

Military Resistance 9F18



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Heaps Of Dead: Billions Pissed Away

Jun 23, 2011 By Amir Shah and Jon Gambrell - The Associated Press

The war [Afghanistan] has killed at least 1,500 members of the U.S. military and wounded another 12,000 since the war began in late 2001.

The financial cost of the war has passed \$440 billion and is on the rise, jumping to \$120 billion a year.

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IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Grenade Kills Tulsa Soldier In Iraq



Army Pfc. Dylan Jeffrey Johnson: He was killed by a grenade Sunday after being in Iraq only 3 1/2 weeks.

A young soldier from Tulsa, known among his Army buddies as a fun, happy-go-lucky person, was killed in a grenade attack in Iraq on Sunday, his father said.

Army Pfc. Dylan Jeffrey Johnson, 20, had been in Iraq only 3 1/2 weeks when he was killed in a small town north of Baghdad, his father said. The soldier left for Iraq on Memorial Day in what was his first overseas deployment, and he arrived there June 2.

Johnson was attached to the 4th Squadron of the 9th Cavalry Regiment, based at Fort Hood, near Killeen, Texas.

His father, Jeff Johnson, said he was notified about his son's death on Sunday night. He said his son was killed around noon local Iraq time on Sunday in the town of Jalula.

He said his son was driving an MRAP (mine resistant ambush protected) vehicle when an insurgent threw an armor-piercing grenade at the windshield. The explosion instantly killed his son and a sergeant, Jeff Johnson said he was told.

"I had thought the glass on those were bulletproof, but I guess the grenade hit at just the right angle," he said.

Johnson said his son was a scout and was working with other soldiers to shut down U.S. bases in Iraq and turn them over to the Iraqis after the pullout of all U.S. combat troops.

He said his son had driven some dignitaries to northern Iraq and was returning to his base when the attack occurred.

"I've been chatting with the guys in his platoon all day, and they all described him as one of the funniest guys they ever met," Johnson said Monday. "He was that way - a natural comedian."

Johnson said his son loved music and sports and "was a great marksman."

Jeff Johnson said Dylan Johnson went to Jenks High School and decided to join the Army in 2009, largely inspired by the men on both sides of his family who served with the military during World War II and Korea.

Johnson said his son completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and then was assigned to Fort Hood, where he remained until he deployed to Iraq.

The 46-year-old Johnson, who called Dylan Johnson his "best friend," said he last saw his son in March.

"He knew they were going to Iraq, but he didn't know when. He was really excited about going over there," Johnson said.

He and his son communicated through Facebook while Dylan Johnson was in Iraq.

Their last communication was Friday, when Johnson said his son complained about the heat in Iraq and said he was bored and wanted something to do that was more exciting.

Johnson said he will leave Tuesday for Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, where his son's body is expected to arrive from Kuwait.

He said funeral arrangements will be made in the Washington, D.C., area for his son's burial in Arlington National Cemetery. The date for the funeral has not been set.

In addition to his father, the soldier is survived by his mother, Joy Sehl; his stepmother, Lynda Johnson; two sisters, Alexandra Johnson, 15, and Kathryn Sehl, 8; and two stepsisters, Brittany Dinan, 16, and Brooke Dinan, 13. All are of Tulsa.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Louisiana Tech Sgt. Killed In Nad 'Ali

June 27, 2011 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 552-11

Tech. Sgt. Daniel L. Douville, 33, of Harvey, La., died June 26 as a result of injuries suffered from an improvised explosive device on the border of the Nad 'Ali district of Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 96th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

South Carolina Gunnery Sgt. Killed In Helmand

June 27, 2011 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 551-11

Gunnery Sgt. Ralph E. Pate Jr., 29, of Mullins, S.C., died June 26 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 2nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

California Soldier Killed In Kunar

June 28, 2011 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 556-11

Spc. Kevin J. Hilaman, 28, of Albany, Calif., died June 26, in Kunar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Arizona SSG Killed In Kandahar

June 29, 2011 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 561-11

Staff Sgt. Donald V. Stacy, 23, of Avondale, Ariz., died June 28 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Family, Friends, Say Good-Bye To Soldier From Woodbridge

June 19, 2011 By Michelle Tuccitto Sullo, The Bulletin

HAMDEN — Army Pfc. Eric Soufrine, who was killed last week in Afghanistan, was remembered by friends and family Sunday as someone who was destined to serve in the military, a young man who was patriotic, loving and quick with a smile.

Funeral services for Soufrine, 20, took place at Congregation Mishkan Israel Sunday morning, followed by interment services at Mishkan Israel Cemetery in New Haven.

Rabbi Herbert Brockman, who knew Soufrine since he was young, recalled how seven years ago, he was a boy becoming a man at bar mitzvah.

“Then, I was able to put my hands on his shoulders,” Brockman said, of the man who later grew to 6 ‘5” inches tall. “He grew to tower over everyone.”

“Eric was this cute little boy who was filled with life and loved to play,” Brockman said. “It is a reminder how heroes are regular people who do extraordinary things, and it is a reminder of who is out there defending the country. He was a regular kid and yet when he felt the call to duty, he answered it.”

Eric was fun-loving and sweet, and he had a lot of friends, according to Brockman.

“Unfortunately, he is the second boy from my congregation to lose his life in Afghanistan.”

Another congregation member, Army Capt. Benjamin Sklaver, was killed in 2009.

Brockman noted that Eric was laid to rest on Father’s Day. According to Brockman, Eric had looked up to his father tremendously, and the two enjoyed hunting and sports.

Eric Soufrine is survived by his parents, Michael and Donna Soufrine of Woodbridge, brother Joshua Soufrine of Georgia, and sister, Army Spc. Rebecca Soufrine of Woodbridge.

Rebecca Soufrine recalled how her brother loved the outdoors and hunting trips. She said he always had a smile and liked to make jokes.

“He loved his family and was very patriotic,” she said. “He died a hero defending the country he loved. It is hard to express the love and pride I have for my brother.”

Several of his friends and relatives spoke about him, calling him kind-hearted and fun-loving, saying we have our freedom because of heroes like him. Friends tearfully said they wish he was home safe. According to his family, he was due to come home in two weeks.

The synagogue was packed with relatives and mourners who frequently wiped tears away and embraced each other.

Luanne Lomartra, who was among the mourners, said Soufrine was a friend of her nephew. “God bless them for what they do for our country,” Lomartra said.

Area boy scouts, veterans, fire department and police attended the funeral service, as did U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.

The song, “God Bless America” was sung during the funeral service. At the cemetery, there was a firing of the volleys military salute, followed by the playing of Taps.

Connecticut National Guard Col. John Whitford said the guard provided assistance to the family since receiving notification, and provided military and funeral honors on Sunday.

Eric Soufrine died of injuries he sustained when the vehicle he was riding in struck an improvised explosive device at a river crossing in Shewan Garrison Village, Afghanistan, while on mounted patrol. He was a member of Battery B, 4th Battalion, 42d Field Artillery, out of Fort Carson, Colo.

Soufrine graduated from Amity Regional High School in 2009, then he joined the army in May 2010. He was deployed to Afghanistan, and was promoted to private 1st class. On May 28, he received an award for Soldier of the Month. He also had received the Army Achievement Medal.

Several of his family members have served in the military, including his grandfathers, several uncles and cousins.

The family asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be sent to several organizations that help members of the military and their families, such as the Wounded Warriors Project, USO, and Fisher House Foundation Inc.

They also asked that donations be made to Sklaver's organization, ClearWater Initiative, which helps people whose lives are affected by the lack of clean water.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy earlier this week ordered state and U.S. flags to fly at half staff in Soufrine's honor. "The loss of Private First Class Soufrine is a tragedy and my thoughts are with his family and friends at this time," Malloy said, in a statement.

"These wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have exacted a terrible toll on our military, our families and our communities. Our prayers are with our men and women serving overseas and their families who are making an extraordinary sacrifice in service to the country."

Midland Marine Killed, Loved Ones Speak Out



June 21, 2011 Shelley Childers, CBS 7 News

Midland, TX - As the War on Terror continues in the Middle East the biggest sacrifice is felt at home.

The 15th U.S. serviceman from West Texas was killed in the line of duty this past weekend.

21-year old Josue Ibarra, a graduate of Midland High School was the youngest of six, and although he was killed in action, those who loved him say, his personality and character will never be forgotten.

"I want to believe that it's a mistake. Maybe they're going to call and they're going to say sorry we made a mistake," said Dahlia Torres, the wife of Pastor Abel Torres with the Abundant Living Christian Center in Midland, Ibarra's church for more than 15 years.

Pastor Abel Torres and his wife have known Ibarra since his childhood and describe him as very loyal and gracious.

"He always loved to wear tennis shoes in church and I told the people that he did that because he wanted to be ready to just run and do things."

Doing things like joining the Marines just a year ago, "Yes we were proud of him, because he was so proud," Dahlia said.

The field artilleryman was killed less than three months into his first deployment to Afghanistan from injuries he sustained from an improvised explosive device.

In an eerie twist, just two days before being killed Ibarra was talking about recent encounters with I.E.D.s on his facebook page.

"I know I'm hurting, but I know I can't be hurting as much as his mother is right now," Dahlia said.

"His mom took it pretty hard, he was the youngest one. She keeps repeating 'He said he was coming back, he said he was coming back.' It's still hard to believe," Abel said.

"We still love him and he's left a void in our hearts."

Ibarra was stationed in Hawaii before being deployed; it was there that he met President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle.

Funeral arrangements at Abundant Living Christian Center have not been finalized.

Afghanistan - Death Of Paratrooper 1st Class Cyril HUGODOT In Kapisa

25/06/2011 Ministère de la Défense

Saturday, June 25 in a clash during a reconnaissance mission in Kapisa, the Parachutist 1st Class HUGODOT Cyril 1st Parachute Regiment hunters (first RCP - Pamiers), was seriously wounded by insurgent fire.

He died of his wounds at the military hospital in Kabul where he was immediately evacuated.

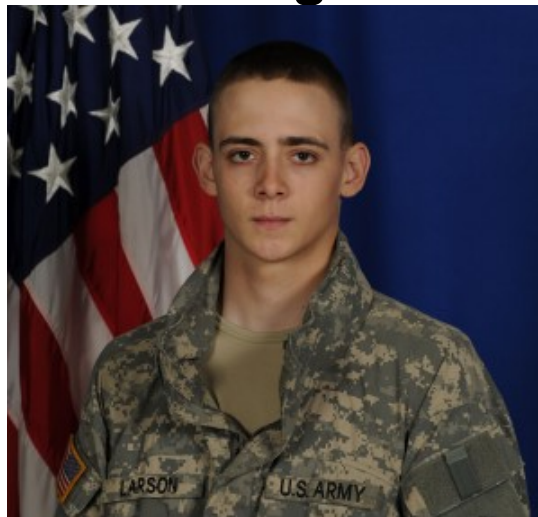
Aged 24, father of a little girl of four years, the parachutist 1st Class HUGODOT committed in March 2009 for the airborne troops in the 1st Parachute Regiment hunters Enduring and voluntary, driven by a excellent state of mind, the first class paratrooper in the Promotion (TA) HUGODOT is quickly introduced to the course sniper he succeeded brilliantly. It is noticed and appreciated by both his superiors by his peers.

He was deployed in Afghanistan since May 15, 2011 in Lafayette Task Force - Battle Group (BG) RAPTOR weapon that the Joint Battle Group (IAWG) Kapisa.

Awarded the bronze medal of National Defence Button "airborne", to be promoted to Corporal on 1 July 2011, the parachutist 1st class (TA) HUGODOT Cyril was killed in action in the service of France.

The Army, united in grief, sharing the grief of relatives and friends of 1st class (TA) Cyril HUGODOT

19-Year-Old Soldier From Friendship Killed In Afghanistan



Army Pvt. Ryan J. Larson, 19, of Friendship, was killed in an insurgent attack in the Kandahar province of Afghanistan. Department of Defense

June 17, 2011 STEVEN VERBURG, State Journal. State Journal reporter Samara Kalk Derby contributed to this report.

A popular, athletic Adams County teenager who went to Afghanistan with the Army in April was killed Wednesday by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan, the Department of Defense announced Thursday.

Pvt. Ryan J. Larson, 19, of Friendship, died in Kandahar Province, said Chuck Canterbury, a media relations officer for the Army at Fort Wainwright, the base in Alaska where Larson was stationed.

Larson was senior class president before he graduated in 2010. He played trumpet in the school band, lettered in three sports and earned grades that put him on the honor roll each grading period of his high school career, said Adams-Friendship High School principal Timothy Hodkiewicz.

"He had a quality of quiet leadership, common sense, very personable, not the too-talkative type," Hodkiewicz said. "He had the respect of everybody. A top-notch gentleman from top to bottom."

Larson wasn't a big kid. He weighed about 110 pounds and suffered a few pulled muscles trying to run with longer-legged members of the cross country team, said his math teacher and running coach, Mike Norton.

He had the words "I'm fine" printed on the back of his practice uniform. Those were the words he said every time Norton voiced concern he was pushing himself too hard after an injury.

"His heart and his soul were definitely bigger than his body," Norton said.

Larson had a way lifting the spirits of his teammates and fellow students.

"If they were having a hard day, he brought them up," Norton said. "He knew how to read people. He knew how to make them feel good about themselves."

In addition to running cross country, Larson was a left-handed pitcher and outfielder for the baseball team and a member of the wrestling squad that won four conference championships while he was a member, Hodkiewicz said.

He joined the Army as soon as he graduated, but when he was home on leave he came back to the wrestling practice room at the 500-student high school to work with the team.

"He was a person that you'd like to have be your son," Hodkiewicz said.

"He always wanted to join the Army and he enlisted as soon as he could," Hodkiewicz added, remembering seeing him at school wearing a shirt with the recruiting slogan "Army Strong."

He completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and arrived at Fort Wainwright in October, according to a news release from his unit, the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

Larson was an only child.

The teen's mother and grandmother went to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware where his remains were expected to arrive, Hodkiewicz said.

Students and school staff were shaken by news of Larson's death. The school made three counselors available, Hodkiewicz said.

"He was a great guy because no matter what you were feeling, if you were in the lowest low of your life, he could do or say anything that could put a smile on your face," said his friend Cami Ebert, 18. "He was just awesome. There's really not words."

Larson was the fifth Wisconsin soldier killed in Afghanistan this year.

Two other soldiers were injured in Wednesday's attack, but their wounds were not life-threatening, officials said. The families of all three were notified, Canterbury said.

Two New Zealand Soldier Wounded As Resistance Attacks Luxury Hotel In Kabul



Tracer bullets were fired during Tuesday's attack on the Intercontinental. PHOTO: AFP

6.29.11 Radio New Zealand

Two New Zealand soldiers have been wounded in Afghanistan, in an attack at a top international hotel in.

The New Zealand Defence Force says at the time of the attack, Afghan Police - supported by New Zealand special forces - fought a number of the attackers.

During the battle, two members of the New Zealand forces received moderate injuries. Their families have been told.

Witnesses said panic broke out as guests fled for safety. Afghan troops and police sealed off the hotel and cut the power, using flares to light the area.

Officials say a meeting of provincial governors taking place at the hotel might have been the reason for the attack.

MORE:

“Afghan Attack Left Mass Of Bodies At Luxury Hotel” American Wounded; Spanish Citizen Dead:

“One Fighter From Kunar Province In Eastern Afghanistan Provided Cellphone Updates Of The Siege”

Jun 29 By DEB RIECHMANN and RAHIM FAIEZ, Associated Press & Hamid Shalizi, Reuters, Jun 28 [Excerpts]

By the time the siege of the luxury Inter-Continental Hotel ended Wednesday, 20 people lay dead - including nine attackers, all of whom wore bomber vests - and one of Kabul's premier landmarks was left a grisly scene of bodies, shrapnel and shattered glass.

The Inter-Continental - known widely as the "Inter-Con" - opened in the late 1960s, and was the nation's first international luxury hotel.

A major hotel frequented by Westerners, it has at least 200 rooms and was once part of an international chain.

The attack was carried out by militants with explosives, anti-aircraft weapons, guns and grenade launchers.

It was one of the biggest and most complex attacks ever orchestrated in the Afghan capital.

The attack came the night before the start of a conference about the gradual transition of civil and military responsibility from foreign forces to Afghans.

The hotel, built on a hillside in western Kabul with heavy fortifications all around it, is often used for conferences and by Westerners visiting the city.

The hotel was not one of the venues to be used by the conference or its delegates, an Afghan government official said.

Faizada, the leader of the local council in Herat province who was in Kabul to attend the conference, had just finished dinner at the hotel restaurant and was walking to his room on the second floor around 10 p.m. Tuesday when the militants struck. He said he saw five or six people in security-type uniforms clashing with the hotel staff and guards.

"Suddenly I saw this guy in a uniform pushing a man to the ground. He shot him dead," Faizada said.

For the rest of the night, Faizada and the mayor of Herat stayed locked in their darkened hotel room, whispering into cell phones with friends back in Herat who were giving them news updates of what was happening during the standoff.

"Where is the security in this country?" asked Jawid, who uses only one name. "Where is the security in this hotel?"

Jawid escaped by jumping out the window of his room on the first floor of the Inter-Continental, which sits on a hilltop overlooking the capital.

When the siege was over just after dawn Wednesday, 11 civilians were dead, including a judge from Logar province's court of appeals, five hotel workers and three Afghan policemen, according to Afghan intelligence officials.

The Interior Ministry said a Spanish citizen was among the dead.

The ministry said 18 people were wounded in the attack - 13 civilians and five policemen.

The State Department said three private U.S. citizens were at the hotel when it was attacked. Consular officers from the embassy were in touch directly with two of them who were unharmed and with the family of the third who "is getting medical care," spokesman Mark Toner said in Washington.

The extent of the injuries to the third American were not clear, he said.

An Afghan government official who toured the six-story hotel after the siege gave this account of the assault: The attackers entered the hotel compound from an area behind the kitchen and ballroom, which is in a separate building connected by a corridor to the main hotel.

They moved down a hill covered with heavy vegetation to the front of the ballroom, where they killed two hotel guards. One attacker was slain.

Some of the attackers took the corridor into the main hotel building where at least four climbed stairs to the roof to exchange fire with Afghan security forces, the official said. Other attackers went to the second and third floors and started knocking on hotel room doors, but the guests had been warned to stay locked in their rooms.

Since authorities had cut off power to the hotel, militants used heavy flashlights to find their way. Night-vision goggles gave Afghan security forces the advantage as they hunted down the militants.

Three bombers died on the roof - either by detonating their explosives-laden vests or from missiles fired by foreign military helicopters that were called in to assist the Afghan forces. Two others blew themselves up on the second and fifth floors, the official said.

"I was not able to even look into a room where they exploded themselves. The whole room was full of their body parts," said Matiullah, an Afghan policeman stationed at the hotel who suspects the militants slipped through 100-yard (100-meter) gaps between checkpoints surrounding the hotel.

Four other attackers - their bodies intact - were found at different places in the hotel, including the rooftop.

The Taliban claimed victory and claimed a death toll of 50 foreigners, foreign and Afghan advisers and high-ranking officials.

"One of our brave fighters carried out an attack at the eastern entrance to the hotel and then we were all able to get in," Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said in a statement recounting the operation.

He said one fighter from Kunar province in eastern Afghanistan provided cellphone updates of the siege.

"We are all inside the building and have already launched our attack with light and heavy weapons," Mujahid said the caller reported.

"Until 4 a.m., they opened as many hotel rooms as they could, and when they were confident that foreigners were in the room, they opened fire and killed them. ... The resistance continued until 8 a.m."

Afghan police were the first to respond to the attack, prompting firefights that resounded across the capital. A few hours later, an Afghan National Army commando unit arrived to help.

Associated Press reporters at the scene heard shooting from rocket-propelled grenades, anti-aircraft weapons and machine guns through the morning. Flares and tracer rounds streaked across the sky.

After hours of fighting, three helicopters circled, clockwise, over the hotel - with at least two firing missiles at the rooftop.

Missile fire from the helicopters and four loud explosions seemed to mark the end of the standoff. The lights in the hotel were turned back on. Ambulances started removing bodies from the scene.

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U.S. Army chief Spc. Robert Bright, Charlie Company 1-214 Aviation Regiment, secures a 'hot landing zone' while rescuing a U.S. Marine who was shot in the stomach outside Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, June 11, 2011. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)



A large bullet hole is seen 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 U.S. Marine after he was 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 upon and took five rounds of bullets into the tail of their aircraft. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

LIBYA WAR REPORTS

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SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Fighting In Mogadishu And Garbaharey

28 June 2011 Shabelle Media Network & 29 June 2011 Mareeg.com |

At least 2 government soldiers have been killed and 4 others wounded after land mine blast targeted near TFG [government] soldiers base in out of the Somali capital Mogadishu, witnesses, official said on Tuesday.

Witnesses said that the blast occurred near Maslah building out of Ex-control checkpoint for the transitional government troops adding that two soldiers lost their lives in the explosion as the blast went off while two others wounded.

Reports say that the explosion was landmine blast aimed at the transitional government of Somalia based not far away from where Fazul Abdallah, Al Qaeda's east African representative.

Ahmed Abdullahi Ahmed, a government officer member of the forces of Afgoi checkpoint told reporters that the explosion occurred as their troops continued operations in the areas indicating some of their soldiers were slightly wounded.

Al shabab militias continued attacks using for explosions against the transitional government of Somalia and the African Union troops [occupation] AMISOM.

Mogadishu — At least 15 people mainly the combatants have been killed and dozen more injured after bitter combat between Somali government forces and Al shabaab fighters which on Tuesday night took place in parts of Gedo region in southern Somalia.

The battle broke out after Al shabaab fighters launched ambush attack on Somali government military convoy traveling just outside of Garbaharey town, the regional capital of Gedo region.

MILITARY NEWS

HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



The remains of Army Pfc. Brian J. Backus of Saginaw Township, Mich., upon arrival at Dover Air Force Base, Del., June 21, 2011. Backus died when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire in Kandahar province. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

Congressional Thieves “Raiding Unspent Military Medical Funds To Pay For Pet Projects”

“Despite The Fact That The Tricare Program Is Spending Less Than Appropriated, Certain Leaders In Congress Have Agreed With The DoD To Increase Tricare Prime Fees 13 Percent Next Year”

Jun 22, 2011 By Rick Maze - Staff writer; Army Times

A major military association that has been fighting Tricare fee hikes is angry with a House committee, saying it is raiding unspent military medical funds to pay for pet projects for members of Congress in the 2012 budget.

The redirected money, which is being used to fund medical research projects, could have been used to cover the rising costs of military health care, said retired Marine Lt. Gen. Jack Klimp, president of the Springfield, Va.-based National Association for Uniformed Services.

The House Appropriations Committee took \$330 million in unspent Tricare funds from the previous year to pay for 22 medical research programs requested by members of Congress, including most of the members of the committee.

For example, the committee funds research into several types of cancer, including pediatric brain tumors, and pancreatic, kidney, blood and colorectal cancers that are not directly related to the military.

Money also is provided for research, not requested by the Defense Department, into treatment of spinal cord injuries, transplants, controlling hemorrhage, and traumatic brain injury — that, despite having a direct military link, could duplicate other research, according to the NAUS.

“After hearing the secretary of defense and the chairman of the joint chiefs say repeatedly, for more than a year, that the rising cost of Tricare was crippling our nation’s national security, we are outraged to discover that the House Appropriations Committee intends to transfer \$330 million of ‘under-executed’ money,” said Klimp, whose association represents current and former service members and their families.

“If these congressionally directed medical research programs fell within the Pentagon’s traditional research of battlefield medicine and related military research, perhaps their use might be meritorious. However, it is not true,” Klimp said.

Using unobligated or unspent balances from previous years to pay for new programs is a typical way of paying for programs being added to the annual defense budget.

Klimp, though, said it is hard to square the Pentagon’s complaint about high medical costs if there was money leftover in Tricare accounts.

“Despite the fact that the Tricare program is spending less than appropriated, certain leaders in Congress have agreed with the Department of Defense to increase Tricare Prime fees 13 percent next year,” Klimp said, referring to language in both the House and Senate versions of the 2012 defense authorization bill.

The Tricare fee hikes, which will cost \$5 a month more in Tricare Prime fees for a working-age retiree, reduce the Defense Department’s health care costs by about \$200 million over five years, something that could have been avoided by just using the unspent funds, Klimp said.

Troops Invited:

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

Fake Major General Got Repeated Access To Fort Huachuca

Jun 23, 2011 The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — A Tucson man who authorities say faked his way onto Fort Huachuca by pretending to be an Air Force officer has been charged with various federal offenses.

Among the charges that Jeffrey Lee Bennett, 46, faces are identification document fraud and falsely presenting himself in an Air Force uniform.

Bennett entered Fort Huachuca wearing an Air Force uniform with the rank of major general, according to a federal indictment.

Bennett twice gained access to the post and made unauthorized purchases at the post exchange and commissary by pretending to be a general officer, the government says.

Bennett was in the Air Force in the 1980s, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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.

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“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

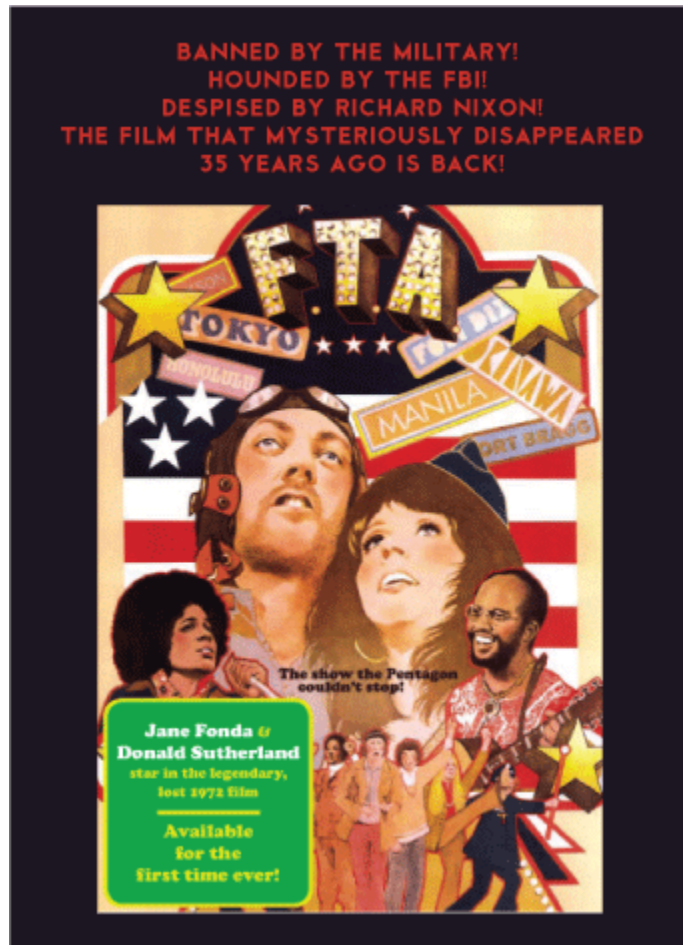
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1915: World War I

“The Struggle Against The Government That Conducts The Imperialist War Must Not Halt In Any Country Before The Possibility Of That Country’s Defeat”

March 29, 1915, V.I. Ulyanov, Sostial Demokrat [The writer used the pen name “Lenin” to keep the government from terrorizing his family. Excerpts]

Some of the means employed to fool the working class are pacifism and the abstract preachment of peace.

A propaganda of peace at the present time, if not accompanied by a call to revolutionary mass actions, is only capable of spreading illusions, of demoralizing the proletariat by

imbuing it with confidence in the humanitarianism of the bourgeoisie, and of making it a plaything in the hands of the secret diplomacy of the belligerent countries.

In particular, the idea of the possibility of a so-called democratic peace without a series of revolutions is deeply erroneous.

The struggle against the government that conducts the imperialist war must not halt in any country before the possibility of that country's defeat in consequence of revolutionary propaganda.

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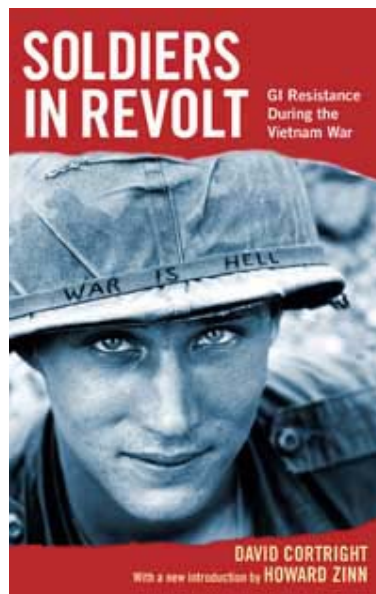
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