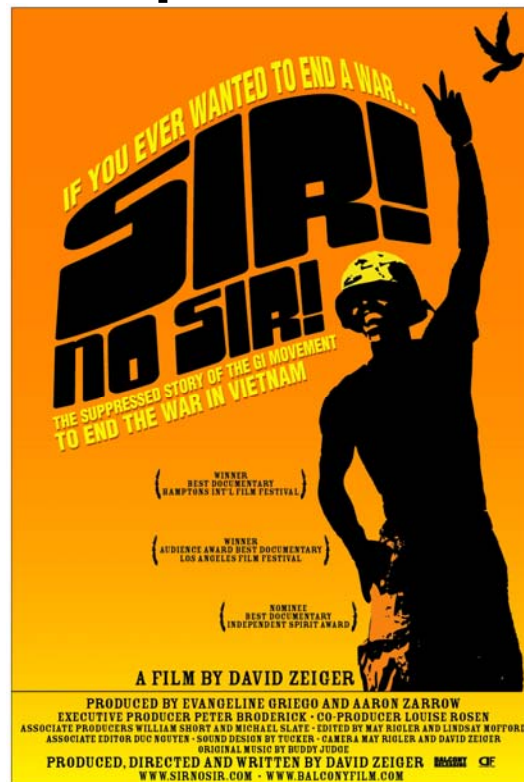
Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71

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](mailto: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

## A Film All About How An Armed Forces Rebellion Stopped An Imperial War



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David Zeiger and Jade Fox  
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I just wanted to say thank you for this film, for raising my awareness, I never even knew some of these things happened.

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Thank you again,  
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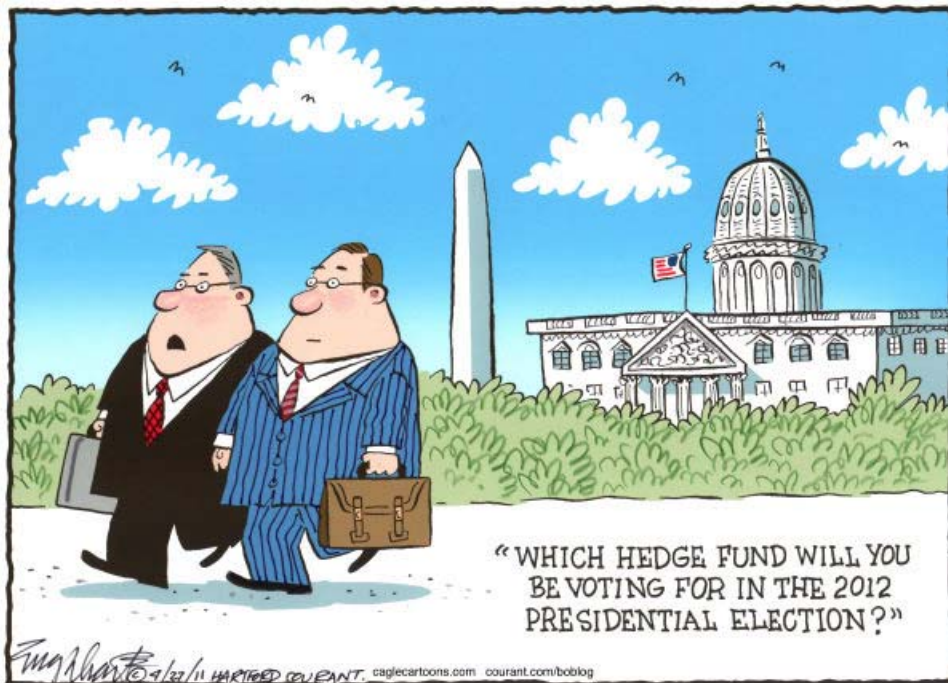
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### Capitalists At Work:

**“Police Maced Several Elderly Protesters Tuesday At JPMorgan Chase’s Annual Shareholder Meeting In Columbus, Ohio”**

**“JPMorgan Chase, They Don’t Only Own The Government. They Own The Columbus Police Department”**

May 20, 2011 Zach Carter, Huffington Post [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON -- Police maced several elderly protesters Tuesday at JPMorgan Chase’s annual shareholder meeting in Columbus, Ohio, according to activists present at the event.

Hundreds of people from dozens of community organizing groups swarmed the Tuesday meeting to demand the company overhaul its widely criticized foreclosure policies.

JPMorgan Chase has improperly broken into the homes of its borrowers in order to pursue foreclosures and has been accused of robo-signing thousands of key foreclosure documents. Federal regulators slapped the company with a consent order over foreclosure problems earlier this year, and the federal government is currently contemplating filing charges that the company defrauded taxpayers with its foreclosure policies on government-backed loans.

George Goehl, Executive Director of National People's Action, which helped organize the protest, said he and several elderly protesters were maced as police attempted to move protesters back from the building.

"There must have been 10 police for every banker," Goehl told HuffPost.

"JPMorgan Chase, they don't only own the government. They own the Columbus police department."

"It was insane," said Robin Acree, Executive Director of Grass Roots Organizing, a social justice group based in Missouri, who said she was still in pain several hours after the protest from being maced.

Feny Dorsey, a 55-year-old resident of Mexico, Missouri, told HuffPost she was maced and saw other older people being maced, as well.

"We was trying to get to the Chase estate," Dorsey told HuffPost. "We didn't make it as far as we were hoping to, but we made it far enough to make a statement.

**We was walking forward and the cops said, 'Turn around.' And as we were making a turn, he just started macing us."**

Acree said that despite the aggressive police tactics, the protest was a success.

"We're pretty psyched," Acree told HuffPost.

**"The motivation behind all this is the fact that our economy has been failed and the culprits were these bank guys. I live in Mexico, Missouri, the population there is like 11,000 people and we have no jobs. A tank of gas is costing us \$4 a gallon for chrissake, and yet they're telling us we've gotta continue to sacrifice for the deficit. How much more can a community sacrifice?"**

Veteran union organizer Stephen Lerner said the police were notably more aggressive at today's protest than at events in the past.

"The period where they were ignoring us is over, I think," Lerner said of today's police activity.

**Lerner, who has never endorsed violence, was recently targeted by Glenn Beck as an economic "terrorist" for advancing a plan to organize homeowners to stop paying their mortgages.**

The idea, which has been advanced by dozens of other anti-foreclosure advocates, is frequently described as a “mortgage strike,” which would be used to bargain for foreclosure relief.

Police threatened another group of protesters with dogs, although no serious injuries from dogs were reported.

The demonstrators were dressed in Robin Hood costumes, using a makeshift bridge to cross a series of ponds surrounding the Chase compound, which resembles a medieval moat.

JPMorgan Chase spokesman Tom Kelly declined to comment on police actions, directing any questions to the Columbus Department of Police, which did not respond to phone calls.

Kelly did suggest, however, that the Robin Hood-costumed protesters may have been marketing plants from Capital One, a bank known for using viking imagery in its television advertisements.

UPDATE: Capital One spokeswoman Pam Girardo tells HuffPost that Capital One was “not involved in any way.”

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## **RECEIVED:**

### **“Hunting -- It’s Not Just A Way To Fill The Freezer”**

From: Dennis Serdel  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: May 10, 2011  
Subject: Our Domestic Army...

This Is Why All Enemies, Foreign And Domestic, Want To See Us Disarmed.  
Food For Thought When Considering Gun Control

The world’s largest army... America’s hunters!

A blogger added up the deer license sales in just a handful of states and arrived at a striking conclusion:

There were over 600,000 hunters this season in the state of Wisconsin. Allow me to restate that number. Over the last several months, Wisconsin’s hunters became the eighth largest army in the world.

More men under arms than in Iran . More than in France and Germany combined.

These men deployed to the woods of a single American state to hunt with firearms, and no one was killed.

That number pales in comparison to the 750,000 who hunted the woods of Pennsylvania and Michigan 's 700,000 hunters.

Toss in a quarter million hunters in West Virginia and it literally establishes the fact that the hunters of those four states alone would comprise the largest army in the world.

The point?

America will forever be safe from foreign invasion or the US government with that kind of home-grown firepower.

Hunting -- it's not just a way to fill the freezer.

It's a matter of national security from our government or other countries.

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