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Critical

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Subject: Critical

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Critical

**It's really hard, real hard
to be nonviolent when the pigs
that's what we called them
back in the sixties
when the pigs are spraying
pepper gas into the faces
using concussion flash bang**

bombs shooting gas canisters
hitting a Veteran in the head
putting him in a comma
after he spent two tours
in Iraq without getting wounded
It's really hard, real hard
to be nonviolent
when the pigs in Boston
go after the protesters
and Veterans For Peace
try to protect them,
then they are beaten
while they shout
"We Are Veterans"
It's really hard, real hard
to be nonviolent
when the pigs attack other
Occupation Movement Cities
MLK would screen his people
to find out who would
fight back, then they could
Not go to the protest.
The government could call back
the National Guard
from Afghanistan and Iraq
find out if the Soldiers could kill
their own people
even if some of the 99%
are Veterans
it's really hard, real hard
when you are given orders.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN MILITARY SERVICE?

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 and economic injustice, inside the armed services and at home.

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IRAQ WAR REPORTS

55 Policemen And 42 Iraqi Soldiers-Were Killed In Attacks In October: 85 Insurgents Were Killed: A Further 142 Policemen And 101 Soldiers Were Wounded

November 02, 2011 Kuwait Times

BAGHDAD: The number of Iraqis killed rose sharply in October, making it the first month since January in which the toll was higher than the same period a year ago, official figures showed yesterday.

55 policemen and 42 soldiers-were killed in attacks in October, according to data compiled by the ministries of interior, defence and health.

A further 142 policemen and 101 soldiers were wounded.

The figures also showed 85 insurgents were killed in October.

Resistance Action



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

Oct 30 IANS & (Reuters) & Oct 31 (Reuters) & Nov 1 (Reuters)

KHAN BANI SAAD - Insurgents using silenced weapons stormed the house of a member of the government-backed Sahwa militia and held women and children inside

the home while they killed the Sahwa member and his brother outside, in the town of Khan Bani Saad, 30 km (20 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

BAQUBA - Insurgents opened fire at an Iraqi army checkpoint, killing a soldier, and planted a bomb that killed two other soldiers when they responded to the scene, late on Sunday in the eastern outskirts of Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, local police said.

Two soldiers were killed and three others injured when a roadside bomb struck their patrolling vehicle in Abu Ghraib area, 20 km west of capital Baghdad, Xinhua quoted a police source as saying. The blast destroyed one of the patrolling vehicles, the source added.

MOSUL - Insurgents shot and killed an off-duty policeman in northern Mosul, a Nineveh province police source said.

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb went off near an Iraqi army patrol, killing two soldiers and wounding three in Abu Ghraib on Baghdad's western outskirts, local police said.

FALLUJA - A car bomb exploded near a police patrol, wounding three policemen in the city of Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police and hospital sources said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb went off near an Iraqi army patrol and killed two soldiers in western Mosul, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol went off, killing a soldier and wounding two other people including a traffic police officer late on Monday in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

November 1, 2011 AP

Two foreign servicemembers died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan Tuesday.

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

October 30, 2011 Reuters

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

Young Local Marine Killed



Oct 25, 2011 By Michael Smothers, Pekin Daily Times

PEKIN, Ill. — Less than two years out of high school, Lance Cpl. Jordan S. Bastean of Pekin has been killed in combat conditions while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Bastean was killed Sunday, Oct. 23, “while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force” out of Twentynine Palms, Calif., according to a Department of Defense press release.

He was the only child of Kathy Bastean of Pekin and Steve Bastean, who are divorced. Steve was inspired by Jordan and enlisted in the U.S. Army earlier this year and is

currently stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., according to Jordan's uncle, Edward Bastean of Pekin.

Jordan Bastean enlisted in the Marines before he even graduated, Edward Bastean said. This was his first deployment.

The news of Bastean's death, devastating to those who knew the 19-year-old, was officially released Monday evening. By Sunday night, however, it had already swept across a social network website and Monday morning spread to shock students and staff at Pekin Community High School.

In a statement, the Bastean family said: "We are in shock. Jordan was a joy, and this tragedy has hit hard. Honestly, this news has left us numb and confused. As a family, we are trying to pull together for his mom and dad and for each other. Jordan would want us to unite in order to figure out how we are going to get through this together; he was always a peacemaker."

High praise, somberly spoken, for the young man liked by "everyone who met him," came from lifelong neighbor Eric Petri, and he was "among the top five" out of nearly 1,000 cadets the school's JROTC master sergeant has supervised.

Bastean "excelled in everything," not just as a four-year cadet and captain of the program's champion-caliber Air Rifle Team, said Master Sgt. Joseph Fabish. "He was a very well-rounded person. I'd trust him completely in anything.

"I'm just devastated," Fabish said. "This is hitting the cadets pretty hard today."

Kathy Bastean, of 1905 Chicory Road, was notified in person by military personnel of her only child's death Sunday morning, said Petri and his mother, Julie Dalzell. Kathy Bastean's relatives and friends remained gathered at her home Monday.

While details of Bastean's death remained undisclosed Monday, Petri said family members told him it came in combat.

Bastean became the first military member from Pekin to die in combat conditions since the nation commenced military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq beginning in 2002, but he is the fifth fatal casualty from the East Peoria-Creve Coeur-Pekin area.

He arrived in Afghanistan within the past two months, said Fabish and Dan Damotte, who coached Bastean in track and cross country at the high school until Bastean decided as a sophomore to devote full attention to JROTC.

"I think he knew he was going there, but he was very proud of it," said Damotte, who recalled Bastean's visit to the school "in full uniform" shortly before his deployment. "He was proud as a peacock."

His demeanor that visit "was very professional — 'yes sir,' 'no sir.' I had to tell him to relax," said Fabish.

Damotte, who is friends with Bastean's uncle and "knew Jordan growing up," said he had his mind set on being a Marine since at least his freshman year. Petri and Dalzell said the outgoing boy from across the street knew well before then.

"He always wanted to be a Marine. He'd always talk about it," said Petri, whose 20-year-old brother Wade "was like a brother" to Bastean. Bastean's mother even painted his bedroom "that icky green camouflage color" for her young son, said Dalzell.

"This was his dream," she said as she wiped away a tear. "If he was going to go, he did it in the line of duty."

"From the time Jordan was small, he wanted to join the military," his family said. "He had a strong sense of pride in his country, and he was, above all else, trustworthy and genuine. He was a blue belt in Karate before he joined the Army JROTC, where he gained recognition for his budding military career. But he also had such a gentle heart; caring for others and wanting to protect and include. His intentions were always to make things better and to give people a second chance in a world where often we only get one chance. We can't make any sense of this. All we can do now is welcome him home and take care of each other like he would want us to do."

Those who spoke sadly of Bastean Monday also shared descriptions and memories of a boy and teenager who earned their respect and could quickly make them laugh.

"He loved his Cubs and Cowboys," Petri said of Bastean's favorite sports teams. Petri chuckled in recalling the day the boy ran completely around their house, leaping and clutching the air in his determination to catch a butterfly.

Damotte, with a touch of guilt, recalled how he and Bastean's uncle would "torture" the young boy by pushing toward him the vacuum cleaner that frightened him. Bastean, however, didn't hold a grudge.

"He was honestly a model citizen," said Damotte, the school's network administrator as well as a running coach. "A kid you could take 10 of. He never said a bad word, always had a grin on his face, ear to ear."

His death, Damotte said, "really hits home."

Visitation and services are expected to be sometime next week.

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

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

10 Killed As Insurgents Attack Occupation Offices In Kandahar



Insurgents attacked a building used by the United Nations in Kandahar October 31, 2011. REUTERS/Ahmad Nadeem

Oct. 31, 2011 MIRWAIS KHAN, The Associated Press & From Ruhullah Khapalwak, For CNN

Ten people were killed Monday in an attack on a U.N. compound in Kandahar, Afghanistan, officials said.

Three employees working for the U.N. Refugee Agency were killed in the attack, as well as two Afghan civilians and an Afghan National Police officer, according to officials. In addition, four assailants were killed, according to a press release from the local Kandahar government.

One insurgent slammed an explosives-rigged pickup truck into a checkpoint near the UNHCR's offices at about 6:10 a.m., and immediately afterward, three insurgents rushed into area, which houses several international aid organizations, the Interior Ministry said.

Following the bombing, five people — four security guards and the district police chief — were killed during the battle with the insurgents, the Interior Ministry said. Six people, including a policeman, were wounded.

The insurgents seized control of at least one building, and the ensuing gunbattle with Afghan and NATO forces lasted until 1 p.m., the ministry said.

The blast caused extensive damage to the UN agency's building. Associated Press video showed large chunks of the building's outer walls and its windows blown out, and the interior was in shambles. The street around the building was strewn with rubble.

The Taliban, for whom Kandahar is a traditional stronghold, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Spokesman Qari Yousef said the insurgents were targeting what he claimed was a guest house affiliated with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

More Resistance Action

October 29, 2011 Ocala.com

In Khost, insurgents opened fire on a car Friday night, killing four of the occupants, all of them drivers for foreign military supply vehicles.

Also on Saturday, a young female bomber on foot attacked government offices in eastern Asadabad city, wounding four, according to the chief of security for Kunar Province, Abdul Sabor Allayar. Guards at the Afghan intelligence service spotted the woman, who was wearing a burqa, and shot her to death before she could get close enough to cause much harm, he said.

FUTILE EXERCISE: ONLY 15 MILLION MORE TO GO: ALL HOME NOW!

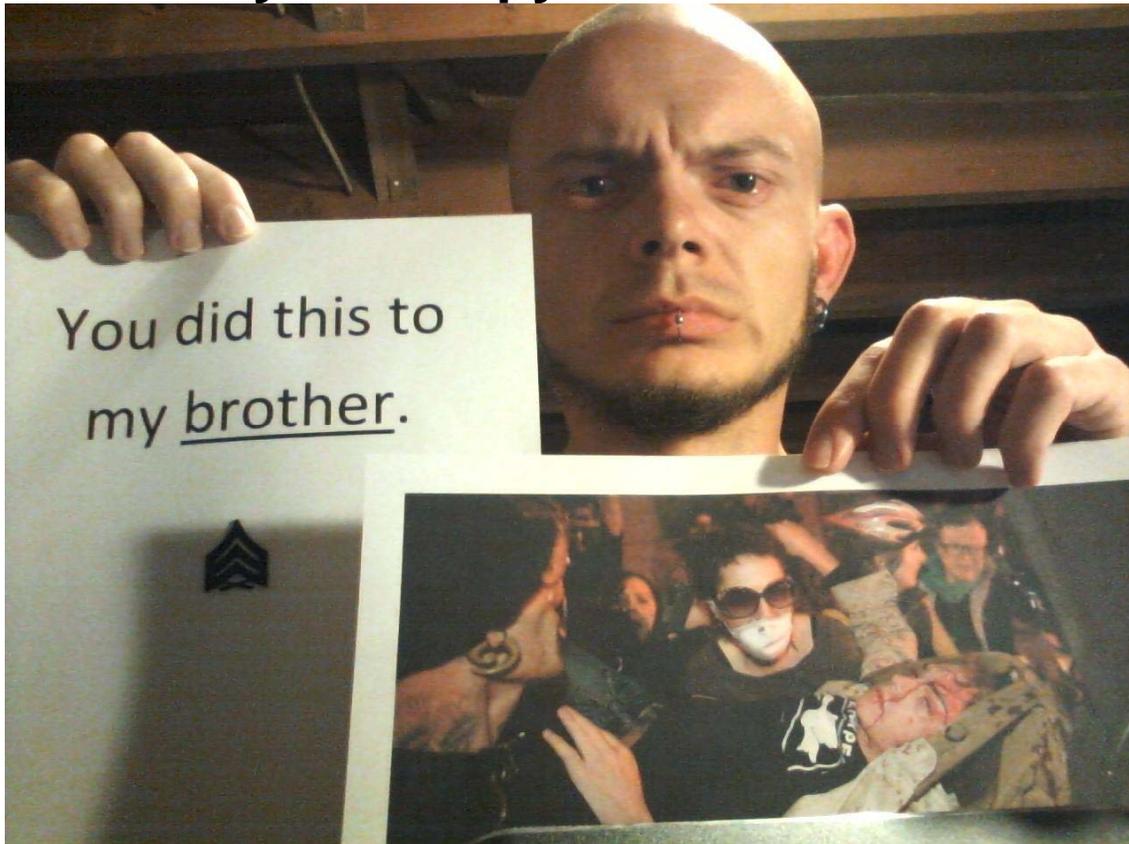


A US soldier runs to the site of a car bomber in Kabul, Afghanistan, Oct. 29, 2011. The car bomber struck a military convoy on the outskirts of Kabul on Saturday, causing casualties among foreign service members. (AP Photo/Muhammed Muheisen)...

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATIONS**

MILITARY NEWS

**Marines Around The World Are Outraged
By The Injuries Inflicted By Police On
Iraq Marine Veteran Scott Olsen At
Tuesday's Occupy Oakland Protests”**



Sgt. Jay C. Gentile, USMC [Ret'd]

[Thanks to Pham Binh & Sandy Kelson, Veteran, Military Resistance who sent this in.]

Oct. 27, 2011 Robert Johnson and Linette Lopez, Business Insider [Excerpts]

Marines around the world are outraged by the injuries inflicted by police on Scott Olsen at Tuesday's Occupy Oakland protests.

Olsen is in a medically-induced coma after getting hit in the head by a police projectile.

The following picture is taken from the Reddit thread "How I feel, as a United States Marine, about what occurred in Oakland."

This man is not alone. In the five hours since the thread went up there have been over 600 comments.

MORE:

**[From Olson's Hometown
Newspaper]
His Marine Uncle Says "I'm More
Proud Of What He's Done Since
He's Been Out Than When He Was
In"
"To Do Two Tours Over There And
Not A Scratch"
"All Of A Sudden He Comes Back Here
And A Damn Cop Hits Him With A
Projectile. It's Crap"**

[Thanks to Fabian Bouthillette & Sandy Kelson, Veterans & Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

October 27, 2011 KARI KNUTSON, La Crosse Tribune

Scott Olsen served two tours of duty in Iraq without injury. But on Wednesday night, the 24-year-old Onalaska native and former Marine was in critical condition at Highland Hospital in Oakland, Calif.

His family says police struck Olsen in the head with what's believed to be a tear gas canister during an Occupy Oakland march.

Olsen suffered a fractured skull Tuesday and was in critical condition Wednesday. On Thursday, he was upgraded to fair condition and moved from the emergency room to the intensive care unit, according to a hospital spokesman.

"It's just so damn ironic," said George Nygaard, Olsen's uncle.

"To do two tours over there and not a scratch. All of a sudden he comes back here and a damn cop hits him with a projectile. It's crap."

The hospital confirmed Olsen's condition. Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan said an internal review board and local prosecutors have been asked to determine whether officers on the scene used excessive force.

Nygaard, of Chaseburg, shares a special bond with his nephew.

Both were Marines, Olsen in Iraq and Nygaard in Vietnam.

"Once a Marine, always a Marine. There is that camaraderie," Nygaard said. "He is a brother as well as being a nephew."

Olsen graduated from Onalaska High School in 2005 and joined the Marines.

Olsen was discharged in 2010. In July, he moved to Daly City, Calif., where he's a systems analyst at OPSWAT, a San Francisco IT firm.

He became active in the antiwar movement when he returned.

Nygaard spoke with his nephew just a few nights ago when the two talked about the Occupy San Francisco movement that Olsen has been a part of. Nygaard told him to be careful but was shocked when he heard that Olsen had been injured.

Watching video of the incident makes Nygaard sick.

"There was no riot going on. I don't think they had to be that aggressive," Nygaard said. "I don't understand it."

His mother, Sandy Olsen, was told that the protesters were moving bike racks to separate themselves from the police when the altercation happened.

"We're very worried about him," Sandy Olsen said.

She watched in horror as footage that showed her son being carried off, bleeding from the head.

"I just wonder when all this is going to end," Sandy Olsen said.

Keith Shannon, 24, served with Olsen in Iraq and is also his roommate. He stood vigil with others at the hospital until family could arrive. Both are also members of Iraq Veterans Against the War.

Olsen was dedicated to the Occupy movement, working at his job during the day and joining the protest at night, Shannon said.

“In the last three weeks, he’s only been home a couple of nights,” Shannon said. “He’s been dedicated to this even though he has a good job, just trying to support the movement even though he’s not directly affected.”

Dottie Guy, also a member of Iraq Veterans Against the War, has been at the hospital since Tuesday night. She’d met Olsen only a few months ago but said he is always smiling, always positive.

“We’re running on hopes and dreams right now,” Guy said. “We’re all standing by and hoping he pulls through.”

Nygaard said he’s optimistic about his nephew’s recovery and hopes some good can come out of this.

“He’s a brilliant kid,” Nygaard said. “I’m more proud of what he’s done since he’s been out than when he was in.”

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**Israeli Ex-Soldier Facing Prison
Over Leaks:
Exposed Zionist Regime Policy Of
Assassinating Palestinians:
“She Had ‘Believed She Stumbled Onto
War Crimes’”**

30 Oct 2011 Al Jazeera and agencies

An Israeli court has sentenced a former soldier to four and a half years in prison for leaking classified military documents to a newspaper, which later reported allegations of a policy to assassinate Palestinian fighters.

A three-judge panel handed Anat Kamm a 54-month sentence and an additional 18-month suspended term on Sunday, with judges writing in the court document that they had found “the motive behind taking the documents was mainly ideological”.

Kamm, 24, copied more than 2,000 military documents from army computers between 2005 and 2007, when she served as a junior clerk in the office of the Israeli commander responsible for the illegally occupied West Bank.

About 700 were classified.

Avigdor Feldman, one of Kamm’s lawyers, said at the time she was convicted that she had “believed she stumbled onto war crimes.”

She later passed some of the information, including operational plans, personnel lists and lists of targets to Uri Blau, a correspondent for Israel’s Haaretz daily.

The newspaper subsequently reported in 2008 that senior army officers had authorised the assassination of Palestinian fighters, in a possible violation of Israeli law.

All of Blau’s stories were approved by Israel’s military censor before they were published, but the information contained within them led to a search for his source.

Kamm was arrested in December 2009, though her detention was made public only four months later. She has remained under house arrest throughout the proceedings against her.

Her case has sparked debate in Israel on the limits of press freedom in a nation where most men and women are subject to compulsory military conscription at 18, and go on to serve in the reserves, and many become privy to classified information.

Speaking to Al Jazeera, Dimi Reider, a +972mag.com contributing editor, said that the sentence is a blow to freedom of information and freedom of press.

“Sources will now think very carefully before approaching journalists; journalists will think very carefully before publishing documents; and soldiers stumbling onto what they suspect are war crimes will probably not approach anybody at all.”

In summing up Kamm’s sentence, the judges appeared to point at her case as a lesson to other soldiers.

“The military establishment is built on the service of young, motivated people who fill complicated and secret roles,” they wrote.

“If the army cannot trust the soldiers serving in various units and exposed to sensitive issues, then it cannot function as a regular army.”

Reider said: “The message that this sends to young soldiers is that if you see something illegal keep your mouth shut and do as you are told because if you talk about it your commanders will suffer no repercussions and you will go to jail.”

Israel has justified its assassination practice as necessary to combat and deter potential attackers, while saying it has refined its methods to kill its targets more precisely.

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

A revolution is always distinguished by impoliteness, probably because the ruling classes did not take the trouble in good season to teach the people fine manners.
-- Leon Trotsky, History Of The Russian Revolution

The Washington Post (Front Page Article About Drones)



[Photo by Mike Hastie]

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: October 17, 2011
Subject: The Washington Post (front page article about drones)

Just after the Drone demonstration at the White House, which was on October 8, 2011, I photographed this newspaper box. When I zoomed in later to check the date, I was floored to see that the date on the newspaper was September 21, 2011. I have no idea why that paper was in that box when it was October 8, 2011. In no way did I manipulate anything. I will just leave it at that....

**Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71**

Photo the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: 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

[Marine Corps General Smedley D. Butler (Ret'd) Speaks To The Veterans Bonus Army]

“We Are Divided, In America, Into Two Classes”

“On One Side, A Class Of Citizens Who Were Raised To Believe That The Whole Of This Country Was Created For Their Sole Benefit”

“On The Other Side, The Other 99 Per Cent Of Us, The Soldier Class, The Class From Which All Of You Soldiers Came”

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

We are divided, in America, into two classes: The Tories on one side, a class of citizens who were raised to believe that the whole of this country was created for their sole benefit, and on the other side, the other 99 per cent of us, the soldier class, the class from which all of you soldiers came.

10.19.2011: Re-published at <http://louisproyct.wordpress.com>. Louis Proyct writes: “My heartfelt thanks to the Veterans of Foreign War national office for sending me a copy of the article that appeared in their magazine Foreign Service in 1933.”

December 1933 Foreign Service [Excerpts]

On the Firing Line for the V. F. W.

America's most colorful military figure, Major General Smedley Butler, is "off to war" again!

He is responding to the V. F. W. "call to arms" by going on a speaking tour under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S.

Starting in Cincinnati on December 1st, he will visit ten different cities in as many states prepared to tell the truth about the vicious anti-veteran effects of the Economy Act.

He will tell the public—in his own inimitable way—just what he thinks of those who would make the veteran bear the brunt of the depression.

And he will preach the gospel of the V. F. W. to those overseas veterans who have not yet become members.

I HAVE been asked to give the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States some good advice.

Boys, there is no use giving you any advice.

You always do the right thing anyhow.

This outfit always does.

The V. F. W. isn't a knitting society; it is a real outfit and it always pleases me very much to be invited to meet with you because I just love to go every place soldiers ask me to go.

I have noticed that you are getting a little old, but you are the same lovable class of Americans as ever — dumb though you are. Anybody can put anything over on you but you are lovable just the same.

Usually soldiers don't know what it is all about.

Somebody beats a drum, somebody yells "Patriotism" and the soldiers go out, carry the guns, get shot, and, when there is no war, do all the suffering at home.

Peace times they suffer and in war times they bleed.

When you got ready to go to war to lick the Hun, what did you do?

You first learned how to fight, and a whole lot of brass-hats wrote a lot of instructions on how to shoot, how to march, how to do everything; so that you all marched together, keeping step.

You all spoke the same language. You all had the same objective and when anybody asked you your general orders, you all said the same thing.

Now what happens? There aren't any ten veterans in a hundred who will say the same thing to a man who asks them about a veterans' question. No positive information. My advice to every Post is to go to school.

We are divided, in America, into two classes: The Tories on one side, a class of citizens who were raised to believe that the whole of this country was created for their sole benefit, and on the other side, the other 99 per cent of us, the soldier class, the class from which all of you soldiers came.

That class hasn't any privileges except to die when the Tories tell them.

Every war that we have ever had was gotten, up by that class.

They do all the beating of the drums. Away the rest of us go.

When we leave, you know what happens. We march down the street with all the Sears-Roebuck soldiers standing on the sidewalk, all the dollar-a-year men with spurs, all the patriots who call themselves patriots, square-legged women in uniforms making Liberty Loan speeches.

They promise you. You go down the street and they ring all the church bells. Promise you the sun, the moon, the stars and the earth, — anything to save them.

Off you go.

Then the looting commences while you are doing the fighting. This last war made over 6,000 millionaires. Today those fellows won't help pay the bill.

All of these things you must be told so that you can present your case.

Remember, we can't win this alone. We have got to have the sympathy of all of our class of people.

Go out and make friends with the farmers; they are a scrapping outfit.

A man who is not for the soldiers is against them. There isn't any middle course.

If he hasn't got the courage to say yes for you, then lick hell out of him.

You can only lick him by every Post and every man going to school on your meeting nights, learning what it is all about with your instructions from your headquarters just as when you went to war. There is no difference between this battle and a sanguinary battle with guns.

Learn what you want, learn to be able to express yourselves. If I were the Commander of a Post, I would have a speaking class so that everybody would learn to get up and shoot off his mouth.

Bring into line all his family, all his friends, because the American people are absolutely fair.

It is only this damned Tory class that doesn't want this thing, doesn't want the veteran class cared for.

Stand by your own kind. That is what your conventions are for, to get together and learn to love each other all over again. Some of you have got falling chests and don't look exactly right but you rub shoulders and it all comes back.

There is a bond among soldiers who have slept in the mud together that nothing can supplant.

A whole lot of things face the veterans continually.

Right now we are all called upon to support the administration.

I know the soldiers; no matter what you tell them they are always going to support any president up to a certain point, but you must remember that you have two duties.

One is to your own flesh and blood, yourself and your family; and the next is your public duty.

Combined is another duty, equally important, and that is the duty to the people, the buddies who served with you, who have been hurt.

Go along, do the right thing.

At the same time, we must not desert the fellows among us who deserve help.

This organization, every other soldier organization, will disappear from the earth if you don't do something for your less fortunate comrades, the fellows who have done all the bleeding.

So just think it over. You have a whole lot to decide.

It will come, don't worry.

This is going to be a tough battle all the way through and you will have to be spanked and spanked and. spanked until you get mad enough to do something.

There is no class of people in the world which has been as abominably treated as the soldiers in the United States, and it is all your own fault because you haven't stood together.

Nobody joins hands, nobody joins together to fight a common battle for the class of people who do the dying.

Let me tell you again. Just get together, learn your lessons, be able to say them in your sleep. Get together, follow your leaders.

When you go down to Washington, you've got to growl and bite.

When you soldiers agree to lay aside your petty jealousies and personal ambitions and fight as you fought in wars, you'll get somewhere. Not until then will you get what you want.

You've got to get mad.

You've got to hate.

You've got to turn on these fellows who call you names such as "treasury raiders."

The only trouble with you veterans is that you still believe in Santa Claus.

It's time you woke up — it's time you realized there's another war on.

It's your war this time. Now get in there and fight.

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

Koch Brothers Worth Nearly Twice As Much Now as When Obama Elected (\$25 Billion Each - Forbes List)



CLASS WAR REPORTS



Occupy That Yacht -- Fort Lauderdale:

**“We Wanted To Bring Signs About Corporate Wealth And Display Those Against A Backdrop Of This Huge Row Of Yachts,
“You Have A Whole Bunch Of People Here Who Aren’t Even Political”**

“But They’re Angry And They’re Struggling, And Now They Belong To Something”



Occupy Fort Lauderdale

Oct 30, 2011 By Thomas Francis, Salon.com [Excerpts]

If America’s ultra-rich are feeling unappreciated, a trip to this weekend’s Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show seemed to offer some solace.

After all, it’s the world’s premier annual showcase for yachts, and the city bills itself unabashedly as the “Yachting Capital of the World.”

But this year, not all the residents were in a welcoming mood.

Members of Occupy Fort Lauderdale staged a demonstration Saturday afternoon, taking their placards on a nearly 3-mile march from downtown to the beach, where the boat show is being held.

Some 300 demonstrators participated, with the vast majority undeterred by a torrential downpour that began in the march’s first half-mile, on Las Olas Boulevard, a district lined with shops and restaurants.

Diners at tables sheltered by awnings marveled at the scene, documenting it with cell phone cameras.

Honking motorists echoed the chants of “We! Are! The 99 percent!”

Shop owners and servers stood in the doorways, some looking anxious, others inspired.

Appropriately for Fort Lauderdale, one of the leading organizers was a yacht captain, Adam Salater.

With a face and arms tanned by months of working in tropical seas, Salater admits that he had misgivings about staging the march, but he couldn't resist the opportunity to bring the movement to the scores of boat show visitors.

He marched at the front of a phalanx of demonstrators that stretched for a city block, carrying a banner that said, "We the People."

Asked if he was worried about being seen by a prospective employer, Salater said, "Yes, but I'm not going to hide. I'm not going to stand down."

Trusted to pilot boats worth millions, Salater's livelihood does not provide him with health insurance.

"You have a whole bunch of people here who aren't even political," another demonstrator Anthony Olivieri told me. "But they're angry and they're struggling, and now they belong to something,"

Street activism is a rare thing here.

The biggest city in Broward County, Fort Lauderdale's population is dominated by commuters to Miami, tourist industry workers and retirees — a mix that doesn't usually produce political demonstrations or high voter turnout. Its swank subdivisions are also home to some of the 1 percent.

Many of the same financiers who bundled mortgage-backed securities in New York vacation in Broward, which neighbors Miami to the south and Palm Beach to the north.

"This is part of their lifestyle, and it's a place where they depend on apathy," says Olivieri, adding that a protest in Fort Lauderdale may be more surprising to a member of the moneyed class than one in Madrid or Paris, if only because most South Floridians are in the habit of ignoring how Wall Street affects their lives.

Organizers of the march were careful to emphasize this was a demonstration "at" the boat show, not "against" the boat show, "because most of the people at the boat show are in the 99 percent — they don't own the 90-foot yachts," says Jessica Wilson, a student at Florida Atlantic University.

"We wanted to bring signs about corporate wealth and display those against a backdrop of this huge row of yachts, just to show the disparity."

Another demonstrator — we'll call him Jason — has recently left the industry, where his job was to clean yachts.

Jason, who's 31, describes an average day of arriving with his crew at an \$11 million yacht that was in pristine condition, then poring over it to find tiny smudges that they could wipe clean.

The pay was good and it came under the table, but for someone with a college education, says Jason, “it was spiritually degrading.” He couldn’t help thinking it was perverse, how “we serve these objects, but they’re not for us.”

Saturday’s march took the demonstrators through the Las Olas Isles, exclusive fingers of land that border the Intracoastal Waterway and are lined with multimillion dollar homes whose owners appreciate the privilege of being able to dock their yachts near their patios.

In this stretch support for the marchers became a bit spotty. “Get a fucking job!” screamed a man from the passenger seat of his black BMW. An SUV driver passed by holding out a thumbs-down.

The chanting continued during the 3-mile walk back downtown, even as the rain buffeted demonstrators, coming down at a rate of 3 inches per hour. No one complained — this South Florida chapter was hearing heard of the fierce winds and snow lashing their Occupy Wall Street brethren in the Northeast and they weren’t complaining.

“The rain is not tear gas,” smiled Olivieri, who has participated in anti-war protests that led to clashes with police. “It’s not snow. And it’s not rotten tomatoes.”



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“Anti-Government Rally In Eastern Sudan”

“They Were Chanting ‘People Are Hungry’ And ‘People Want The Overthrow Of The Government’”

October 30, 2011 Reuters

KHARTOUM - Hundreds of students staged an anti-government rally in eastern Sudan on Sunday, protesting against poverty and rising food prices, witnesses said.

Protests are rare in the African country but anger has been building up over a severe economic crisis with spiralling food prices. Several small anti-government protests took place in the capital Khartoum in the past few weeks.

Hundreds of students took to the streets in the eastern city of Kassala late on Sunday, several witnesses told Reuters.

“They were chanting ‘people are hungry’ and ‘people want the overthrow of the government,” one witness said, declining to be identified.

Kassala lies in an underdeveloped region near the border of Eritrea where anger has been simmering for a long time.

Opposition activists said a protest was held in Kassala two weeks ago when students initially demanded better study conditions. Since then anger has been building up over high inflation and a lack of economic development.

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