

## **Military Resistance 9F3**



## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **25th ID Soldier Killed By IED In Afghanistan**

Jun 3, 2011 By The Associated Press

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — An Alaska-based soldier has been killed by an improvised explosive device while on patrol in Afghanistan.

The Army said Thursday evening that the bomb exploded in the city of Shah Joy.

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner says the soldier's name was not immediately released pending notification of relatives.

He was part of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Fort Wainwright. The Army statement says seven other brigade soldiers were wounded.

The 4,000-soldier brigade began deploying to Afghanistan in mid-April for a one-year tour.

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# More Body Count

June 2, 2011 By Gretel C. Kovach, Signonsandiego.com

More than 692 U.S. service members have been killed and 6,938 wounded by IEDs during the 10-year war in Afghanistan, according to the Defense Department. In 2010, when the U.S. increased its troop levels in Afghanistan by 30,000 — up to about 100,000 — the number killed by improvised explosive devices rose to 368 from 168 in the previous year, and the number of wounded more than doubled.

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

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

## **Been There, Done That: #1: Control Of Terrain 1954 Dien Bien Phu**



*Supplies for the beleaguered French garrison in Dien Bien Phu are parachuted in. The Vietnamese occupied the high ground.*

Food supplies for French soldiers hanging off small parachutes are dropped from a plane outside Dien Bien Phu, Dien Bien Province, Vietnam, 1954

## #2: Control Of Terrain 2011 FOB Edi



Food supplies for US Marines hanging off small parachutes are dropped from a plane outside Forward Operating Base Edi, Helmand Province, Afghanistan; June 4, 2011. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

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## REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE: ALL HOME NOW



Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, June 3, 2011. During a rescue mission, a U.S. army medevac helicopter came under fire and took bullets into the pilot window and the helicopters blades. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

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## **LIBYA WAR REPORTS**

**“The Soldier Said That He Had Not Put On The Uniform To Kill Libyans”**

**“The Officers Told Us The Enemy Was Al Qaeda And Other Terror Groups From Syria And Tunisia”  
Government Troops “Undermined By Self-Serving Officers, Strained Logistics And Units Hastily Reinforced With Untrained Cadets”**

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

May 13, 2011 By C. J. CHIVERS, New York Times [Excerpts]

MISURATA, Libya — The army and militias of Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi, who for more than two months have fought rebels seeking to overthrow the Libyan leader, are undermined by self-serving officers, strained logistics and units hastily reinforced with untrained cadets, according to captured soldiers from their ranks.

In interviews this week in a rebel-run detention center where more than 100 prisoners from the Libyan military are housed, the prisoners consistently described hardships in the field and officers who deceived or failed them. They spoke bitterly of their lot.

While some showed signs of mistreatment or of making statements to ingratiate themselves with their captors, the accounts of their logistical and tactical problems portrayed a Libyan force suffering from growing problems in a war that began as a mismatch, settled into stalemate and has recently shown signs of rebel advance.

On one hand, Libyan military units and militias went to war with clear material and organizational advantages, equipped with tanks, armored personnel carriers, artillery,

rockets and vast stores of munitions. They arrived to battle with trained snipers and mortar, rocket and artillery crews.

On the other, the Libyan Defense Ministry thickened the ranks with veterans recalled to duty in poor physical condition and cadets with almost no combat training or experience.

Then, after facing weeks of airstrikes and a growing rebel force, some of these units were cut off, prisoners said, and officers betrayed the rank and file.

“The commanders told us, ‘Stay here and we will be back with more ammunition,’ ” said a cadet who claimed to have been pressed into service as an untrained infantryman last month, and was assigned to the fight for this city’s center.

“But they did not come back, and the rebels surrounded us and we had to put down our weapons and quit.”

One prisoner, a member of the 32 Reinforced Brigade of Armed People, a unit often called elite and which is led by Khamis Qaddafi, one of Colonel Qaddafi’s sons, said he was the third contingent of the brigade to be sent from Tripoli to Misurata.

The third group was sent, he said, after the first two suffered heavy casualties.

He was assigned to the insurance building, a tall office complex that gained notoriety among rebels for the snipers who watched over the streets from its many windows.

The captured soldier, scarred on the hand and wearing jeans and a gray T-shirt that read “King of the Town,” said his officers lied to him throughout, telling him he had been sent to put down a foreign-inspired jihad.

“When we came here we heard the fighters shouting all the time, ‘Allahu akbar!’ ” he said. “The officers told us the enemy was Al Qaeda and other terror groups from Syria and Tunisia. But we saw that they were Libyans.”

The soldier said that he had not put on the uniform to kill Libyans, and, after listening to Qaddafi mortar crews shell the city with cluster munitions, he slipped out of the building and hid in a shop. There he waited, he said, until he heard rebels nearby. Then he surrendered, turning over his rifle and two grenades.

## **GOT AN OPINION?**

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

## MILITARY NEWS

### HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



The remains of Spc. Adam S. Hamilton May 31, 2011 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Hamilton, 22, of Kent, Ohio, died May 28, 2011 in Haji Ruf, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

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**“Iraq Vets Against The War, Vietnam Veterans Against The War And Vets For Peace Said NO! To A 9th Year In Iraq And The Calling Up Of The National Guard To Defend A Misguided Governor”**

# **“Scott Walker! You Don't Need To Call The National Guard — We're Already Here!”**



IVAW at Wisconsin State Capitol, March 19, 2011. Photo by Andie Wood.

Spring 2011 *The Veteran*, Volume 41, Number 1; Vietnam Veterans Against The War:  
By Di Wood

In Madison, on March 19th, it was IVAW's day.

The message was clearly written on the faces and in the strides of the veterans and workers who were there.

No "Wuck Falker" signs, or amazing singing grannies could touch the heart and spirit like a single IVAW veteran walking with purpose toward the capitol dome — no less in a formation of fifty or more.

As Gerry Nicosia wrote in his huge (and controversial) Vietnam Veterans' movement tome, *Home to War*: "They were clearly soldiers, their faces, and sometimes their bodies, showed that they had been there. These men spoke with the voice of experience, and their chants erupted from somewhere deep in their guts, with an irrefutable conviction."

I guarantee you that not one IVAW vet needs the ego inflation that the recall of one errant politician would bring, if it would mean bringing one more soldier home alive today.

They want an end to the occupations NOW.

It really is a matter of life and death.

As I scanned the crowd, sans guitar, part of the security contingent for IVAW now, I saw that same irrefutable conviction in all of the faces of the veterans around me: IVAW's Aaron Hughes leading the way, Kelly Dougherty showing she still cares.

Jason Moon rousing the crowd with his voice, songs and guitar. Big John Zutz standing like a mountain behind the stage, scanning the crowd for any signs of trouble in his role with VVAW security. Marty Webster (despite health problems) "personed" the stage gate.

When I dragged my overly weary butt back to the rent-a-car that afternoon, it wasn't the festive aspects of what I'd witnessed in Madison that stayed with me: It was the haunting faces of the veterans marching two abreast at the front of the parade.

Straight past the clever signs, three powerful contingents of American veterans: Iraq Vets Against the War, Vietnam Veterans Against the War and Vets For Peace said NO! to a 9th year in Iraq and the calling up of the national guard to defend a misguided governor.

As singer-songwriter and IVAW member Jason Moon said, "Scott Walker! You don't need to call the National Guard — we're already here!"



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# **Kentucky National Guard Off To Obama’s Imperial Slaughterhouse: “The Largest Deployment Of Kentucky National Guard Members Since World War II”**



Kentucky National Guard members of the 149th Maneuver Enhanced Brigade at the deployment ceremony June 4, 2011 at Freedom Hall, in Louisville, Ky. It's the largest deployment of Kentucky National Guard members since World War II. The soldiers will be serving in Iraq. (AP Photo/The Courier-Journal, Matt Stone)

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**“A VA Employee Told Him ‘That  
Because I Had Suffered A  
Traumatic Brain Injury, I Would  
Never Be Able To Graduate  
College Unless I Cheated My Way  
Through’”**

**“Bohn Said His Family Paid For One Trip To Be With Him When He Had Surgery But Couldn’t Be Reimbursed For The Travel And Lodging Because The Military Demanded The Family Have A Checking Account”**  
**“I Know I Am Not The Only Soldier Going Through All Of This, And That Others Must Sometimes Wonder Where Their Next Meal Is Coming From”**

[Here it is again. Same old story. Used up, thrown away, and the politicians couldn't care less. To repeat for the 3,558th time, the enemy is not in Iraq or Afghanistan. Their citizens and U.S. troops have a common enemy. That common enemy owns and operates the Imperial government in Washington DC for their own profit. That common enemy started these wars of conquest on a platform of lies, because they couldn't tell the truth: U.S. Imperial wars are about making money for them, and nothing else. Payback is overdue. T]

6.6.11 By Rick Maze, Army Times [Excerpts]

Two young disabled veterans gave a Senate committee all the evidence it needed to demand an overhaul of how the government coordinates programs to provide benefits and medical treatment for combat veterans.

An Afghanistan veteran said his family is facing financial problems because of gaps and delays in military and veterans programs, and that his family could not afford to be with him during the second of two spinal surgeries.

Now, he is retired on disability from the Army, living in a one-bedroom apartment in Peabody, Mass., getting half of his old Army salary, unable to work, rejected for Social Security and waiting on the Veterans Affairs Department to decide whether he'll get any disability compensation.

“I know this country isn't perfect and I know things take time, but I also know that I am not alone in having to wait so long for well-deserved benefits to take effect,” former Army Spc. Steven Bohn told the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Bohn said his retired pay, about \$699 a month, covers his rent, but money for his other bills and for gas comes from donations.

“I know I am not the only soldier going through all of this, and that others must sometimes wonder where their next meal is coming from,” Bohn said.

Bohn said his family paid for one trip to be with him when he had surgery but couldn't be reimbursed for the travel and lodging because the military demanded the family have a checking account, which they lacked. Bohn had to go through the second operation alone.

Iraq War veteran Tim Horton, a former Marine lance corporal, retired on disability from injuries received in 2005, when a roadside bomb exploded under his vehicle. He told the committee he had problems getting VA to correctly set his disability rating. He credited some Vietnam veterans for helping steer him through the system.

“I know other veterans who have grown tired of fighting VA to correctly adjudicate their claims,” Horton said.

“It should not take three or four times to get it right.”

He has faced other problems.

He successfully used VA rehabilitation benefits to pay for his college education, but it was difficult to do at his Oklahoma college, which he said had little experience with student veterans.

At one point, he said, a VA employee told him “that because I had suffered a traumatic brain injury, I would never be able to graduate college unless I cheated my way through.”

He also had problems getting VA to help him adjust and replace the prosthetic device he received after his left leg was amputated below the knee.

He receives care in Oklahoma, where it can take weeks to get an appointment, weeks for an order to be sent to a contractor for parts, if needed, and months to reserve the part — while he knows veterans in other areas can get same-day service.

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## **“Senior Leaders Need To Be Immediately Removed If They Display Bad Habits”**

**“The Person Who Ultimately Pays Will Be The Soldier Who Had To Serve Under An Inexperienced, Undertrained And Unenthusiastic ‘Leader’ Who Uses The**

# Same Bad Habits They Were Taught By Their Bad Leaders”

I find it terrifyingly fitting that the cover of Army Times (May 23) explains that bad leaders are the reason for most noncommissioned officers leaving the Army, and in the subsequent pages, there are stories of a command sergeant major and lieutenant colonel showing racist, sexist photos during official briefings; three colonels mocking homosexuals and being generally ignorant; and an article on Veterans Affairs taking four years to provide mental health care to distressed soldiers and veterans.

I am not sure what else would be needed for any soldier in the military today to decide to leave.

We promote underprepared soldiers, automatically in some cases, to E-5 and E-6, and O-2 and O-3, and then we put them in leadership positions before they are ready.

**This only serves to leave many hiding behind their rank and putting on a show before they move onto the next command or position, trying to never reveal that they do not know how to do their own job, let alone lead a military unit.**

It's obvious the entire command structure is broken, something that has been in the works for years due to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, but apparently the forest could not be seen through the trees.

We, as an organization, cannot continue to radically increase the number of NCOs and officers in order to fill wildly overzealous billets, while sacrificing competence and training.

We can try to make huge NCO, warrant officer and officer corps quickly, but they will only serve to topple as soon as they are stood up.

The person who ultimately pays will be the soldier who had to serve under an inexperienced, undertrained and unenthusiastic “leader” who uses the same bad habits they were taught by their bad leaders.

Promotions need to be scrutinized. Senior leaders need to be immediately removed if they display bad habits, and evaluations need to be utilized to the benefit of the entire unit, not the command or rated individual.

This is not my point, but one shown by every new chief of staff.

Each one arrives and lays out points they wish to address during their tenure, and then eventually gives way to the increasing demands put upon them by Congress and the administration.

For the good of the Army, I hope someone can put a stop to it.

Former Sgt. 1st Class Traviss Wood

## Marching To The Gates Of Fort Leavenworth....



June, 4, 2011: About 250 supporters of U.S. Army Pfc. Bradley Manning march through Leavenworth, Kan. to the gates of Fort Leavenworth where Manning is being held on suspicion of illegally passing government secrets to the WikiLeaks website. (AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

### **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**

## 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.**

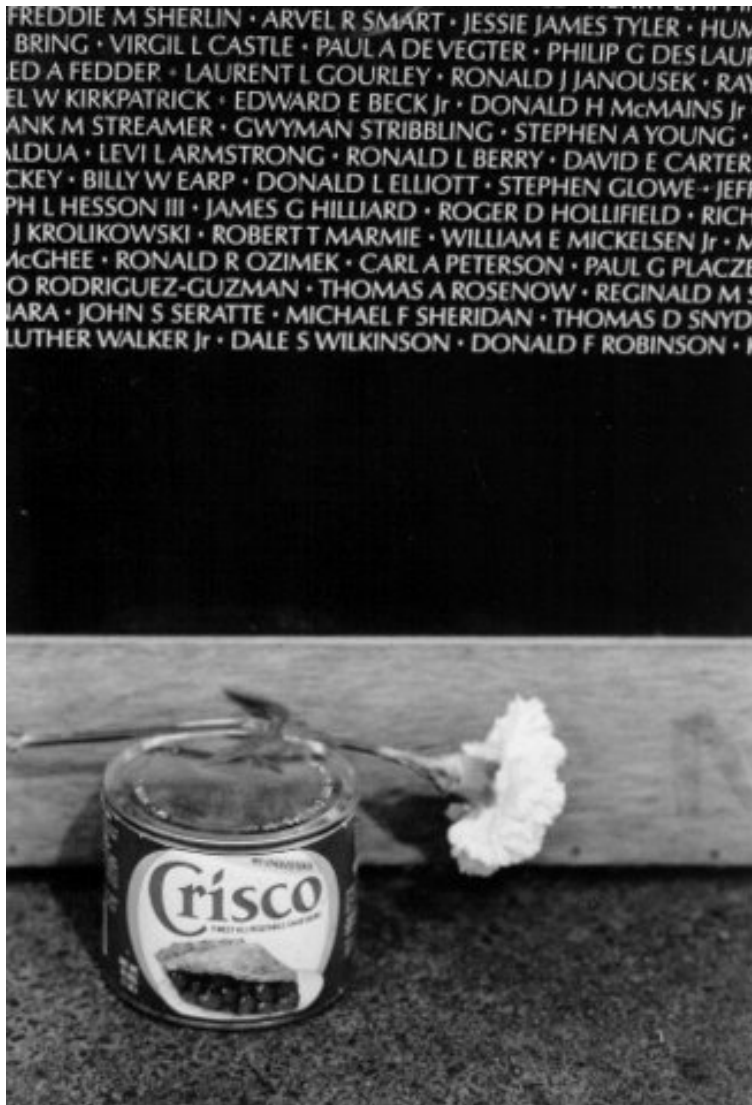
**“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”**

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

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

**Rise like Lions after slumber  
In unvanquishable number,  
Shake your chains to earth like dew  
Which in sleep had fallen on you-  
Ye are many — they are few  
-- Percy Bysshe Shelley, 1819, on the occasion of a mass murder of British  
workers by the Imperial government at Peterloo.**

# Crisco



Photograph by Mike Hastie

**Of all the images I have ever taken, this picture is as close to the truth as they get. A Vietnam veteran left this can of Crisco at the Moving Wall in Salem, Oregon in 1989. My take on this was very clear: We got fucked in Vietnam, and our government used Crisco in the process.**

From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance  
Sent: June 04, 2011  
Subject: Crisco

## **Crisco**

**You got to remember, by 1970-71, the war in Vietnam had evolved into:**

**"What in the fuck are we doing here?"**

**Whatever the original cause for being in Vietnam, it had long since died from an overdose.**

**Heroin addiction by American soldiers in Vietnam, was really a powerful metaphor for the unbelievable chicanery of lies that staged the Vietnam War.**

**Or, as the Vietnamese called it: "The American War."**

**Well,**

**this is exactly what is happening in Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**Like Vietnam, these current wars are nothing but Wall Street dog and pony shows.**

**Trillion dollar Corporate Interest Wars to benefit the top 1% of the U.S. population.**

**Can you imagine seeing your best friend blown into body parts for a lie?**

**Everything is a circus for people paying taxes to fund wars that are under the management of the Big Top.**

**Ladies and gentleman,**

**may I direct your attention to the spot light on center stage!**

**When current veterans finally see this truth, body parts are going to be flying out of the closet, where they have been hidden for far too long.**

**As Malcolm X once stated:**

**"Betrayal is worse than death."**

**Lying is the most powerful weapon in war.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
June 4, 2011**

**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**



**“He Fiercely Denounced The War And  
Pointed To The Notorious Christmas  
Truce And Fraternisation Between The  
Enemy Trenches In 1914 As Proof That  
Working Men On Both Sides Had  
Common Cause And No Wish To Kill  
Each Other”  
[Book Review]**

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

20th May 2011 By Peter Lewis, The Daily Mail [Excerpts]

TO END ALL WARS: HOW THE FIRST WORLD WAR DIVIDED BRITAIN BY ADAM HOCHSCHILD (Macmillan £20)

There are, broadly speaking, two views of World War I: as an heroic but costly victory over the mad Kaiser's Germany, or as a pointless waste of life.

This is an unusual addition to the mass of war literature in which authors have little doubt that Britain's participation was a huge mistake.

But if it was, it was a mistake that the great majority were eagerly enthusiastic - at first - to make.

Opposing voices were drowned out by a chorus of patriotic hysteria. But they were not negligible.

Here's a book that gives them their due and displays the bravery on both sides of the conflict.

Adam Hochschild pays great attention to the women anti-war campaigners, led by a trio of redoubtable members of the upper crust.

Charlotte Despard (nee French) was the sister of the Commander-in-Chief in France, Sir John French. Emily Hobhouse exposed the sufferings of Boer women and children in British concentration camps.

Sylvia Pankhurst was, surprisingly, the only one of the famous suffragette family to oppose the war.

Charlotte Despard remained on terms of close affection with her boneheaded cavalryman brother, despite being a socialist and a devoted worker in poorest Battersea, as well as a mesmerizing orator against both wars (the Boer and the Great) in which he commanded.

She used to invite rowdy parties of Battersea Irish families for weekends at the country house they shared in Surrey. He organised the games.

Emily Hobhouse, whose outraged letters to MPs from the South African concentration camps spurred questions in the House and caused worldwide reaction, pulled off an extraordinary coup in 1916 - she made a one-woman peace expedition to Berlin.

Hobhouse demanded an interview with the German foreign minister (whom she already knew) and returned to report to high-ups in the Foreign Office that the Germans were prepared to discuss possible peace terms through her.

Nobody believed this, but she also suggested an Anglo-German exchange of civilian prisoners that duly occurred.

Sylvia Pankhurst, who grew up as a militant suffragette daughter of the redoubtable Emmeline, was appalled to see both her mother and her elder sister Christabel turn into violent warmongers in 1914. Not another word about votes for women - it was bullets for men they now called for.

'I want men to go into battle like the knights of old,' declared Emmeline. Christabel changed the name of the suffragette newspaper she edited to Britannia. Emmeline led a march demanding war work for women: 'Shells made by a wife may save a husband's life' read the placards.

She cut off all communication with Sylvia, who had earlier been the most determined hunger-striker of them all.

**Sylvia, who chose to live in the East End slums, had for years been the secret lover of Keir Hardie, the founder of the Independent Labour Party and tireless campaigner for international socialism.**

**He fiercely denounced the war and pointed to the notorious Christmas truce and fraternisation between the enemy trenches in 1914 as proof that working men on both sides had common cause and no wish to kill each other.**

**Hardie died soon afterwards but Sylvia carried on speaking in public and publishing a paper called Workers' Dreadnought.**

There were men speaking out against the war, too - most notably Bertrand Russell, who denounced its causes as trivial: 'No great principle is at stake, no great purpose is involved.'

It cost him his lectureship at Cambridge and ultimately got him imprisoned but not before his intervention saved the lives of some 20 or 30 Conscientious Objectors.

They had been forcibly enlisted and taken to France where they could be shot for disobeying orders at the front, which they did. The No-Conscription Fellowship got wind of this and Russell personally went to argue with Asquith, the Prime Minister.

As a result, Douglas Haig, the new commander, was instructed that no COs were to die.

Reluctantly he commuted their sentence to ten years imprisonment. Despite their harsh treatment and the prospect of the firing squad not one of the COs gave in.

Another CO, John Clarke, was a lion tamer from a circus family who ran a militant party and newspaper called the Socialist.

**Tipped off that he was about to be arrested, he went into hiding at Derby aided by a party sympathiser, a second-hand clothes dealer called Alice Wheeldon, who gave shelter to young men fleeing the call-up.**

**Undercover government secret agents had her under observation. Two 'conchies' on the run arrived asking for shelter. One of them got her husband to procure curare poison from the chemistry lab where he worked. He said it was for some dogs guarding a camp where COs were held.**

**Suddenly the whole family was arrested and accused of plotting to kill the prime minister, Lloyd George, with a blowpipe and poison darts when he was out golfing.**

Their Old Bailey trial on this preposterous charge was a sensation.

Alice, her husband and daughter, were sentenced to hard labour - although the chief witness against them, the man who asked for the poison, had conveniently disappeared and did not testify.

Such lengths of intimidation did not deter 20,000 men from registering as COs, and 6,000 of those who refused alternative service went to prison where they endured the hard labour regime. This, admittedly, was a drop in the bucket compared to more than a million and a half British men under arms at any one time and the final death roll of 720,000.

Though it does not prove that Britain was greatly divided, one of the strengths of this book is to contrast the sacrifices of the war resisters with the torrent of war propaganda and abuse unleashed by officialdom.

A poster showed accusing children asking a shrinking CO: 'Daddy, what did YOU do in the war?' The magazine John Bull declared: 'The CO is a fungus growth, a human toadstool, to be uprooted.'

Nowadays we see the 'War To End Wars' through tragic and cynical eyes influenced by the war poets, Wilfred Owen et al, who were unpublished at that time. Instead Rupert Brooke and John Buchan beat the drum and Kipling shouted: 'The Hun is at the Gate!'

But once his son John was killed, Kipling wrote little except the lament, 'Not this tide'.

It was a tide that only began to falter at the end as the scale of the losses sank in and the red flag began to fly in Germany.

Till then it took courage to speak out against war fever.

This powerful and very readable book reminds us that not all the heroism was at the front.

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## **The Injustice Department Has A Long, Ugly History:**

**“Eight Men Went To Florida In 1972 With A Mind To Stage Some Sort Of Protest Against The Vietnam War”**

**“Very Quickly, However, They Ceased Being In Politics And Became In Jail”**

**“A Jury Found Them Not Guilty” & “The Eight Men Have Bills Of About \$150,000 As A Result”**

**When Uncle Sam sets out to get you, he is going to get you.**

**Maybe by putting you in prison, maybe by letting you escape prison and merely driving you into bankruptcy.**

**What of the fact that the eight men were deprived of their right to make their protest?**

**How about being required to spend fourteen months of their lives preoccupied with lawyers and absorbed with the threat of imprisonment?**

1973: The Injustice Department, By Russell Baker, Columnist, New York Times.

Here is an alarming little news story. It is about eight men who went to Florida in 1972 with a mind to stage some sort of protest against the Vietnam war.

It was not an illogical place for protest.

Both Democrats and Republicans held their conventions that summer in Miami Beach, largely because Miami Beach is an artificial city cut off from the world by a natural moat, and this moat mentality arose mainly from a sense among men who ran the country that they had behaved so badly about the war that sensible persons might be tempted to make an embarrassing scene about it.

Politicians dislike scenes in election years.

They want to hear their excellence praised before the multitude, and this was the game plan in Miami Beach, at least for the Republicans. From inside the moat they filled the television screens of six continents with self-praise of a density and volume that would have made a Pharaoh blush.

All that is politics, and perfectly all right, the politicians trade being, on occasion, to fool all of the people some of the time, but only for their own good, mind you, only for their own good.

The eight men in this alarming news story were in politics, too, the politician's trade being, on other occasions, to make life embarrassing for politicians they disagree with.

Very quickly, however, they ceased being in politics and became in jail.

The Justice Department had them indicted on charges of conspiring to do violence within the moat, which they never reached, of course, on account of their major problem with the law.

They were tried in Gainesville. After deliberating briefly, a jury found them not guilty.

This was fourteen months after their arrest and five weeks of trial.

**Lovers of American law customarily give themselves airs at this stage of this repetitious story, for, they say, it proves that the American legal system manages finally to service justice.**

**And yet, very little justice was done in this case, or in many others like it which have ended in acquittals for persons charged with political crimes in the past decade.**

**This alarming little news story, for example.**

**It states that the eight men who wanted to protest the war at Miami Beach have bills of about \$150,000 as a result.**

Being tried by Uncle Sam is an expensive luxury.

In fact, Uncle Sam is something like the man in the cigar commercial who keeps threatening that he is going to get you.

When Uncle Sam sets out to get you, he is going to get you.

He doesn't know how.

Maybe by putting you in prison, maybe by letting you escape prison and merely driving you into bankruptcy.

But he is going to get you.

The financial drain of being tried by the Government is only part of the grand disaster.

What of the fact that the eight men were deprived of their right to make their protest?

How about being required to spend fourteen months of their lives preoccupied with lawyers and absorbed with the threat of imprisonment?

Who among us could afford to be distracted from his normal work for more than a year while the Government attempts to put us away?

**Whether defendants in such cases are convicted or not probably makes small difference to the Government.**

The punishment for being indicted is severe enough to make a man swear off disagreements with reigning politicians for the rest of his life, which is really what governments want.

The Nixon Administration's use of these indictments to preoccupy, harass and bankrupt opponents of the Vietnam war was part of a general policy of injustice pursued by the Justice Department to compel people to quit complaining about Vietnam and love the war.

The remedy seems obvious enough.

If the Justice Department is going to function as an Injustice Department, then the Government ought to provide a comparable source of wealth and power for the aid of persons whom the Government sets out to get.

**The legal costs of being a defendant ought to be paid in full by the Government if it fails to get you.**

**Why should an innocent person have to go into bankruptcy because the Attorney General doesn't like his looks?**

Travel costs should be paid, too. Hotel bills and bail fees, compensation for time missed from the job and compensatory damages for worry and fretting and time lost from active opposition to the Government.

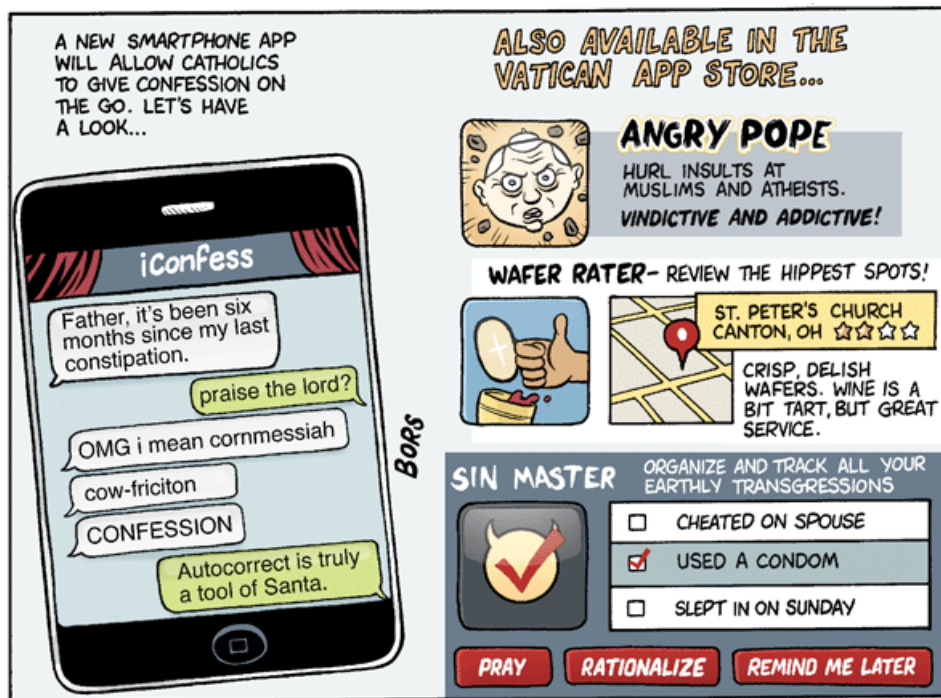
Why not, in fact, permit the bringing of extremely expensive, time-consuming indictments against any Attorney General who has you indicted for apolitical crime and can't make it stick?

With a clear understanding, of course, that he has to pay all his legal costs out of his own bank balance, even if a jury clears him.

If the Government can't get you fair and square, it ought to have to think twice before it tries.

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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## CLASS WAR REPORTS

**Wisconsin:  
Those Troublemakers Are Back  
Again:**

# Walkerville Tent City To Confront The Union-Hating Governor



Walkerville. Picture taken by Mad Thinker



Map of Walkerville. From the Wisconsin State Journal

[Thanks to Phil G, who sent this in.]

June 4, 2011 [Defendwisconsin.org](http://Defendwisconsin.org)

**Join Walkerville – a ‘city’ of tents around the Capitol square calling attention to the devastating state budget cuts to education, health care and other programs benefiting Wisconsin’s working families.**

The Hoovervilles of the Great Depression were marks of the failed policies of unregulated speculation which helped lead to the collapse of financial markets. Walkerville, a product of a community-labor collaboration, marks the failure of a budget to provide for its citizens and for the state.



**The action near the Capitol will begin the evening of Saturday, June 4, at 7 p.m. and will continue throughout the state budget process. Each day will focus on one area that will be harmed by the governor's extreme budget.**

Location: The proposed camping area, across the street from the state Capitol, includes: North Carroll Street from State Street to West Washington Avenue; South Carroll between West Washington and Main Street; West Mifflin Street from State Street to Wisconsin Avenue; and East Mifflin Street from Wisconsin Avenue to North Pinckney Street. It also includes the "30 on the Square" cul-de-sac at 30 W. Mifflin St. and the Philosophers' Stones area between the Wisconsin Historical Museum and Myles Teddywedgers Cornish, 101 State St.

Sleeping tents at three sites — in front of Grace Episcopal Church on Carroll Street, in front of the former Anchor Bank on West Mifflin and in front of the Manchester office building on East Mifflin — will be allowed to stay up during the day. First-aid, food and information tents also will be allowed to stay up during daylight hours.

Other Sleeping tents need to be broken down and removed from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Friday and from 4:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

Saturday June 4 – Walkerville Tent City Kickoff

- 7:00 p.m. tent city opens
- 7:30 p.m. Briefing on Tent city
- 7:30-9:00 open mike event (why I am here)

Sunday June 5 – K12 Education

- 3-5 Press Kick off of Tent City with communal meal (teachers and education support professionals)
- 9:00 p.m. movie Freedom Riders

Monday June 6 – Public Services

- 11:30 am March Against the Budget
- 12:00 pm and 7pm, Program (state workers/Council 1, local/county services, police and fire)

Tuesday June 7 – Healthcare

- 12:00pm and 7pm, Program
- 1:00 pm Press conference at the Capitol on immigration

Wednesday June 8 – Higher Education

- 12:00pm and 7pm, Program (including technical college members)

Thursday June 9 – Democracy/Corporate Power

- 12:00pm and 7pm, Program
- 9:00 pm Screening of Too big to Fail with speaker

Friday June 10 – Anything Goes Friday

- 12:00pm and 7pm, Program

Saturday June 11 – Social & Economic Justice

- 12:00pm and 7pm, Program

For more information, go to Walkerville Facebook Page  
[[www.facebook.com/walkerville](http://www.facebook.com/walkerville)] and the Information Station  
[[www.facebook.com/pages/Information-Station/220493541308008](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Information-Station/220493541308008)]

## **Send Them A Pizza!**

Ian's Pizza will take credit card phone orders and deliver Pizza to the tents. In March, they got orders from all over the world delivered to the people fighting Walker's attack on the union workers.

Phone: 608.257.ZA4U (9248)

Hours

Sun - Fri: 11:00am - 2:30am

Sat: 10:00am - 2:30am

# **The Dictator Saleh Flees Yemen With His Family: “Saleh Agreed To Fly To Riyadh For Treatment On The Recommendation Of A Medical Team Sent By The Saudi Monarch” “Earlier, Ministers Said Saleh Sustained Only Facial Scratches” During A Rocket Attack,**

June 04, 2011 By Donna Abu Nasr, Bloomberg

Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, wounded in an attack on his compound June 3, flew yesterday to Saudi Arabia for medical treatment as his vice president assumed his duties, a Yemeni government spokesman said.

Yemen's Vice President Abduraboo Mansur Hadi has taken over Saleh's duties "until the president returns," government spokesman Abdu Janadi said.

Arriving in Riyadh, Saleh walked from the plane and had signs of burns on his face and chest, according to a correspondent for Al Arabiya television. He was accompanied by about 35 people and was admitted to a military hospital, it said.

**A second plane, carrying about two dozen members of his family, arrived later, Al Jazeera said, without saying where it obtained the information.**

Saleh, who has been fighting demands he give up power, left Yemen as a one-week cease-fire between his loyalists and anti-government tribal forces took effect after a week of violence.

Saleh agreed to fly to Riyadh for treatment on the recommendation of a medical team sent by the Saudi monarch, the Saudi Press Agency said.

Earlier, ministers said Saleh sustained only facial scratches during the rocket attack, after which state television aired a phone call from him late June 3 in which he said he was "OK" and blamed the family of tribal leader Sadiq al-Ahmar for the violence.

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## **Iran: The Dictatorships' Dogs Murder An Activist Attending The Funeral Of Her Father; "She Suffered A Punctured Lung And Cardiac Arrest, And Died Before Reaching The Hospital"**

JUNE 2, 2011 By FARNAZ FASSIHI, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

Iran's president came under new domestic pressure on two fronts with a rare, unified blow against him in parliament and the first significant opposition rally in months, a protest in response to the death of an activist in an assault by security forces Wednesday.

In parliament Wednesday, lawmakers voted to refer President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the judiciary to rule on whether his move last month to name himself oil minister, after dismantling the ministry and sacking the minister, was legal.

About 1,000 protesters turned out for a rally Wednesday night after democracy activists said security forces, attacking the funeral of an opposition figure, killed his daughter.

The official Iranian news agency, IRNA, said the 56-year-old activist, Haleh Sahabi, died from shock and heat exhaustion, and wasn't attacked.

Witnesses and family members said uniformed security forces and plainclothes Basij militia, the organization that led Iran's violent crackdown on protesters in 2009, swarmed the funeral of Ms. Sahabi's father, opposition figure Ezatollah Sahabi.

Ms. Sahabi, a prominent women's-rights activist, had been serving a two-year prison sentence for attending opposition rallies in 2009 and was released from jail to see her father, a former revolutionary who later turned against the Islamic regime, after he suffered a stroke a few weeks ago.

**Witnesses and family members said the funeral wasn't a political gathering.**

**People were praying and marching behind the dead body on the outskirts of northern Tehran when the security forces moved in, screaming and violently attacking the crowd. Some wore boxing gloves, witnesses said.**

**One militiaman approached Ms. Sahabi and tore up a picture of her father she was carrying, according to witnesses.**

**When she protested, he punched her in the midsection and she fell to the ground.**

**She suffered a punctured lung and cardiac arrest, and died before reaching the hospital, said a family member reached on the phone in Tehran.**

Afterward, the Green Movement opposition called on its Facebook page for an antigovernment protest outside Ms. Sahabi's home. Security forces dispersed them and made a number of arrests, witnesses said.

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## **News Of Good Work For The Cause From Australia**

From: JG mail  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Date: Jun 4, 2011

Here's a video clip I'm in that you might like to share with other readers about the campaign to reduce military expenditure here.  
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG9GaiAAul8&feature=related>) and a group I am working with re the Australians joining the Freedom Flotilla to Gaza later this month ([www.palrelief.org](http://www.palrelief.org))

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## **Some History Of Military Resistance From Vietnam Days:**

**“I co-founded and co-edited an antiwar GI newspaper called The Whig - named after the Whig Party in the revolutionary days in this country”**

**“The Whig was written by and for the men and women at Clark Air Force Base and at Subic Naval Base”**

From: Louis Wolf  
louw7@live.com  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: RE: Military Resistance Raffle Winner Notice!!  
Date: Jun 2, 2011 4:08 PM

[Excerpts]

First and foremost, please let me say how much I appreciate you thinking of me for including me in this raffle process undeserved as I am for simply being a minor donor (My late wife of 29 years Dolores Neuman were proud to help MILITARY RESISTANCE.

Given the extraordinary service you (and those who help you as well as those who write, send photos, or create graphics for MILITARY RESISTANCE), it truly is an honor to be in your collective company.

After I lived and worked in Laos as a conscientious objector (1964-67) with International Voluntary Services (the predecessor to the Peace Corps), I relocated to the Philippines.

**I became involved in the anti-Marcos movement. I co-founded and co-edited an antiwar GI newspaper called The Whig - named after the Whig Party in the revolutionary days in this country.**

**It was written by and for the men and women at Clark Air Force Base and at Subic Naval Base, both which were deeply involved in the bombing in Viet Nam.**

**Both had huge bunkers filled with arsenals of ordnance - enough to blow up the entirety of the heavily-populated province of Luzon and Pangasinan.**

**Also it was an open secret that there were nuclear weapons stored at Clark.**

**All of which is to say that your Military Resistance paper and the struggle you all face in publishing and distributing it as you do means a great deal to me personally.**

So, what I am getting around to say is that I would be honored to accept prize Number 3, "The Incomparable Poems of Dennis Serdel".

After I read every poem, I intend to send the book to my longtime friend and correspondent, James P. Anderson, who has been in residence since 1979 on Death Row at San Quentin.

I leave today to California to attend a 2-day conference (ConspiracyCon), as well as to visit James at San Quentin and to visit other longtime friends of my late wife of 29 years and mine.

To learn more about his case, visit: <http://ccadp.org/jamesanderson.htm> or <http://ccadp.org/jamesanderson-doubt.htm>.

**Troops Invited:**  
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