

## **Military Resistance 9G15**

### **WELCOME TO OBAMAWORLD**



U.S. Marines run through dust kicked up by a Black Hawk helicopter from Task Force Lift 'Dust Off', Charlie Company 1-214 Aviation Regiment as they rush a colleague wounded in an IED strike for evacuation near Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan May 10, 2011. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)

**Connect My Dots -- And Make My  
Day:  
“Major Charles Not-So Kean Needs  
To Get Out More”  
“This Might Help Him Connect Dots”**

From: Don Bacon  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Subject: connect my dots -- and make my day  
Date: Jul 19, 2011

By Don Bacon, Lt Col, US Army (Ret), Vietnam & Smedley Butler Society:  
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*Afghan border town must handle tons of tension*  
By Carmen Gentile, Special for USA TODAY

**Updated 7/1/2011**

*TORKHAM, Afghanistan — Pakistani Maj. Aman Ullah strides up to this mountain border crossing between Afghanistan and his country with a cadre of guards armed with assault rifles.*

*Today, ornately painted trucks spew black clouds of exhaust as they snake their way to the crossing. It is a vital route for Pakistanis, who are paid good wages by NATO to make the deliveries. It is also the main route here for visitors going between both countries. Up to 20,000 pedestrians cross the border daily.*

*Some are not tourists or traders, and doubtless many are getting through to aid the enemy. Afghan Border Police are known to accept the occasional cash bribe from those crossing the border who do not wish to be inspected, Staff Sgt. Stuart Williams said.*

*“I’ll ask them what’s up and they will make some excuse about the guy (offering the bribe) owing them money,” Williams said.*

***Some people want to avoid inspection to elude taxation on legal goods, Maj. Charles Kean said.***

***“We’re trying to connect the dots between bribery and the insurgency,” Kean said.***

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/afghanistan/2011-06-30-afghan-border-town\\_n.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/afghanistan/2011-06-30-afghan-border-town_n.htm)

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**Major Charles not-so Kean needs to get out more. This might help him connect dots:**

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**October 28, 2010**

*About a billion dollars worth of US aid diverted to Taliban Cooffers*  
By Lodha Hyd

***About one billion dollars worth of U.S. aid has wound up in the hands of the Taliban and other insurgency groups, war analysts and government auditors say.***

*Sub-contractors have reportedly diverted the funds from programs meant to stabilize Afghanistan.*

*In fact, the auditors say, graft has gotten so bad that the U.S. government estimates that only about 10 percent of the aid budget actually reaches the people in Afghanistan who need it.*

*“Right now corruption is more important than the politics. I have been there (Afghanistan) seven times in the last year and the estimates I have been told are that 20 to 40 percent of the aid funding goes to corruption,” Fox News quoted Michael Thibault, co-chairman of Congress’ independent and bipartisan Wartime Commission on Contracting, as saying.*

*“The problem is the Afghan culture and the subcontracting practices of the companies that do business there,” he added.*

*Investigations by the U.S. Senate and the inspector general of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) have focused on how guard services that surround U.S. bases have been compromised by the Taliban. This has jeopardized the safety of American troops.*

*<http://www.rawa.org/temp/runews/2010/10/28/about-a-billion-dollars-worth-of-us-aid-diverted-to-taliban-coffers.html>*

**MORE:**

***While U.S. Troops Die:***

**“Afghan Officials Are Thwarting U.S. Efforts To Protect American Aid From Being Stolen Or Diverted To Taliban Insurgents”**

**“The United States Has Poured Billions Of Aid Dollars Into A Country Plagued By Corruption, Insurgency And The Narcotics Trade”**

Jul 20, 2011 By Pauline Jelinek - The Associated Press [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — Afghan officials are thwarting U.S. efforts to protect American aid from being stolen or diverted to Taliban insurgents, a new report said Wednesday, specifically naming President Hamid Karzai as part of the problem.

U.S. government agencies in Kabul also came under criticism for not working closely enough with each other to track U.S. cash flowing to Afghanistan.

Amid a growing financial scandal, and after billions in aid have been sent to his country, Karzai has banned U.S. Treasury officials who were working as advisers at the central bank, according to the report from the top U.S. auditor for reconstruction in the war-ravaged nation.

The Treasury advisers won't return because working conditions at the bank have become too hostile, it said.

"The United States has poured billions of aid dollars into a country plagued by corruption, insurgency and the narcotics trade," acting Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction Herbert Richardson said in a statement accompanying his report. "It is essential that we use all tools available to ensure that U.S. dollars are protected from fraud and diversion to the insurgency."

Efforts to track and protect U.S. tax dollars and other international aid are entangled in a web of Afghan banking scandals that have been fast developing in recent weeks:

Kabul Bank, formerly headed by a world-class poker player, nearly collapsed last year because of mismanagement and questionable lending practices, becoming a symbol for the country's cronyism and deep-rooted corruption. Top officers were not arrested until last month.

The report doesn't indicate the exact amount of work being done in Afghanistan through cash transactions, but gives an example.

It said the U.S. Army's use of cash to pay contractors decreased from about 8.7 percent (almost \$21 million) in January 2010 to 5.9 percent (about \$19 million) in January 2011. Total U.S. Army payments during the period were about \$3.5 billion, and cash payments were almost \$235 million.

**The Afghan Attorney General's office has not cooperated fully in prosecuting those suspected of financial crimes.**

Monitoring officials have reported 21 leads to Afghan law enforcement organizations including the Ministry of Interior, the Major Crimes Task Force and the attorney general's office, but the attorney general's office only pursued four of them.

And the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has trained some Afghan law enforcement officials in smuggling and put "bulk cash" counters at Kabul International Airport, making some progress against the huge amounts of cash flowing out of the country.

But after the counting machines arrived, their use was delayed for seven months because of a U.S.-Afghan disagreement over where to install them.

When use began in April, Afghan customs officials were using them to count cash, but not record serial numbers so the money could be tracked.

**Additionally, the Afghan government decides the list of VIPs who can bypass customs screenings imposed on other passengers.**

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **North Carolina Reservist Killed By IED Attack In Basra**

Jul 18, 2011 AP

A North Carolina reservist was killed late last week in southern Iraq, the Defense Department announced Monday.

Spc. Daniel L. Elliott, 21, of Youngsville, N.C., died last Friday in Basra his unit was attacked with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 290th Military Police Brigade, 200th Military Police Command, Cary, N.C.

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### **Nicholas Newby, 20, Killed In Action In Baghdad**

July 15, 2011 Coeur d'Alene Press

Spc. Nicholas "Nick" W. Newby, of Coeur d'Alene, was killed in action in Baghdad, Iraq, on July 7, 2011. He was 20 years old.

He was born in Anchorage, Alaska, on August 25, 1990. He moved to Coeur d'Alene with his family when he was 5 years old. He graduated from the Bridge Academy in 2008 and entered military service at that same time.

Nick was assigned to the Bravo Company, 145th BSB as a mechanic and later deployed in September 2010 as a Rhino Platoon member in support of Operation New Dawn. His awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Combat Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Idaho National Guard State Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

While in Iraq, Nick was completing college courses via the Internet. He had plans to complete his associates degree at North Idaho College before attending Boise State University. He was an avid reader, always seeking knowledge and truth.

Nick radiated positive energy and the smile never left his face. His favorite saying was "Quit whining" or "Quit yer bitchen." His laugh was both ridiculous and infectious. Nick had a profound impact on everyone in his life and this community will forever be changed by his death.

Nick is survived by his mother Theresa Hart, his father Wayne Newby, stepfather James Hart, stepmother Brigette Newby, brother Nathan Newby, half-brother Ryder Newby, maternal grandparents Roy and Pat Powers, paternal great-grandmother Blanche Donahue, his life-long friend Halei Schreiber and numerous step siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and his doggie dog, Jax. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011, at the Lake City Community Church, 6000 N. Ramsey Road, Coeur d'Alene. Please visit Nick's memorial and sign his online guest book at [www.yatesfuneralhomes.com](http://www.yatesfuneralhomes.com). Yates Funeral homes has been entrusted with the care of final arrangements. The public is encouraged to attend this event.

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## **Family Remembers Colorado Soldier Killed In Iraq**

Jul 11, 2011 Written by Lori Obert, KUSA-TV

Just days after the Fourth of July, an Improvised Explosive Device killed two American soldiers in Iraq, including one who grew up in Colorado.

The Defense Department said 24-year-old Specialist Nathan Beyers and 20-year-old Specialist Nicholas Newby died Thursday after insurgents attacked their convoy in Baghdad.

Beyers grew up in Lakewood and leaves behind family in both Colorado and Idaho.

"He's always wanted to be a soldier since he was four years old," said Beyer's uncle, Jack Beyers.

Beyers and his wife, Vanessa, lived in Idaho, and their daughter was born in November.

Though his daughter, Ella Jo, was born while Beyers was serving in Iraq, he was granted a leave earlier this year to come home and meet his daughter for the first time.

"Nate is my true hero, and I know he's his dad's hero too," Jack Beyers said.

Vanessa Beyers said, "Nathan was proud of his job and serving our country. He died doing something he loved and was such a brave person."

Jack Beyers said his nephew will be buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery later this week.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# 3 Pa. Nat'l Guardsmen Killed In Afghanistan; Five More Wounded

July 20, 2011 WPVI

Three Pennsylvania soldiers were killed and five others wounded earlier this week by a roadside bomb that struck their convoy in Afghanistan, military officials said Wednesday.

The Pennsylvania National Guard identified the slain soldiers as Sgt. Edward Koehler, 47, of Lebanon, Sgt. Brian Mowery, 49, of Halifax, and Staff Sgt. Kenneth VanGiesen, 30, of Kane.

All three men were riding in the same vehicle when the improvised explosive device detonated near Bagram, officials said. The other soldiers wounded did not sustain life-threatening injuries.

Koehler previously served in the Marines Corps from 1982 to 1988 and joined the National Guard in 1997, military officials said. Pennsylvania's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Wesley Craig, said Koehler was a bugler during his time in the Marines and took pride in playing "Taps" at funerals for fallen soldiers.

"Unfortunately it is now our solemn duty to play 'Taps' for him," Craig said.

In a 2005 interview with The Kane Republican, VanGiesen said he was proud to join the National Guard, like his father before him.

"If I had it to do over again, I still would do it," he told the newspaper.

VanGiesen was living in Erie where he was working with the National Guard, the newspaper reported. He had been deployed to Iraq twice and was assigned to the 131st Transportation Company, 213th Area Support Group for this mission because of his mechanical skills.

Mowery was previously been a member of the Marine Corps Reserve from 1979 to 1985, then joined the National Guard in 2000. He previously served in Kosovo.

Mowery's family released a statement requesting privacy.

Koehler's family released a statement thanking well-wishers for their support.

"Continue to pray for all of our troops and their safety," the statement said. "Their daily sacrifices must not go unnoticed."

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## 2 Fairbanks-Based U.S. Soldiers Killed, 7 Wounded By Afghanistan Bomb



Master Sgt. Kenneth B. Elwell



Pfc. Tyler M. Springmann

July 19th, 2011 Anchorage Daily News

Two soldiers from the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, based at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, were killed in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, and seven other soldiers from the brigade were wounded.

Master Sgt. Kenneth B. Elwell and Pfc. Tyler M. Springmann were killed in Kandahar Province during an attack on their foot patrol by insurgents using an improvised explosive device.

Elwell, 33, of Holland, Pa., joined the Army in October 1997 and served at Fort Riley, Kan., Korea and Fort Benning, Ga. before arriving at Fort Wainwright in March. He had two previous deployments to Iraq, as well as a deployment to Bosnia.

Springmann, 19, of Hartland, Maine, joined the Army in June 2010, completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. and arrived at Fort Wainwright in October 2010.

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

July 19, 2011 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

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## **Soldier from 1st Battalion The Rifles Killed In Nahr-e Saraj (South)**

18 Jul 11 Ministry of Defence

It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Defence must announce that a soldier from 1st Battalion The Rifles was killed in Afghanistan on Monday 18 July 2011.

The soldier was killed while on an operation in the Nahr-e Saraj (South) district of Helmand province to recover a cache of improvised explosive device components that had been discovered the previous evening.

He was escorting a specialist team to the cache to remove these components when he was caught in an explosion from another device, a short distance away from the original find.

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

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

**SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

# Government Soldiers Killing Each Other, As Usual

19 July 2011 AllAfrica

Mogadishu — Somalia government forces on Tuesday morning clashed at Mogadishu's Villa Somalia, where at least two soldiers were killed and several others injured.

A government military officer was among those killed in the brief armed confrontation, according to witnesses.

Some of the soldiers who have been involved in the clash were from Somali president Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed while the others were loyal to parliament speaker Sharif Hassab Sheikh Adam.

The clash flared up shortly after two soldiers disputed, witnesses said, adding that they could hear heavy and light weapons during the clash. No comments were immediately available from government officials about the incident.

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## MILITARY NEWS

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



Funeral services for Iowa National Guard soldier Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker at the River of Life Ministries, Monday, July 18, 2011, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Pasker, 39, of Cedar Rapids, was killed during combat operations July 9 in Panjshir Province, Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall, Pool)...

# **The New Issue Of Traveling Soldier Is Out!**

**July, 2011 - Issue 35**

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**“All My Guys Are Hurt. No One Cares”**

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If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

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# **Afghanistan: Prince Harry Returns “He Will Be Taught To ‘Turn Into A Wild Animal, Survive In The Desert Like A Beast ... Stink Like An Animal To Confuse Tracker Dogs” “The RAF Press Officer Who Dreamed Up This Teenage Fantasy Is Apparently Unaware That The Afghans Don't Use Tracker Dogs”**



“Learning How To Pee In A Bottle” [Uruknet graphic]

July 19th, 2011 by Felicity Arbuthnot, Dissident Voice

Felicity Arbuthnot is a journalist with special knowledge of Iraq. Author, with Nikki van der Gaag, of Baghdad in the Great City series for World Almanac books, she has also been Senior Researcher for two Award winning documentaries on Iraq, John Pilger's Paying the Price: Killing the Children of Iraq and Denis Halliday Returns for RTE

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They're in their 20s, but like certain children, they have been told only one story, over and over. Like most children, they believe in an easily identifiable good and evil, and like most children, they are capable of unthinkable cruelty.

— Michael Cunningham, novelist (1952- )

**Prince Harry, third in line to the throne, is to return to Afghanistan, later in the year, we are told.**

**It was the stuff of discard "B" movies.**

**He would be "one of the most treasured scalps" to the Taliban if captured; he will be "given a new identity (to ensure) he does not fall in to the hands of barbaric thugs."**

The partying Prince, unkindly dubbed the "spare heir" by the media, seemingly, suddenly has a value.

He is to fly Apache helicopters (there are pictures of him, spruced up, tooled up and standing in front of one.)

**He is to be taught "survival, evasion, resistance and escape", in case of being shot down (a polishing up of a hitherto more simplistic method of getaway — attempting to floor photographers outside night clubs.)**

**Equipped with an SA80 Carbine and a pistol, he will be taught to "turn into a wild animal, survive in the desert like a beast ... stink like an animal to confuse tracker dogs."**

**The RAF Press Officer who dreamed up this teenage fantasy is apparently unaware that the Afghans don't use tracker dogs.**

These are the invaders press-ganged, flown (or parachuted) in, canine accessory.

**The adolescent scribbler was further carried away by Harry learning how to pee in a bottle "while flying at 180 mph ... one of the hardest things (he'll) have to learn."**

I'll spare you the remaining bathroom tuition.

Another pretty hard thing he will have to learn is to fly this notoriously tricky £40 million weapon of mass destruction whilst galvanising a weapons system, including a 1,200 round M230 Chain gun, Hydra air-to-ground rockets and Hellfire missiles. A 30mm cannon with "huge" bullets, fires at 10, 20, or 30 a second. The gun can be eye

operated, shooting activated via a monocle, swiveling to target, wherever the right eye focuses.

The Prince graduated with a lone B in art and D in geography, St James' Palace announced in August 2003, leading the Times of India to comment less than charitably: "Prince qualifies for royal dunce." (15 August 2003.)

Last time he was in Afghanistan,\* (spirited to safety when the Drudge Report broke a media blackout and reported proper news that he was there) he was in a bunker as a "forward air controller", playing computer games, which called in the US Air force to kill Afghans (sorry, "repel Taliban insurgents.")

This time, if he gets the complicated hang of it, he will be doing it all by himself.

The young man, who greets his cousin's rugby playing fiancé with the two finger hand-as-gun gesture to the head, should fit in well with the Apache pilots slice 'em and dice 'em mentality.

"It's a huge buzz to fly an Apache. Every time I pulled the trigger, I (thought) there goes another £40,000", Major Jim Panton told the Daily Mirror (17 June 2011.) No thought of more human lives, more grief-enveloped families collecting body parts. Panton finds the 30 mm Cannon killing-by-eye-action "the most sexy thing of all", about the Apache.

In his outstanding book (1) James Fergusson speaks to Apache wing man, Lieutenant Jack Denton: "When you are on top of the enemy you look, shoot and it's you die, you die, you die", he said. "Humanitarian intervention", bloodily, sadistically, gleefully laid bare.

Ed Macy (2) expounds gaily on the unique assets of a machine, following the "US military tradition" of new aircraft (names) honouring Indian tribes." This one is "the hunter-killer supreme for all future military wars ... its destructive capability without precedent."

For individual targets, the Cannon, at "ten High Explosive Dual Purpose rounds a second ... makes light work of armoured personnel carriers, vehicles and buildings" with fragments on impact "throwing out hundreds of sharp, red-hot pieces of metal. The duality (is) the incendiary", penetrating or damaging the target "it sets it alight."

Concerned? There's far worse. "The helicopter (packs up to) 1,160 of them, fired in bursts of 10, 20, 50, 100 – **or all at once.**" (Emphasis mine.)

Flechette rockets destroy people and vehicles. Each contains 80 five-inch long, tungsten darts. HEISAP is for buildings, vehicles and ships. Penetrating up to half an inch of steel, they also contain an explosive incendiary which sticks to alloys and combustibles "torching them." They have been also used to great effect in Panama and Iraq.

The Hellfire missile packs "a five million pound per square inch punch on impact ..."

Perhaps the ultimate confirmation as to how successful the military has become at dehumanizing a frightening amount of people is this paragraph:

“Snipers and Apache pilots (are) the only two combatants to get a detailed look at the face of the man they (are) about to kill. Nine out of ten times, we’d watch them in close-up, on a five-inch-square screen before we pulled the trigger. It was no different to a sniper fixing his quarry in the sights of his bolt-action rifle, until the optimum moment to engage. We shared the same mindset; **the mindset of a professional assassin.**”  
(Emphasis mine.)

Another pilot confirms:

“You can see very clearly the people you kill. The Apache can cut people to shreds with its Cannon.”

The British have recently sent Apaches to Libya to assist in the humanitarian carnage of the fantasy “no fly zone” there.

**As for Prince Harry – who took a gap year billed as working with disadvantaged children in Africa and is likely now to shred their like and their families in Afghanistan – should he be unfortunate enough to be shot down, let’s hope his survival course and D level geography stand him in good stead.**

**In truth, though, it is hard to care.**

\* December 2007- February 2008

1. James Fergusson, “A Million Bullets”, ISBN 978-0-552-15608-0 [↵]
2. Ed Macy, “Apache”, ISBN 978-0-00-728817-5 [↵]

### **Troops Invited:**

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

# **DoD Personnel Chief Accused Of “Fraud, Waste And Abuse, Incompetence, And Creating A Command Climate Marked By Fear And Mistrust”**

# Other Accusations “Include Wasteful Spending On A \$360,000 ‘Sumptuous New Conference Room’ Used Only For Stanley’s Three Weekly Half-Hour Internal Staff Meetings”

Jul 18, 2011 By Karen Jowers, Army Times Staff writer [Excerpts]

At least six senior Pentagon staff members, including federal civilian employees, senior executives, and uniformed officers, have filed a complaint with the Defense Department Inspector General against the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, retired Marine Maj. Gen. Clifford Stanley.

The complaint, filed anonymously July 11, accuses Stanley of fraud, waste and abuse, incompetence, and creating a command climate marked by fear and mistrust.

They cite his leadership as “destroying the morale and effectiveness of the Personnel & Readiness Directorate,” and claim “30 senior executive service civilians have been fired, forced to retire or resign, detailed involuntarily or marginalized in other ways” since Stanley took the job in early 2010.

“Dr. Clifford Stanley is severely degrading the department’s mission in time of war,” the complaint says.

A source familiar with the complaint who spoke on condition of anonymity declined to say how many complainants are involved, but said it is more than one from each of the SES, GS and military contingents in Stanley’s sprawling directorate.

This is the second time staff members from the directorate have raised concerns.

In a separate letter sent to lawmakers in May, a group of “executives at the Department of Defense” expressed grave concerns about inaction in a number of areas under Stanley’s jurisdiction, including lack of progress on hiring reform or increasing jobs for veterans; minimal effort to stand up a DoD office for suicide prevention; scant progress on creating a seamless electronic records system with the Department of Veterans Affairs; and little focus to update the instructions for the office responsible for sexual assault prevention, or to empower that office to respond to identified problems.

It is unclear if that letter was written by the same people or a separate group, but that letter said Stanley “has created an atmosphere of fear and retaliation.”

**Other accusations in the IG complaint include wasteful spending on a \$360,000 “sumptuous new conference room,” which “exacerbated marginal working conditions,” and is used only for Stanley’s three weekly half-hour internal staff meetings.**



## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?**

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## **Army Recruiter “Grabbed The Woman By The Throat And Threatened To Throw Her Off An Apartment Balcony”**

Jul 19, 2011 The Associated Press

JONESBORO, Ark. — An Army recruiter has been charged with aggravated assault after he was accused of trying to strangle his girlfriend, police said.

Quincy Demorse Cabiness, 36, of Jonesboro was arrested near his home early Sunday, according to the Jonesboro Sun.

A judge found probable cause Monday to charge Cabiness with the felony. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Cabiness grabbed the woman by the throat and threatened to throw her off an apartment balcony, police said.

The Craighead County Jail said Tuesday that Cabiness had been released. There was no indication whether he had an attorney.

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**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.**

**“U.S. Favourable Ratings In Most Arab Countries Have Fallen To Levels Lower Than They Were In 2008”**  
**“When Presented With Several Countries And Asked To Evaluate Whether Or Not Each Of Them Plays A Constructive Role ‘In Promoting Peace And Stability In The Arab World’, Eight In 10 Arabs Give A Negative Assessment To The U.S.”**

July 18, 2011 By Dr James Zogby President, Arab American Institute, Gulf Daily News [Excerpts]

A FEW months back I had a quick exchange with President Barack Obama about America’s standing in the Arab world.

When I mentioned we would be conducting a poll to assess Arab attitudes two years after his Cairo speech, he said he expected the ratings would be quite low and remain low until the US could help find a way to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Well, the results are in and the president was right.

In our survey of more than 4,000 Arabs from Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, we found favourable attitudes towards the US had declined sharply since our last poll, conducted in 2009 after Obama’s first 100 days in office.

Back then, Arabs were hopeful he would bring needed change to the US-Arab relationship and the early steps by his administration reinforced this view. As a result, favourable attitudes towards the US climbed significantly from Bush-era lows.

But as our respondents made clear in this year’s survey, those expectations have not been met and US favourable ratings in most Arab countries have fallen to levels lower than they were in 2008, the last year of the Bush administration.

**In Morocco, for example, positive attitudes towards the US went from 26 per cent in 2008 to a 55pc in 2009. Today, they have fallen to 12pc.**

**The story was much the same in Egypt, where the rating went from 9pc in 2008 to 30pc in 2009 and has now plummeted to 5pc.**

A review of the poll's other results makes it clear that the continuing occupation of Palestinian lands is seen by most Arabs as both the main "obstacle to peace and stability in the Middle East" and "the most important issue for the US to address to improve its ties with the Arab world".

**That Palestine trumps all other issues measured in the survey throws cold water on the wishful thinking of analysts in the US and Israel, who want to imagine that, in the context of this "Arab Spring", Arabs now feel "that the Israeli-Palestinian issue is not as central to their lives as they were led to believe" (Bechor, Yedioth Ahronoth, July 14, 2011).**

What our respondents tell us is the second highest ranking "obstacle to peace and stability" is "US interference in the Arab world", which explains why the US role in establishing a no-fly zone over Libya is neither viewed favourably in most countries, nor seen as improving Arab attitudes towards America.

In fact, when presented with several countries and asked to evaluate whether or not each of them plays a constructive role "in promoting peace and stability in the Arab world", eight in 10 Arabs give a negative assessment to the US role - rating it significantly lower than France, Turkey, China, and, in four of six Arab countries, even lower than Iran!

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## **"Let Us Now Picture To Ourselves, By Way Of Change, A Community Of Free Individuals, Carrying On Their Work With The Means Of Production In Common"**

Excerpt from Karl Marx. Capital Volume One; Chapter One: Commodities; Section 4 - The Fetishism of Commodities and the Secret Thereof

Let us now picture to ourselves, by way of change, a community of free individuals, carrying on their work with the means of production in common, in which the labour power of all the different individuals is consciously applied as the combined labour power of the community.

The total product of our community is a social product.

One portion serves as fresh means of production and remains social.

But another portion is consumed by the members as means of subsistence. A distribution of this portion amongst them is consequently necessary. The mode of this distribution will vary with the productive organisation of the community, and the degree of historical development attained by the producers.

We will assume, but merely for the sake of a parallel with the production of commodities, that the share of each individual producer in the means of subsistence is determined by his labour time.

Labour time would, in that case, play a double part. Its apportionment in accordance with a definite social plan maintains the proper proportion between the different kinds of work to be done and the various wants of the community.

On the other hand, it also serves as a measure of the portion of the common labour borne by each individual, and of his share in the part of the total product destined for individual consumption.

The social relations of the individual producers, with regard both to their labour and to its products, are in this case perfectly simple and intelligible, and that with regard not only to production but also to distribution.

The life-process of society, which is based on the process of material production, does not strip off its mystical veil until it is treated as production by freely associated men, and is consciously regulated by them in accordance with a settled plan.

This, however, demands for society a certain material ground-work or set of conditions of existence which in their turn are the spontaneous product of a long and painful process of development.

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**

### **Alabama Citizens Still Paying Slaveholders' Army War Tax**

**Alabama's tax structure was enshrined in its 1901 Constitution, passed after Reconstruction at a time when historians say state legislators' main goal was to keep power in the hands of wealthy white landowners by disenfranchising blacks and poor whites.**

Jul 20, 2011 By Jay Reeves - The Associated Press [Excerpts]

**MOUNTAIN CREEK, Ala. — The last of the more than 60,000 Confederate veterans who came home to Alabama after the Civil War died generations ago, yet residents are still paying a tax that supported the neediest among them.**

Despite fire-and-brimstone opposition to taxes among many in a state that still has "Heart of Dixie" on its license plates, officials never stopped collecting a property tax that once funded the Alabama Confederate Soldiers' Home, which closed 72 years ago.

The tax now pays for Confederate Memorial Park, which sits on the same 102-acre tract where elderly veterans used to stroll.

The tax once brought in millions for Confederate pensions, but lawmakers sliced up the levy and sent money elsewhere as the men and their wives died.

These days, 150 years after the Civil War started, officials say the old tax typically brings in more than \$400,000 annually for the park, where Confederate flags flapped on a recent steamy afternoon.

Longtime park director Bill Rambo is more succinct.

“Everyone is jealous of us,” he said.

Tax experts say they know of no other state that still collects a tax so directly connected to the Civil War, although some federal excise taxes on tobacco and alcohol first were enacted during the war to help fund the Union.

“Broadly speaking, almost all taxes have their start in a war of some sort,” said Joseph J. Thorndike, director of a tax history project at Tax Analysts, a nonprofit organization that studies taxation.

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The Constitution allowed a state property tax of up to 6.5 mills, which now amounts to \$39 annually on a home worth \$100,000. Of that tax, 3 mills went to schools; 2.5 mills went to the operating budget; and 1 mill went to pensions for Confederate veterans and widows.

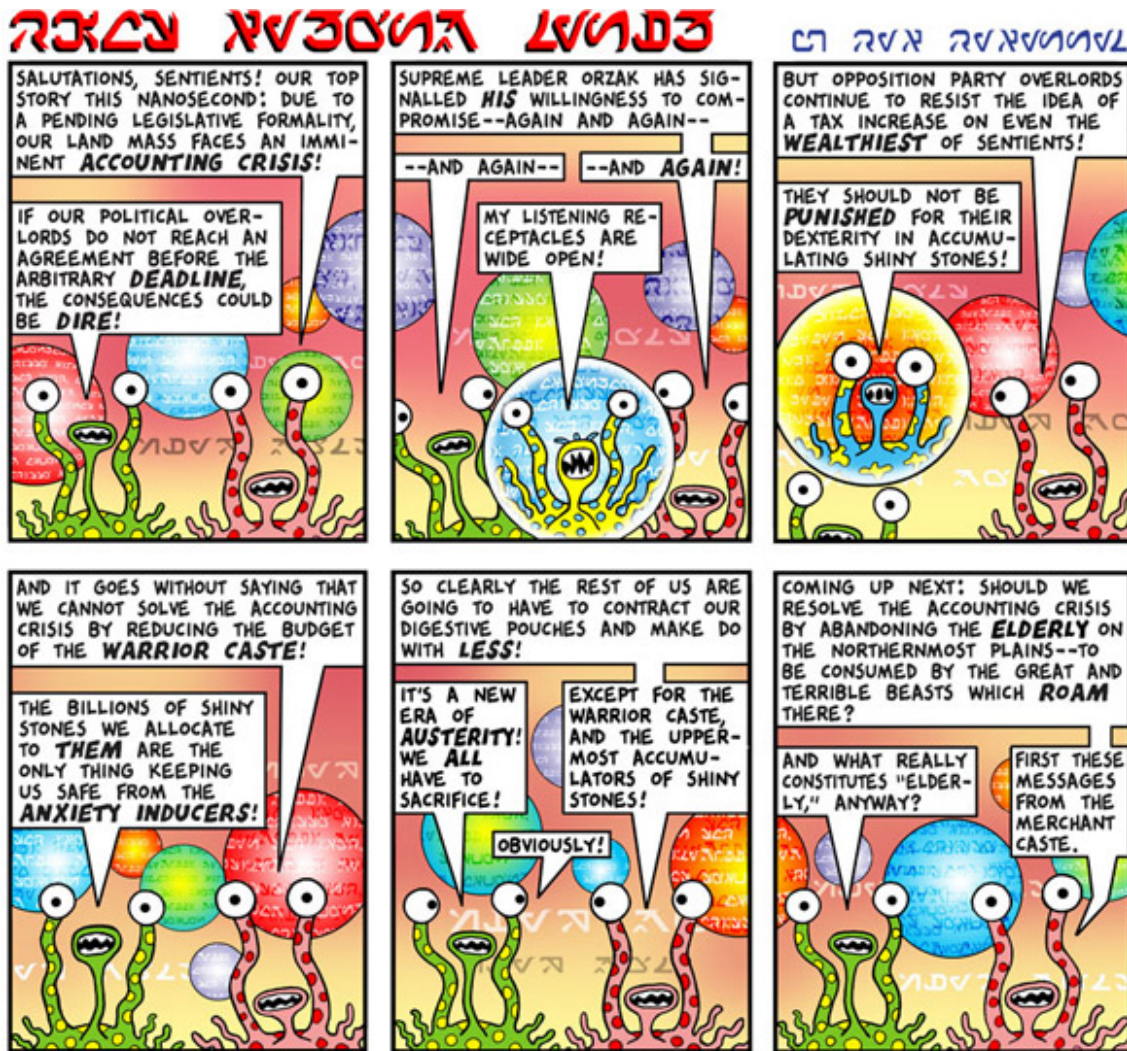
The state used the pension tax to fund the veterans home once it assumed control of the operation in 1903.

The last Confederate veteran living at the home died in 1934, and its hospital was converted into apartments for widows. It closed in 1939, and the five women who lived there were moved to Montgomery.

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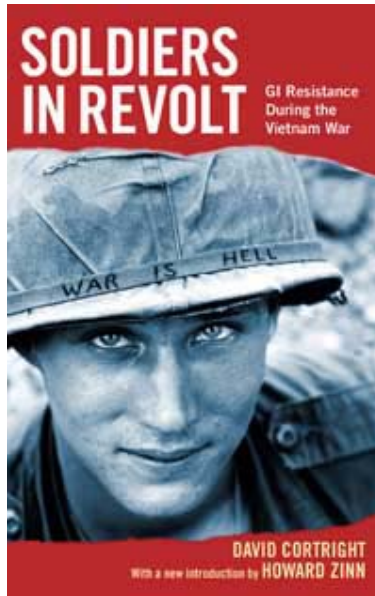
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