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HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



A United States Marine onboard a medevac helicopter from the US Army's Task Force Lift 'Dust Off', 1-214 Aviation Regiment, after he was wounded in an IED strike near Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, June 4, 2011. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

The Emperor Obama Announces New Plan To Continue Killing U.S. Troops And Afghans Until At Least 2014:

**91,000 U.S. Troops To Keep On
Killing And Dying Until End Of 2012;
68,000 U.S. Troops To Keep On Killing
And Dying Until At Least 2014**



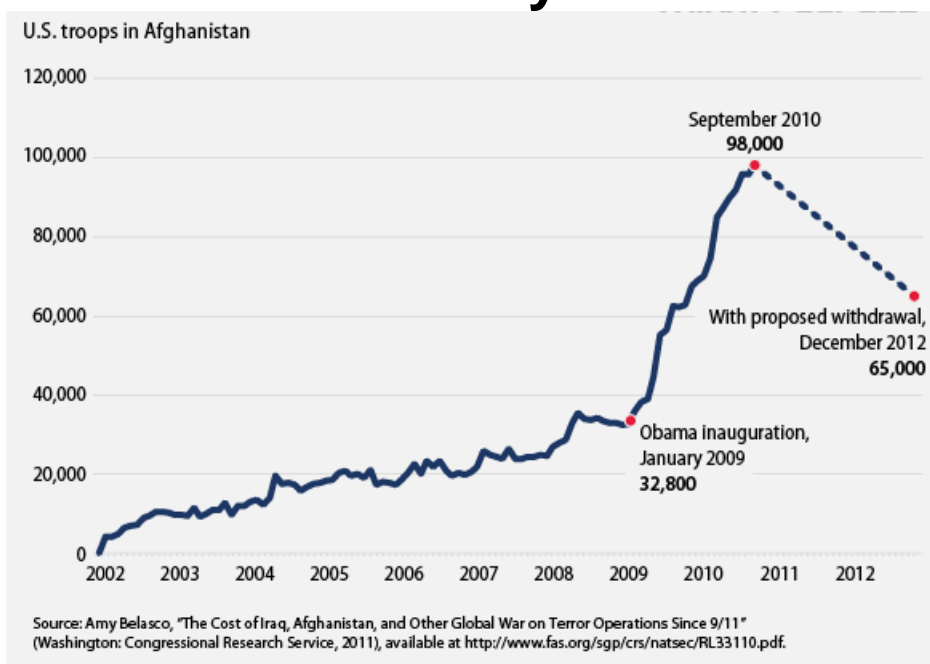
June 23, 2011 Christi Parsons, David S. Cloud, Tribune Co. & Washington Post

The United States will withdraw 10,000 troops from Afghanistan this year and bring another 23,000 home by the end of summer in 2012, President Obama said Wednesday. There were 38,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan when Obama took office in January 2009, but during his first year in office he increased the number to almost 100,000.

The pullout schedule he outlined Wednesday will leave 68,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan by the end of next summer, and Obama said their departure will continue steadily through 2014, when the Afghan army is scheduled to take over security.

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6/23/11 FAIR [Excerpts]

News accounts over how many troops might leave should account for the total U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, in historical context.

As ThinkProgress noted (6/22/11), “if the reductions are carried out as planned, the United States would still have far more troops in Afghanistan than it did when Obama came into office and more than at any point during former president George W. Bush’s administration.

“This means that the troop reduction would not put us much closer to actually ending the war by the end of 2012.”

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SATAN

**“The marines that I have had wounded over the past five months have been attacked by a faceless enemy. But the enemy has got a face. He’s called Satan.”
US Marine Colonel Gareth Bran**



June 22, 2011. REUTERS/Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Pool

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

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

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Local Soldier Killed In Iraq

June 09, 2011 Victorville Daily Press, FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A soldier from Victorville and four others were killed when a series of rockets slammed into an American outpost in Baghdad, Iraq.

Spc. Christopher B. Fishbeck, 24, died Monday at a base in a Shiite neighborhood, the Department of Defense announced Thursday.

It was the largest single-day loss of life for U.S. forces in Iraq in two years.

Fishbeck and the four others were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division based at Fort Riley, Kan.

His mother, Toni Kay, of Victorville, was on vacation when she learned of her son's death. Fishbeck lived in Victorville for about six months before joining the Army in October 2009. He graduated from Kennedy High School in La Palma in 2005 and was a field artillery tactical data systems operator. Fishbeck was posthumously promoted to the rank of specialist.

Fishbeck lived with intensity and passion. He was outspoken, funny and had a strong personality, his wife of three months, Stephanie Kidder, said.

The two went to junior and senior high school together, where they dated. After a few years, Kidder went off to Germany and Fishbeck joined the Army. They rekindled their relationship on Facebook and calls via Skype. Then, when Fishbeck went on leave, he visited Kidder in Germany. Their courtship was marked by the passion and intensity that was the essence of the young soldier, Kidder said Thursday.

"I personally never felt so loved," said Kidder who lives in Buena Park. "He made me feel like I was this amazing thing — that I was really special. He was very expressive. He told me all the time he loved me."

She said Fishbeck held on to his positive outlook, despite the ongoing insurgency and working 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

"He felt his job was important," Kidder said, adding that Fishbeck was scheduled to leave Iraq in November. "He really wanted to be a great husband to me. He had a lot of ambition to be a great man."

Relatives created a website, www.christopherfishbeck.com, memorializing the fallen soldier. A passage reads:

“Chris was a person who did what he wanted despite what others may have thought, and my sister is the same. There is one thing they both wanted and that was to make (their) marriage work, they took it seriously and it was more than just a piece of paper to them. They were both in it forever.

“Chris wanted to take care of my sister, and if there was anything her heart desired all she had to do was ask, if there was something she wanted to vent about he was there. All of this while being in Iraq! My sister is devastated and feels cheated that she didn’t get to live the life they both had planned. Chris deserved more, and deserved the chance to have more out of life. He was taken from this world but I pray he is resting in peace.”

Each of the five soldiers had served less than two years in the Army. This was their first duty station and none had previously deployed.

The other soldiers killed were:

- Spc. Emilio J. Campo Jr., 20, of Madelia, Minn.;
- Spc. Michael B. Cook Jr., 27, of Middletown, Ohio;
- Spc. Robert P. Hartwick, 20, of Rockbridge, Ohio; and
- Pfc. Michael C. Olivieri, 26, Chicago, Ill.

Arrangements for Fishbeck are pending.

U.S. Occupation Official Killed In Baghdad, Another American Wounded

June 24, 2011 Irish Examiner & By Laith Hammoudi and Roy Gutman; McClatchy Newspapers & CNN

A US civilian killed yesterday was working for an agency assisting the US government, said David Ranz, a spokesman for the US Embassy in Baghdad.

Dr. Stephen Everhart, an international development and finance expert under contract to the U.S. Agency for International Development, was killed when a roadside bomb hit the convoy in which he was traveling, U.S. and Iraqi officials said. Three people were wounded, including at least one American, they said.

Everhart was visiting a branch of the Mustansiriyah University, where he was working to introduce a new business curriculum when the roadside bomb exploded.

Iraqi police officials in eastern Baghdad said a bomb exploded near foreign security company vehicles travelling through eastern Baghdad early in the afternoon, killing one foreigner in the convoy and injuring three other people.

Attacks On U.S. Forces

BAGHDAD - Five rockets were fired at a joint Iraqi-U.S. military base in the Baladiyat district of eastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

Two of the rockets hit the base and three fell outside, wounding three civilians, the source said. The U.S. military said 10 mortars were fired but none hit the base and no casualties were reported.

SAMARRA - A roadside bomb went off after a U.S. military convoy passed by, wounding a civilian, in Samarra, 100 km (62 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Iraq's Biggest Oil Refinery Blown Up And Shut Down

24 June 2011 By Reuters

Most of the Baiji oil refinery, Iraq's biggest, was shut down on Friday after an explosion on its main gas pipeline started a fire, a refinery official said.

The official said the fire at Baiji, about 180 km (112 miles) north of Baghdad, was under control but it would take 48 hours to restore full operation.

Baiji oil refinery was shut down completely for two days in February when militants attacked it, killing four workers and detonating bombs that touched off a raging fire.

A plot to bomb the refinery in March was foiled by Iraq's security forces, who last Friday also defused make-shift bombs placed inside Doura refinery in the south of Baghdad.

Resistance Action:



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

June 21 (Reuters) & June 23 (Reuters) & June 24, 2011 Irish Examiner & CNN

BAGHDAD - Armed men in a speeding car, using silenced weapons, killed an Iraqi army brigadier while he was inside his car in Baghdad's northern Shaab district late on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

AL-ZAB - An Iraqi soldier was wounded by a flashlight stuffed with explosives which he found near his checkpoint in al-Zab, an area about 35 km (20 miles) southwest of Kirkuk, police said.

RAMADI - A police bomb squad defused a car bomb a few hundred metres from local government buildings but a second car bomb nearby exploded as police attempted to deactivate it, wounding an officer, in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb killed an Iraqi soldier and wounded three soldiers, in Palestine Street in northeastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

KIRKUK - An employee of Iraq's Communications Ministry was captured as he rode a motorcycle in eastern Kirkuk, the Kirkuk province security operations centre said.

BAQUBA – An insurgent on a bicycle, using a silenced weapon, killed the mayor of the Gatoon neighbourhood in Baquba, police said.

MOSUL - Insurgents attacked a security checkpoint and killed a policeman in western Mosul, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol killed one passer-by and wounded a policeman, in central Mosul, police said.

MOSUL - Insurgents threw a hand grenade at a police patrol, wounding a policeman, in southwestern Mosul, police said.

BAGHDAD - A parked car bomb exploded near a police patrol, wounding three policemen, in the Ghazaliya district of western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - Two roadside bombs struck a convoy carrying a local police chief, wounding him and five other policemen, along with two passers-by, in the Amiriya district of western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A bomb targeting a police traffic patrol wounded two traffic policemen, in the eastern Baghdad district of Zayouna, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol wounded one policeman, in the southern Jadiriya district of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A state bank official escaped injury when a bomb attached to his car exploded in Baghdad's northern Waziriya district, an Interior Ministry source said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb targeting a private security company convoy wounded three guards in northeastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol killed two military personnel, including one officer, south of Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A parked car bomb targeting a police patrol killed one policeman in south-western Baghdad, hospital officials said.

A roadside bomb attack on an Iraqi army patrol in the Sunni neighborhood of Jamiaa wounded three troops, Iraqi police said.

Iraqi Thieves Who Call Themselves A Government Grabbed \$17 Billion Of U.S.-Sourced Aid Money For Themselves: They Refuse U.S. Government Pressure To Open The Books And Show Where The Money Went

June 23, 2011 AP [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD - Iraqis are demanding to know what happened to \$17 billion in Iraqi money that was part of a U.S.-administered fund for rebuilding the country after years of war and sanctions that now cannot be accounted for properly.

But U.S. officials trying to trace the funds say the Iraqi government is not cooperating and has so far not allowed them access to bank records they need to determine if any of the money was misused.

The use of reconstruction money has been a constant sore point for Iraqis, who despite the billions spent here still suffer from electricity outages, hospitals without the proper equipment and a lack of schools.

The United States was responsible for administering the Development Fund for Iraq, which was set up after the 2003 invasion with money from Iraqi oil sales, frozen Saddam Hussein-era assets and money left over from the U.N. oil-for-food program.

The money from the development fund was generally disbursed through Iraqi government agencies, raising questions about their own role in supervising the money trail.

The Iraqi parliament's integrity committee has been investigating how the money was spent and in recent weeks received reports from the Iraqi Supreme Auditing Board indicating huge irregularities.

"In some cases, we went to see some projects on the ground, but we were shocked to see that they do not even exist and there is only empty fields," said the head of parliament's integrity committee, Bahaa al-Araji.

The U.S. inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, Stuart W. Bowen Jr., said to figure out what happened to the money, his office needs access to bank records at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, which held the development funds, and the Central Bank of Iraq.

But it has yet to get the Iraqi government's approval.

"We need the government of Iraq's cooperation regarding the bank records that will reveal the use of this part of the DFI," he said. "We have not been provided access to the records, and we have asked."

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Virginia Soldier Killed In Kunar



Spc. Levi E. Nuncio, 24, of Harrisonburg, Va. died June 22, 2011 in Kunar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgent forces attacked his unit with small arms fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. (AP Photo/Department of Defense)

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

June 22, 2011 AP

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

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June 23, 2011 AP

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Family Remembers Sgt. Josh Powell

Jun 07, 2011 By Kelly Hefelfinger, KLTV

Army Sergeant Joshua David Powell has given his life for the country. Powell, from Quitman, was killed along with three others by an I.E.D. while he was on patrol in Afghanistan on June 4th.

Some of his family members agreed to speak with us.

Sergeant Powell had been in the Army for eight years. This was his fifth tour of duty, and this time he had volunteered. His Uncle Faron Petty, and Cousin Shanna Hayes say he was more than a career military man, he was also the life of the party.

Faron Petty Joshua's Uncle said, "He loved harassing the kids and having fun with them..all the nieces and nephews and cousins and everybody as they were growing up. It's a really hard thing. We know that he's up there now saying not to worry about him and for us to pray for all of our family and to pray for the other men's families that lost

their lives and the young ladies family. "It's not a war that everyone wants but, it's something that we need. And, we're all real proud of Joshua."

"He loved his country and he loved what he was doing. We're very proud of him. We miss him so much and we wish we weren't bringing him home this way," Said his cousin Shanna Hayes.

A lot of Joshua's family stayed close living in three houses right next to each other. When he was on leave, he'd come home and hunt and fish their property, just like he did growing up. His family would like to think a part of him will always be there.

Funeral services for 28 year old Joshua David Powell are pending.

Hundreds Mourn Fallen Soldier

June 14, 2011 By Stephen Anderson , Houghton Daily Mining Gazette

BARAGA - Hundreds of people packed Baraga High School Gymnasium Monday at 11 a.m. to pay their final respects to Army Spc. Robert Lee Voakes Jr., 21, of L'Anse, who was killed in Afghanistan June 4.

Robert's legacy was evident by the number and diversity of people in attendance at the funeral. Voakes' family was surrounded by support from people across the Upper Peninsula, military personnel and tribal members from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

"One thing ties us all together: The love for an American soldier," Jeremy Voakes, Robert's older brother, said during an emotional speech midway through the funeral.

The blend of traditional military funeral procedures, American Indian cultural traditions and examples of Voakes' individuality honored Robert's unique impact.

The ceremony opened with KBIC drummers playing and KBIC veterans saluting Voakes' flag-draped coffin. Pfc. Chris Ochs also received a standing ovation for serving with Robert.

The opening invocation included reflections on Robert ("Little Otter") serving as a role model and an inspiration, sentiments echoed throughout the ceremony: "Robert volunteered and taught youth, not just with words, but also with actions."

"He was a good, responsible young man and went about things in a humble way," KBIC member Paul Halverson said.

Halverson explained the Indian drumming and singing to the diverse crowd: "Our Warrior brother is now dancing hard and watching over us. His spirit is moving like an eagle above us. We'll never forget our brother. There's no word for 'goodbye' in our language; we say 'See you on the trail again.'"

KBIC President Chris Swartz echoed Halverson's sentiments while reflecting on Voakes' sense of patriotism. "Nobody who knew him was surprised that he died a hero's death," Swartz said. "In times like these, we wonder why, but Robert was in Afghanistan because our country needed him there and he knew he had to be there. Today we mourn, but his legacy will help us through."

Baraga school guidance counselor and former basketball coach Bruce Rundman and one of Voakes' former Baraga teachers, Jim Bielinski, added reflections of Voakes' time at Baraga, where he graduated from in 2009.

Rundman injected humor into the ceremony as he recalled the late soldier's "really funny sense of humor and quick, wry wit that he used to perfection." Rundman also remembered Voakes' "awesome hair," which Voakes donated to locks of love before entering the Army.

"Robert was a good student who was well-liked by all his classmates," Beilinski said. "Helping others was one of Robert's special talents."

Army representatives presented Voakes' military awards to his parents, Robert Sr. and Valerie. He earned the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal and several other awards, in addition to his posthumous promotion to specialist. Valerie also received a gold star flag to support her as mother to a son who lost his life in war.

Courtney Clisch sang "Amazing Grace" and a commemorative video was shown. After the final benediction, military personnel saluted Robert's casket.

Marine Lance Cpl. Isaac Blunt Of Medford Severely Injured In Afghanistan

Jun. 24, 2011 By Ashley A. Smith, Green Bay Press Gazette

MEDFORD — Family members are traveling to Maryland to be by the side of a Medford Marine injured during an attack in Afghanistan last week.

Lance Cpl. Isaac Blunt, 20, was severely injured on June 14 after he and his patrol were hit by a homemade bomb in the Helmand province of Afghanistan.

"They were marching on patrol when he was hit by an IED, a roadside bomb," said Duane Blunt Sr., Isaac's father. "As far as I understand it, he pushed one of his battle buddies out of the way and saved his life. One of his other buddies was killed in that action."

By the end of last week, Isaac was transported to Maryland where he continues to undergo surgeries for his injuries, Duane said.

Both of Isaac's legs have been amputated, including one above the knee. He sustained trauma to his left eye, left hand and ribs, a broken jaw and a cut on the left side of his chin, his father said.

"The last word I got is that he is going to lose his left eye," Duane said. "And they're trying to stop the infection on his leg, but he's in good spirits. He was cracking jokes. He's doing pretty good."

A 2009 graduate of Medford High School, Isaac comes from a military family. His father served in the Navy and he has siblings in the Army and Marines. He joined the Marines not long after graduating.

Isaac's family — including his mother, his wife, Brittany, and their daughter, Izzy Belle — already are with him in Maryland. Other family members will be joining him later to offer support.

Eventually, Isaac will be fitted for prosthetics, Duane said, adding that it still will take some time for him to heal from his injuries and return home.

Duane traveled Wednesday to see his son for the first time since Christmas.

"The first thing I'll tell him is how proud I am, and happy he's alive," Duane said.

Resistance Action:



A dead police officer at the hospital in Ghazni, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, June 22, 2011. Insurgents killed six police officers in an attack on Wednesday. (AP Photo/Rahmatullah Nikzad)

Jun 24, 2011 Arab News

One policeman was killed on Friday by a bicycle bomb which exploded in a bazaar in Afghanistan, the provincial governor's spokesman said. The blast took place around 6:00 p.m. in Khan Abad district, Kunduz province. "The bomb was attached to a bicycle and went off in the bazaar in Khan Abad district," said Kunduz provincial spokesman Mahboobullah Saeedi.

ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT; ALL HOME NOW



A bullet hole next to the fuel tank on the tail of a Black Hawk helicopter after the U.S. Army's Task Force Lift 'Dust Off', Charlie Company 1-214 Aviation Regiment came under fire while rescuing an injured Marine, who got shot in the stomach outside Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, June 11, 2011. The Army's 'Dust Off' crew needed two attempts to get him out, as they were fired on and took five rounds of bullets into the tail of their aircraft. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)



US soldiers take cover in a bunker during a mortar attack at Combat Outpost Sabari in Khost province, eastern Afghanistan late on June 18. (AFP/Ted Aljibe)

MILITARY NEWS

Obama Tells Fort Drum Troops He Recalls Giving Medal Of Honor To “A Comrade Of Yours, Jared Monti” At The White House: Problem: Monti Was Not At The White House: Monti Was Dead

June 23rd Posted by Joe Gould, Outside the wire [Excerpts]

As President Obama addressed troops at a Fort Drum, N.Y. DFAC, he reminisced about how as a senator and as president, in Iraq and Afghanistan, “I’ve always run into you guys. And for some reason it’s always in some rough spots.”

“I had the great honor of seeing some of you because a comrade of yours, Jared Monti, was the first person who I was able to award the Medal of Honor to who actually came back and wasn’t receiving it posthumously,” Obama said, according to the White House official transcript.

Except that Monti was receiving it posthumously.

At a White House ceremony in 2009, Obama presented Sgt. 1st Class Monti’s parents with the medal for his heroic actions in Afghanistan. Monti, 30, was leading a scouting mission along the Pakistan border when a resupply helicopter blew the unit’s cover;

Monti twice ran into gunfire to retrieve a wounded comrade before he was killed by an enemy grenade.

The least we can do for our honored dead is to remember them.

**“A Veteran Of Both The Army And
The Navy Who Served With
Distinction In Iraq And At
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Here Because The Government
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**“It Fit A Broader Pattern Of The
Government’s Pursuing Seemingly
Minor Passport Violations In An
Effort To Deport Illegal Immigrants”**

**“Records Show That Mr. Dawkins
Received Glowing Evaluations In The
Navy And Was Recommended For Early
Promotion”**

June 23, 2011 By SUSANNAH NESMITH, New York Times

MIAMI — A veteran of both the Army and the Navy who served with distinction in Iraq and at Guantánamo Bay has spent the last month in federal lock-up here because the government wants to deport him.

Not only did he lie on a passport application, prosecutors say, but he was never even a citizen.

But a lawyer for the man, Elisha L. Dawkins, 26, has a different story, one that begins with Mr. Dawkins’s arrival here from the Bahamas as an infant.

He was raised to believe he was a citizen, his lawyer contends, something the state and federal authorities did not challenge during his seven years in the military.

It is unclear why Mr. Dawkins was indicted in March, five years after receiving his passport and when he was still in the Navy.

“The military believes he’s an American citizen,” the lawyer, Clark Mervis, told Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga of Federal District Court here last week, noting that Mr. Dawkins had “secret” security clearance when he served in Guantánamo.

Mr. Dawkins is eligible to become a citizen, based on his military service, but a criminal conviction would disqualify him.

Mr. Mervis hopes prosecutors will agree to a pretrial diversion program so he can avoid a conviction.

“We don’t often incarcerate war-hero-type people for making a false statement on a passport application,” Mr. Mervis said. “It’s a case that should never have been prosecuted criminally. This is just wrong.”

The United States Attorney’s Office in Miami declined to comment.

The only crime Mr. Dawkins is charged with is lying on a 2006 passport application that asked if he had ever applied for a passport before. He checked no.

The government claims the answer is yes.

Records show that Mr. Dawkins began a passport application in 2004, when he was deployed in Iraq. Mr. Mervis says the government lists that application as “abandoned,” meaning he never finished the process.

He was never denied a passport — in fact, he was inexplicably issued a passport in 2006, in spite of a standing deportation order dating to 1992, when Mr. Dawkins was 8 years old.

Citing privacy laws, the State Department declined to comment Tuesday on why Mr. Dawkins was issued a passport when he had an open deportation order.

The circumstances of Mr. Dawkins’s arrival in the United States are murky, Mr. Mervis said, but Mr. Dawkins believes he was brought here by his mother, who was later deported. He was raised in Miami by relatives who told him he was an American citizen, Mr. Mervis said.

In 2003, after he graduated from high school, Mr. Dawkins enlisted in the Army, using a birth certificate that had been issued by the State of Florida a few months earlier.

Because it was issued years after his birth, the certificate is marked “delayed” and notes that Social Security, medical and Miami school records were used to verify that he was born in October 1984; it is unclear where his Social Security number came from.

Jessica Hammond, a spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Health, said supporting documentation was often used to obtain delayed birth certificates.

"All documents are examined by our qualified evidence technicians and are subject to verification with the originating source," she said in an e-mail. "This process has been in place for well over 50 years."

The Army requires two forms of identification to prove citizenship.

"If he had a Social Security card and he had a birth certificate and he passed all the other requirements, then he's good to go," said an Army spokesman, Troy Rolan. "If you look at the documentation he has, there's nothing that says he's not a U.S. citizen."

Military records show that Mr. Dawkins was honorably discharged at the rank of specialist in 2008 after receiving the Iraq Campaign medal, Global War on Terrorism medal and Combat Action badge, among other honors.

He immediately enlisted in the Navy.

Mr. Rolan noted that the discharge document Mr. Dawkins was given when he left the Army, called a DD214, was all he needed to enlist in the Navy.

"That DD214 suffices for his birth certificate, his citizenship and his high school diploma," Mr. Rolan said. "He can walk right into the Navy and raise his right hand and they'll take him."

Caroline Tetschner, a spokeswoman at Navy Reserves Headquarters, said that the security clearance he needed to serve at Guantánamo was granted because he had already received clearance by the Army.

Mr. Rolan, the Army spokesman, said the Army would have checked routinely with the F.B.I., National Security Agency, local law enforcement and defense investigative services.

Citing privacy laws, he could not comment on Mr. Dawkins's security clearance specifically, but said that the Army would discharge someone if a deportation order showed up in a background check.

Military records obtained by his lawyer show that Mr. Dawkins was honorably released from active duty on April 29.

He is now a petty officer in the Navy Reserves, the Navy confirmed.

Those same records show that Mr. Dawkins received glowing evaluations in the Navy and was recommended for early promotion.

In both branches of the military, Mr. Dawkins served as a photographer, taking pictures of his fellow soldiers serving on the front lines in Iraq and of detainees in Guantánamo.

His most recent evaluation said he had displayed "exceptional work ethic" and noted that he was "eager to tell the military story and to further the image and success of U.S. service members."

Mr. Mervis says he believes that a government database may have picked out Mr. Dawkins's name, and that the timing of the indictment may have to do with a statute of limitations being set to expire.

Experts on immigration law said that while Mr. Dawkins's case was unusual, it fit a broader pattern of the government's pursuing seemingly minor passport violations in an effort to deport illegal immigrants.

"On passports now, they are criminally charging everybody," said Ira J. Kurzban, a Miami lawyer and past president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. "They're even charging people whom they hadn't charged before."

Mr. Mervis said Mr. Dawkins was arrested last month in Jacksonville, where he now lives, and has been held at the federal detention center here since.

He added that Mr. Dawkins had completed an associate's degree in nursing while in the Navy, and that he had been preparing to take a test to become a registered nurse when he was arrested.

Troops Invited:

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Burial Records Of Arlington Cemetery War Dead Found In An Abandoned Storage Unit; Cemetery Staff Says There Is Good News:

**"Social Security Numbers Belonged To
People Who Are Dead, And Thus At
Negligible Risk For Identity Theft"**

Jun 23, 2011 By Rick Maze - Staff writer; Army Times [Excerpts]

A criminal investigation is underway after 69 boxes of Arlington National Cemetery burial records were discovered June 10 in an abandoned storage unit in Northern Virginia.

Rep. Jon Runyan, R-N.J., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee's veterans disability and memorial affairs panel, who disclosed the records discovery, said the boxes include copies of grave cards used to record burials that appear to have been given to a contractor who was supposed to help create a database of burials.

What happened to the contractor and why the records were left in a public storage unit is unclear, Runyan said, adding that the subcommittee was notified when the records were found.

Kathryn Condon, executive director of the Army National Cemeteries Program, said the Army learned of the misplaced records when the owner of the public storage facility called a cemetery hotline.

Grave cards contain Social Security numbers and other identifying information that generally would be closely guarded, Condon said.

In this instance, however, the Social Security numbers belonged to people who are dead, and thus at negligible risk for identity theft.

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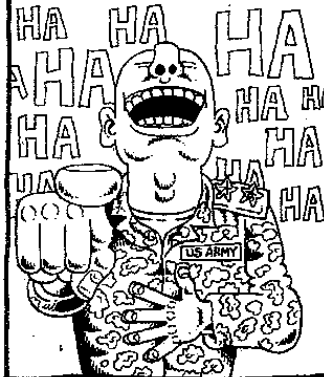
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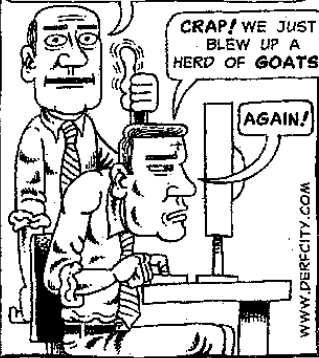
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WHAT!?!

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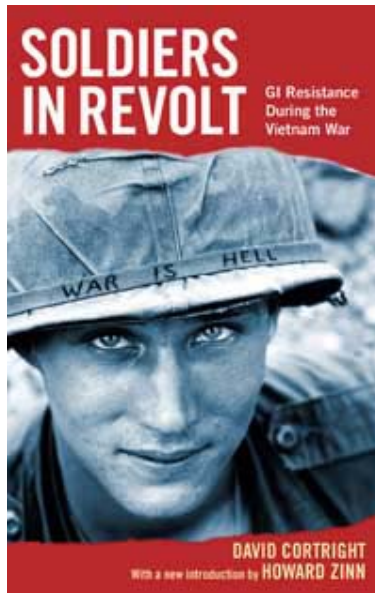
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