

Military Resistance 9G20

**NOT ANOTHER DAY
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR
NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



A U.S. Army flight medic holds the hand of a U.S. soldier wounded in a roadside bomb attack aboard a medevac helicopter from Charlie Company 1-52 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 23, 2011. (AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool)

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Fleet Weren’t Happy”**

From: Fabian Bouthillette, Military Resistance Organization
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: July 27, 2011

On June 10, 2011 my girlfriend, Dara, and I drove up the Pacific Coast Highway to Malibu, CA from our home just south in Santa Monica.

We were heading to dinner with our friend Michael. Michael is an Army Ranger veteran who took part in the 1983 invasion of Granada, something Michael is not too happy about having been a part of.

Michael currently has his own business that focuses on water conservation, but spends numerous hours of his free time helping out injured veterans and promoting an end to the militarization of America’s economy.

Michael and I met and immediately became close friends after a mutual friend had introduced us in December 2008.

This friend knew me because of work I have done with Iraq Veterans Against the War and the Military Resistance organization after I left the Navy in July 2005.

I had been a Surface Warfare Officer in the Navy aboard USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG-54) - a destroyer stationed in Yokosuka, Japan – after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2003.

So, when Dara and I got to Malibu we were surprised to find a destroyer anchored near the Malibu pier.

On its hull I could see painted the number 53.

Ah, it was USS JOHN PAUL JONES, the Aegis class destroyer built immediately before mine.

We were an hour early for our dinner with Michael, so Dara and I sat down at a bar on the pier, hopeful that sailors would wonder in and that we could talk with them.

Sure enough, after a few minutes, three men walked into the bar who were clearly sailors.

Trust me, I can spot them. And they spotted me quickly because I was wearing a Navy officer's jacket that I often wear because I still like it.

The oldest sailor, an Electronics Technician 2nd class as I quickly learned, approached me and asked me what the deal was with my jacket. I was also wearing my Naval Academy class ring, and have hair down to my shoulders now, so the sailor was curious.

I told him that I had been aboard CURTIS WILBUR in Japan and some of what I had done. He shared some stories too and told me that his ship was in Malibu for a goodwill port visit that his captain had arranged. We continued to trade sea stories as we had some beers.

Finally, I asked him how things were going on JOHN PAUL JONES.

His immediate complaint was that President Obama had put all Navy ships on minimal manning.

"That's 270 sailors for a destroyer, isn't it?" I asked.

The sailor confirmed that I was correct.

"Damn," I replied. "We never had less than 300 aboard CURTIS WILBUR. You guys must be working your asses off doing maintenance and standing watches."

Indeed, this sailor was not happy.

And apparently sailors all over the fleet weren't happy about having to work extra hours.

To make things work, a new helm system had been installed on the bridge of JOHN PAUL JONES. It was a touch screen console that had been generating more problems than it was worth – meaning more hours of work for highly skilled Electronics Technicians who were used to fixing radars, not helm consoles.

We had a few more drinks and shared a few more stories before Dara and I wished the sailor well and went off to meet Michael. Again, he was not happy.

About a month later I read a report that said, "According to statistics released by Rep. Randy Forbes, the Virginia Republican who chairs the House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee, 22 percent of Navy ships didn't pass their inspections in 2011."

I couldn't help but think that was a result of the reduced manning.

With 300 sailors aboard CURTIS WILBUR we still had to work long days in port and around the clock at sea to keep our ship battle ready, and able to pass inspection.

I really just could not imagine having done it with 270.

There are currently 60 Aegis class destroyers in the Navy.

With a comfortable manning of 300 that would mean 18,000 sailors would be hired to run the Navy's destroyers.

Cutting 30 from each ship would eliminate 1,800 sailors.

In essence, President Obama has laid off and unemployed 1,800 sailors in order to eliminate their salaries and save money.

Assuming an average annual salary of \$50,000 per sailor (and that's generous) the Navy is saving \$90,000,000 a year by laying off the sailors.

But the money to upkeep 60 destroyers has not been eliminated.

All the private defense contractors responsible for providing parts and technical expertise to the 60 destroyers will still get their money while 1,800 sailors are being forced to find new work.

Instead, if the Navy kept the number of its destroyers at 54, where it was at only a couple of years ago, 300 man crews could be maintained and ships would probably pass their inspections.

Instead, taxpayers have dished out \$6,000,000,000 to build the newest six destroyers, and will have to keep paying \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 a year to maintain them.

President Obama's decision to lay off 1,800 sailors has made the Navy less prepared, it has lowered the moral of sailors fleet wide, and it was far from being the most effective way to save taxpayer money.

President Obama only did what every corrupted President before him has done, and that's keep the money flowing into the private defense industry's pockets.

America has 60 destroyers, whether they pass inspection or not, capable of providing no return on the investment made in them by the taxpayers.

People want jobs and healthcare, not destroyers.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

July 28, 2011 AP

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

Italian Soldier Killed, Two More Wounded

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1 Corporal Major David Tobini, 28, 183 of the Parachute Regiment "Nimbus" of Pistoia, the Italian soldier was killed today during an operation in western Afghanistan. Two other soldiers were wounded, one of them seriously.

Louisiana Soldier Killed In Afghanistan Leaves Behind A Wife And Two Children



Sgt. Christopher Soderlund U.S. Army

July 12, 2011 By Paul Purpura, The Times-Picayune

Sgt. Christopher P. Soderlund, 23, died in Logar Province from wounds he received when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using a rocket-propelled grenade.

He was the third Louisiana native to die in Afghanistan in as many weeks and at least the 16th soldier based at Fort Polk to be killed since troops deployed from the west-central Louisiana Army post in October.

Seven troops with Louisiana ties have died in Afghanistan and Iraq so far this year and the fifth one since last month.

Soderlund was an infantryman assigned to Fort Polk's 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division, according to a statement released today by Fort Drum, home to the division's headquarters.

He enlisted in March 2006 and had been stationed at Fort Polk since November 2007. He deployed to Iraq from December 2007 to January 2009, according to the Army.

His awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

In addition to his wife and children, Soderlund is survived by his mother, father and step-father, according to the Army.

He died the same day that an airman from Harvey was buried. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Daniel Douville, 33, was killed in Helmand Province on June 26, when an improvised explosive device detonated, according to the Defense Department. His survivors include his wife and three children.

Separately, Staff Sgt. Michael J. Garcia, 27, of Shreveport, was killed July 4, in Wardack province when an improvised explosive device exploded. He is survived by his father and sister.

Like Douville, Garcia was an explosive ordnance demolition technician.

Greenfield, Minn., Marine Dies In Combat In Afghanistan

July 14, 2011 Article by: MARK BRUNSWICK, Star Tribune

A Marine from Greenfield in western Hennepin County was killed by an IED blast Tuesday in Afghanistan, the second Marine from Minnesota to be killed there in the past two weeks.

Lance Cpl. Robert S. Greniger, 21, a combat engineer, died in Helmand Province. He was assigned to Camp Lejeune, N.C., Second Combat Engineer Battalion, Second

Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. His mother, Teresa, was in Dover, Del., Thursday night as his remains were returned.

Marine Sgt. Chad Frokjer of Maplewood was killed in combat June 30, also in Helmand Province.

Greniger joined the Marines out of Rockford High School, part of a pact with several fellow classmates who thought the military would be exciting and a way to serve their country, said Adam Lewis, who described himself as a friend of Greniger's since their days together in middle school.

Greniger enlisted in the Marines "because he wanted to be one of the elites," Lewis said. Lewis is scheduled to be deployed in April to Afghanistan with the Minnesota Army National Guard, where he is a specialist with a military police unit based in Monticello, Minn. Lewis said Greniger was proud of his service and excited about his first deployment.

Kurt Greniger said his son had been in Afghanistan since March.

"He talked about getting to know some people, especially some of the natives around the main base where he was at. He had met a little girl that looked just like his youngest sister, Greta, who's 8. He was teasing her about getting him some bread, and the girl went home and got him some bread," his father recalled.

His father is a wheelchair softball and basketball player and "he traveled with me everywhere," Kurt Greniger said. "He was our bat boy during softball."

Kurt Greniger also coached his son's summer league baseball team in Rockford for about five years. When Robert was younger, he liked karate, his father said.

"When he got focused in on something he really liked, he really focused," his father said. "When he joined the Marines, that's exactly the way it was. He really enjoyed the people he was around in boot camp and all the way through."

Lewis said that when he and Greniger were in school, they were often in class together because they both had minor learning disorders that made reading difficult. "We were in class together, in gym together. We hung out. We went fishing. We decided to join the military kind of out of boredom one day, to tell you the truth, but also because we wanted to serve our country," Lewis said.

Julie Merila, an English teacher at the high school, described Greniger as a "terrific guy" but indifferent student, not uncommon for a kid who had trouble reading.

"Once he found what he was going to do, he would go after it no-holds-barred and be driven to do the best job possible. That thing just wasn't academic," she said. "I'm not surprised he ended up in the military, and I imagine he was very good at what he was doing."

The few friends he hung out with all planned to join the military and would argue about which branch was best.

"That's the way those guys were -- 'What can I give you a hard time about now?'" she said. "At the same time, anybody from outside who would have done that, they would have been the first to step up and have each other's back. It seems like a pretty good fit all around for the military."

As word spread of Greniger's death, that same group of friends returned to the school to make sure its staff knew what had happened. With 450 students, the school and staff are described as particularly close-knit.

"It's like a big family," Merila said. "It's a different kind of loss than at a big school. Everybody knows each other."

Kurt Greniger said his son was "a very unique, loving son. More than anything he enjoyed being around his friends. He had a big heart."

Greniger is survived by his parents and his siblings Khloe, 19, Henry, 10, and Greta, 8.

Family Remembers Fallen Bucks Soldier

July 20, 2011 By BEN FINLEY, Staff writer, PhillyBurbs

Ken Elwell wanted this tour in Afghanistan to be his last.

He'd already completed one deployment there, another in Iraq and another in South Korea.

The 33-year-old U.S. Army master sergeant wanted to spend more time with his wife of eight years, Kristen, and his son Nicholas, 4, and daughter, Elise, 6.

"They were getting to be that age," Elwell's mother, Janice, said from her Northampton home Tuesday. "He wanted to be home with his family."

But on Sunday, Elwell was one of two soldiers killed by a roadside bomb while on patrol in Afghanistan's Kandahar province, according to the U.S. Department of Defense. Elwell had been stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska, where the family recently moved from Fort Benning, Ga., after he received a promotion.

"The phone rang and I answered it," Janice Elwell said. "Kristen said, 'Did you get the call? ... Kenny's dead.' I said 'Oh no, my baby.'"

By Tuesday morning, news vans lined Buckshire Drive in Holland, where Ken Elwell grew up. His family gave interview after interview about the Council Rock High School-North graduate, who joined the Army right after high school.

"As soon as he graduated, he was gone," his older brother, Michael Elwell said.

Ken was a deep-voiced man who was quiet, but at the same time was "full of the devil," his mother said with a smile.

“He was the quiet joker,” added his brother Scott.

When Ken Elwell came home to visit, his mother would tease him.

“I used to say, ‘You might be a sergeant, pal, but I’m the general.’ And he’d smile out of the corner of his mouth,” recalled his mother. His father died when he was an infant.

Ken Elwell spent some of his military career as a drill sergeant, although “to look at him, you wouldn’t think he had it in him,” his mother said.

When he and his family stayed at his mother’s home in Holland, he’d wake up early, before his wife and kids, read the paper and do the laundry. He had his hair cut every week or two, she said, and was fussy about his appearance.

His previous deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq didn’t seem to affect him negatively, his family said.

“He didn’t really change,” Michael Elwell said. “When he came home, we wanted to talk about brother things — the Phillies and our kids.”

He didn’t really talk about his time in the military, much less his time in a war zone. The family never talked about the possibility that Ken might die, Michael Elwell said.

“He didn’t tell me nothing because he knows I worry about everything all the time,” his mother said.

An Army friend of Ken Elwell received the body when it arrived at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. The friend, “Buck,” identified the body as well, the family said.

Ken Elwell was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division based at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Elwell family was still trying to figure out exactly what happened in Afghanistan. “Everything is so vague,” Michael Elwell said.

The family is making memorial arrangements through the Fluehr funeral home in Richboro and said Ken Elwell will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Holding back tears, Janice Elwell said the tragedy wouldn’t become real until she saw her son’s wife.

“I still can’t believe it,” she said.

Hartland Soldier Killed In Afghanistan ‘Quick-Witted,’ Goal-Oriented

July 19, 2011 By Christopher Cousins, The Bangor Daily News Staff

HARTLAND, Maine — Tyler Springmann's time in central Maine before joining the Army was short, but he touched the lives of hundreds of people.

Springmann, 19, was killed Sunday in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, by a roadside bomb. Though his legacy will be marked by the ultimate sacrifice he made on the battlefield, many also will remember him as a smart and quick-witted young man who was not afraid of challenges.

Nokomis Principal Mary Nadeau said Springmann attended area schools as a child before moving away for several years. He returned to the area before his senior year.

"He was just a great kid," said Nadeau. "There was always a smile on his face."

Nadeau said Springmann attended high schools in Texas and Connecticut before coming to Nokomis. Moving around left Springmann with a hefty course load in his senior year, but Nadeau said the young man approached and overcame the challenge with grace and optimism. Springmann graduated on schedule in 2010.

"He was very focused on earning his high school diploma," said Nadeau. "We only had him for one year, but he had a good assortment of friends and we all thought he was a very nice young man."

Among Springmann's interests was carpentry. He was enrolled in John Guay's building trades course at Tri-County Technical Center in Dexter. Guay said Springmann was "quick-witted" and liked by the other students. On many days, Springmann would teach the class words in sign language, in which Guay said he was fluent. The lessons ranged from words such as "love," "hello" and "goodbye" to construction terms such as "stud," "header" and "footer."

"He was really interested in language," said Guay. "He thought his sign language skills would help him in the military."

In addition to sign language, Springmann also was interested in etymology, which is the study of word origins. Guay said he always was researching where words came from and sharing the information with whoever would listen.

Springmann was quick with a joke, even under adverse circumstances, said Guay. During a carpentry competition in Augusta, Springmann was driving screws into sheetrock when something happened that would make most people scream.

"He held up his hand and it had a screw sticking out of both sides of his finger," said Guay. "All he said was, 'It could have been worse. I could have hit the bone.' He was just as calm as could be."

Springmann was determined to join the military right out of high school, said Guay, who has family members who have served and been injured in combat zones in the past.

"I told him that in this area of Maine there's not a lot of options for young people," said Guay. "When he told me he had committed (to the Army), I said, 'I'll support you but I'm not excited about it and I can't encourage you to do it.' He told me he respected what I

said but that this was what he really wanted to do. He was very level-headed about wanting to serve his country.”

Springmann, a private first class, was a member of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The improvised explosive device that killed him also claimed an Army sergeant from Pennsylvania and wounded several others.

A Facebook page titled “rip Tyler Springman” asked viewers to keep their porch lights on until midnight Thursday in Springmann’s honor. During the day Tuesday, the page went from having a couple of dozen people vowing to keep their lights on to hundreds.

Springmann was the son of Tina Webber of Hartland and Robert Springmann of Texas, according to a congressional source who asked not to be identified. Springmann was married to Brittney Springmann of Palmyra and had two siblings. Members of the family declined interview requests on Tuesday.

Rep. Kenneth Fredette, R-Newport, who is a member of the Maine National Guard, referred to Springmann in a press release in heroic terms.

“Tyler decided early in his life to give back to his country and his community,” Fredette said in the release. “The Nokomis High School community is deeply saddened today, but we are proud of his service. We extend our prayers and thoughts to his family during this sorrowful time.”

U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, also expressed her condolences in a press release. “We all owe Tyler and his family our immeasurable gratitude for the courageous dedication he displayed with incredible valor time and again,” said Snowe. “My thoughts and prayers are with Tyler’s family and loved ones during this difficult time.”

Democratic 2nd District U.S. Rep. Mike Michaud also released a statement. “He made the ultimate sacrifice for his country and we will never forget his honorable service,” said Michaud. “Words cannot do justice to the pain his family and friends are feeling right now, but Maine communities have a history of coming together to support their own.”

U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, extended her “deepest sympathies” to Springmann’s family. “This is an extremely difficult time for them,” said Collins in a press release. “Our nation will be forever grateful for his selfless sacrifice and brave service, and he will not be forgotten.”

Gov. Paul LePage also offered his condolences. “(Springmann’s) sacrifice was made in the defense of our country and the values of liberty and freedom that we cherish as Americans,” said LePage in a statement. “My thoughts and prayers are with his family and with all soldiers who continue to fight on behalf of our country.”

Resistance Heavy Weapons Attack Shatters Government Offices In Tarin Kot

July 28, 2011 By DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

Two bombers and militants armed with heavy weapons launched twin attacks targeting the Afghan government and its allies Thursday, killing at least 19 people in the latest outburst of violence weakening the government's grip on the Taliban's southern heartland.

The hours-long battle in Tarin Kot, the capital of Uruzgan province, began around noon when an attacker in a car laden with explosives rammed a wall of the governor's compound, provincial spokesman Milad Ahmad Mudasir said. Other insurgents entered the governor's compound through the damaged wall and fought Afghan security forces.

At roughly the same time, a second bomber targeted the nearby compound of Matiullah Khan, a power broker in Uruzgan who runs a company that provides security for NATO supply convoys and assists coalition forces.

He blew up an explosives-packed car outside a radio and television center attached to the compound to gain access to Khan's property, Mudasir said. Khan was unharmed.

"There are rumors that I've been killed or wounded," he told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "I am perfectly all right."

The Taliban claimed responsibility, saying six bombers conducted the attacks. The initial explosions were followed by heavy gun battles between militants and Afghan security forces and guards working for the private security company.

Earlier reports indicated that three different bombers struck the governor's house, Matiullah Khan's compound and the police headquarters.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Justin Brockhoff, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition, said Afghan security forces responded to the two attacks and NATO coalition forces provided air support as fighting continued.

The police headquarters, however, is part of the governor's compound.

Dr. Khan Agha Miakhail, director of the hospital in Tarin Kot, said the 19 people killed included 10 children, a policeman and two women. He said 37 other people were wounded. The Interior Ministry said 21 people were killed and 38 were wounded.

The BBC said its Afghan reporter in the province, 25-year-old Ahmed Omed Khpulwak, was among the dead. Khpulwak was in the radio and television building when it came under attack, said Peter Horrocks, director of BBC Global News.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi called The Associated Press to express sadness over the death of the journalist and accused pro-government forces of killing him.

"He was not our target," Ahmadi said, adding that the Taliban were fighting the police.

Mayor Of Kandahar Blown Up By Bomb In Turban: “A Volunteer Attacker Had Come Forward” After Governor Ordered The Destruction Of Illegally Built Homes And Two Children Died



The damaged windows of the mayor's office in Kandahar, Afghanistan, July 27, 2011. The mayor of Kandahar was assassinated on Wednesday by a bomber who hid explosives in his turban, Afghan officials said. (AP Photo/ Allauddin Khan)

7.27.11 By Mamoon Durrani AFP

The mayor of Kandahar, a close ally of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, was assassinated in an attack Wednesday.

The killing came two weeks after Karzai's powerful brother was shot dead in the city and is a further setback for US-led efforts to control the Taliban's spiritual home as foreign troops start to withdraw.

The bomber detonated explosives hidden in his turban and killed mayor Ghulam Haidar Hameedi, who was talking to locals in the courtyard of Kandahar's city hall, police chief Abdul Razeq told AFP.

Those involved in the talks said Hameedi had been discussing a land dispute with residents after he ordered the destruction of illegally built homes and two children reportedly died during demolition work on Tuesday.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing, saying that a volunteer attacker had come forward after the deaths of the children.

Kandahar-based analyst Yunos Fakoor said the death of Hameedi, who had lived for years in the United States until he took his post in 2006, was another blow to the president's support base in the south.

"(He) was under direct support of the Karzai brothers. Kandahar-wise, it is again another big loss for President Karzai," said Fakoor.

Hameedi escaped an attack on his car in 2009, though his last two deputy mayors were both shot dead in 2010, and the Kandahar province police chief and its deputy governor have also been killed this year.

The president's half-brother Ahmed Wali Karzai, known as the "king of Kandahar" was shot dead in his home in the city by a close friend two weeks ago, in a killing also claimed by the insurgent group.

Wali Karzai's death was followed a few days later by the assassination of Jan Mohammad Khan, a senior adviser to Karzai and the former governor of the southern province of Uruzgan.

With no obvious successor to Wali Karzai, who pinned together the area's corrupt commercial, political and security networks, there are forecasts that recent security gains made by foreign troops could be reversed.

More Resistance Action

July 27 (Reuters) & July 28, 2011 By DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

KANDAHAR -Two Afghan soldiers were wounded by a roadside bomb in district nine of Kandahar city on Wednesday, the Kandahar governor's office said in a statement.

An Afghan policeman and a civilian were killed Thursday when police were working to detonate roadside bombs in Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand province, said Daud Ahmadi, the provincial spokesman. Local residents tipped the police about the location of a mine. After that mine was successfully removed, a second one exploded, he said. Two other people, including a policeman, were injured in the explosion.

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Three Afghan Civilians Butchered By Foreign Occupation Troops For Driving While Afghan

July 27 (Reuters)

KAPISA - French troops killed three civilians, including a woman and a child, and wounded four others, in Nijrab district of eastern Kapisa province on Tuesday night, when they opened fire on a car which did not stop as it approached, the NATO-led International Security assistance Force (ISAF) said.

Same Old Same Old



A fuel tanker that was set ablaze by a bomb blast in Landikotal, northwest Pakistan July 27, 2011. A bomb struck the truck carrying fuel for foreign forces in Afghanistan in the northwestern Khyber region but caused no casualties, security officials said.
REUTERS/Shahid

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U.S. Marines 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines check a dug-out in the Garsmir district of Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, July 7, 2011. REUTERS/Shamil Zhumatov

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

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

THE STUPID REPORT

The Stupid Of The Day

[From the internet]

Jul 24, 2011

The American public is not informed enough about politics and major decisions that affect it and the US government would like to keep it that way in the interest of politicians, corporations and lobby groups.

Vs. Reality

Reality is that elitists who write this kind of stupid shit are not informed enough about politics, or reality, and in their smug condescension, do not wish to have anything to do with reality. T

Reality:

“An Overwhelming Number Of Voters Believe The United States Is Involved In Too Many Foreign Conflicts And Should Pull Back Its Troops”

“Voters Also Do Not Think Having U.S. Soldiers Fighting In Afghanistan And Iraq Has Made The Country Safer”

“Forty-Nine Percent Said It Is Not Very Likely That Troops Will Leave Iraq By The End Of The Year”

06/20/11 By Ian Swanson, The Hill [Excerpts]

An overwhelming number of voters believe the United States is involved in too many foreign conflicts and should pull back its troops, according to a new poll conducted for The Hill.

Seventy-two percent of those polled said the United States is fighting in too many places, with only 16 percent saying the current level of engagement represented an appropriate level. Twelve percent said they weren't sure.

Voters also do not think having U.S. soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq has made the country safer, according to the poll.

Thirty-seven percent said the continued presence of U.S. troops in Afghanistan makes no impact on national security, while another 17 percent said it makes the United States less safe. By contrast, 36 percent said the United States is safer because forces are in Afghanistan.

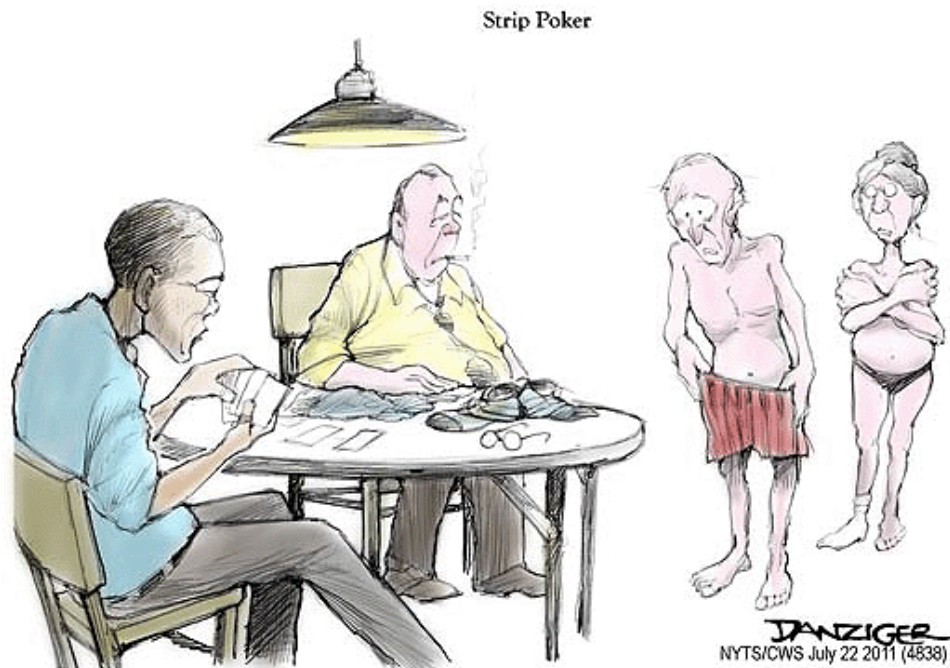
Those findings were echoed when voters were asked about Iraq.

Forty percent said the military intervention in Iraq has made no difference when it comes to U.S. safety, compared to 32 percent who said the United States is safer because of it. Twenty percent said the country is less safe because of action in Iraq.

The poll also reveals some skepticism about whether U.S. troops will really be removed from Iraq by the end of the year.

Forty-nine percent said it is not very likely that troops will leave Iraq by the end of the year, and another 10 percent said it is not at all likely. Seven percent said it is very likely troops will leave Iraq by the end of the year, and 22 percent said it is somewhat likely.

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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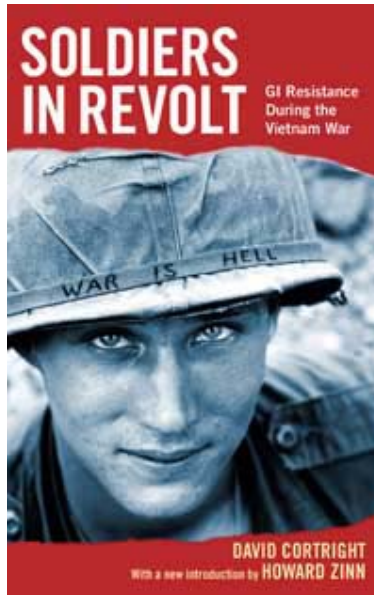
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