

***Truth in Recruiting* – "Don't Believe the Hype!"**

The Tulsa Peace Fellowship's Counter-Recruitment Update/Digest, for Feb 2010

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~Jason Hurd, an Iraq war veteran, and a member of Iraq Veteran's Against the War (IVAW)

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<http://notyoursoldiers.ning.com/>

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In the Vietnam War, up to 34% of American G.I.'s were addicted to heroin, from the Golden Triangle in southeast Asia.

Some 20 years later, 7,000 Vietnam veterans were still addicted or receiving treatment.

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## **\$650K in damages for recruiter sex assault**

By Chet Brokaw - The Associated Press

Friday Jan 8, 2010

PIERRE, S.D. — A settlement in a lawsuit will require the federal government to pay \$650,000 in damages to an Oglala Sioux woman who was sexually assaulted by an Army recruiter, the woman's lawyer said Thursday.

The settlement leaves intact a federal judge's ruling that an 1868 treaty with the Sioux required the government to pay damages for pain and suffering to Lavetta Elk, said attorney Adam Horowitz of Miami.

Judge Francis M. Allegra of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington ruled in April that Elk was entitled to more than \$590,000 in damages under treaty language that requires the government to reimburse Sioux tribe members who are injured by "any wrong" done by "bad men among the whites, or among other people subject to the authority of the United States."

Elk, a member of the Oglala Sioux tribe, chose to have her name released when she filed the lawsuit.

Elk was one of many young women who told officials a few years ago that they had been assaulted by recruiters after expressing interest in joining the military. More than 80 recruiters were disciplined in 2005 for sexual misconduct with potential enlistees, according to records obtained by the AP in 2006.

When Staff Sgt. Joseph Kopf, an Army recruiter, was supposedly taking Elk, then 19, to a military entrance processing center in 2003, he instead stopped in a remote area of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and kissed her and touched her breasts against her will, according to court records.

A military proceeding determined Kopf had committed indecent assault against Elk, and he was

reduced in rank and removed from recruiting duties, according to court documents.

In responding to the lawsuit, the government acknowledged that Kopf had assaulted Elk.

Elk eventually married and now lives in South Dakota with her husband and two children.

[http://www.armytimes.com/news/2010/01/ap\\_army\\_sexassault\\_ruling\\_010710/](http://www.armytimes.com/news/2010/01/ap_army_sexassault_ruling_010710/)

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## **Army Imprisons Soldier for Singing Against Stop-Loss Policy**

Friday 08 January 2010

by: Dahr Jamail, t r u t h o u t | Report

Army Specialist and Iraq war veteran Marc Hall was incarcerated by the US Army on December 11, 2009, in Liberty County Jail, Georgia, for recording a song that expresses his anger over the Army's stop-loss policy.

Stop-loss is a policy that allows the Army to keep soldiers active beyond the end of their signed contracts. According to the Pentagon, more than 120,000 soldiers have been affected by stop-loss since 2001, and currently 13,000 soldiers are serving under stop-loss orders.

Hall, (aka hip hop artist Marc Watercus), who is in the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, was placed in Liberty County Jail for the song (click here to listen to "Stop-Loss," by Marc Watercus), in which he angrily denounces the continuing policy that has barred him from exiting the military.

Military service members do not completely give up their rights to free speech, particularly not when they are doing so artistically while off duty, as was the case with Hall.

Hall planned to leave the military at the end of his contract on February 27, before his commander, Captain Cross at Fort Stewart, moved to have him incarcerated for the song. The military currently intends to keep Hall in pre-trial confinement until he is court-martialed, which is expected to be several months from now.

Hall is opposed to the occupation of Iraq, and had told his commander he would not deploy if ordered. His unit deployed to Iraq without him in mid-December, but this is not why Hall is in jail, as he was jailed before his unit was sent to Iraq.

"The military never ordered him to go [to Iraq], they put him in jail before that," Klimanski continued,

"They can't charge him with missing movement, because he couldn't go because they put him in jail. He told them he wanted out, he wouldn't go, but they didn't put him in jail for not going."

Jeff Paterson, the founder and director of the soldier advocacy group Courage to Resist, which is assisting Hall, told Truthout, "Marc's case is unique in that the military hasn't shown a propensity to go after these political speech cases for several years. Here, since he's an angry man who recorded a song, they are making him a target for having expressed his anger in an artistic way. We think this is an important case because it could set precedent for free speech rights for those in the military."

Klimanski, along with underscoring the importance of the case for the First Amendment, thinks the case highlights the military's ongoing use of stop-loss.



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<http://www.truthout.org/article/army-imprisons-soldier-singing-against-stop-loss-policy>

antiwar radio:

## Don't Let Your Kid Join the Military

--Elaine Brower says killing for empire is immoral

Scott Horton Interviews Elaine Brower

January 14, 2010

Elaine Brower discusses sanitized recruitment ads that target the unemployed, the uneducated and the urban inner city as part of the poverty draft. "They need more bodies to fill the war machine."

[MP3 here](#). (26:25)

byline: Elaine Brower is a military mom, activist with **Military Families Speak Out** and Drive Out the Bush Regime and a member of the National Steering Committee of World Can't Wait.

related antiwar TV:

**Generation Kill: You're going to go *kill* people, not build latrines.**

Aug 2004

What happens when those who've grown up on Hollywood war movies and graphic video games are sent to the frontline? This is a war fought by the first playstation generation. As Rolling Stones journalist Evan Wright explains: "One thing about them is they kill very well in Iraq."

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[YouTube here](#). (6:49)

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book review: the war in pictures

# The Pictures of War You Aren't Supposed to See

Jan 4, 2010

By Chris Hedges

Filmic and most photographic images of war are shorn of the heart-pounding fear, awful stench, deafening noise and exhaustion of the battlefield. Such images turn confusion and chaos, the chief element of combat, into an artful war narrative. They turn war into porn. Soldiers and Marines, especially those who have never seen war, buy cases of beer and watch movies like "Platoon," movies meant to denounce war, and as they do so revel in the despicable power of the weapons shown. The reality of violence is different. Everything formed by violence is senseless and useless. It exists without a future. It leaves behind nothing but death, grief and destruction.

In Peter van Agtmael's "[2nd Tour Hope I don't Die](#)" and Lori Grinker's "[Afterwar: Veterans From a World in Conflict](#)," two haunting books of war photographs, we see pictures of war which are almost always hidden from public view.

For the full review, including sample photos, go online to:

[http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/the\\_pictures\\_of\\_war\\_you\\_arent\\_supposed\\_to\\_see\\_20100104/](http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/the_pictures_of_war_you_arent_supposed_to_see_20100104/)

## Afghan War Kills 3 Children a Day: Report

Thursday, January 7, 2010

Agence France Presse

by Lynne O'Donnell

KABUL - Children are the biggest victims of the war in Afghanistan, with more than 1,050 people under 18 years old killed last year alone, according to an Afghan human rights watchdog.

Children were also press-ganged, sexually exploited, deprived of health and education, and illegally detained by all sides in a war that is dragging into its ninth year since the U.S.-led invasion toppled the Taliban regime.

"At least three children were killed in war-related incidents every day in 2009 and many others suffered in diverse but mostly unreported ways," ARM director Ajmal Samadi said.

The Western-backed government has failed to introduce or implement laws to protect children against the abuses of war or "bring alleged criminals and abusers to justice," Samadi said.

ARM called on the Afghan authorities to set up an official child protection body and liaise with the warring parties on child rights.

The report by ARM, an independent rights monitoring group set up in Kabul in 2008, comes after the United Nations said civilian deaths in Afghanistan rose 10.8 per cent in the first 10 months of 2009.

Reports that foreign forces killed eight students in Kunar province on December 26 caused widespread

outrage, including U.S. flag-burning demonstrations in two cities, though reports of what happened varied widely.

Civilian deaths at the hands of foreign forces fuel distrust between the Afghan population, the government and U.S. and NATO troops.

U.S. General Stanley McChrystal, commander of foreign forces in Afghanistan, has ordered civilian casualties be kept to a minimum, yet as more troops pour in, a higher death rate is inevitable, experts say.

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## **Single mother charged for refusing Army deployment to take care of her infant son**

Russ Bynum, AP News

Jan 13, 2010

The Army said Wednesday it has filed criminal charges against a single-mom soldier who refused to deploy to Afghanistan last year, because she had no family able to care for her infant son.

Spc. Alexis Hutchinson, a 21-year-old Army cook, could face a prison sentence and a dishonorable discharge if she is convicted by a court-martial. But first, an officer will be appointed to decide if there's enough evidence to try a case against her.

Hutchinson's attorney, Rai Sue Sussman, said she still hopes the case can be settled without a military trial. She said the Army should consider Hutchinson's reason for not deploying overseas — that she was afraid of what would happen to her baby.

"There are other routes if they really want to punish her," Hutchinson's attorney, Rai Sue Sussman, said Wednesday. "I don't think the situation was serious enough to warrant a criminal matter."

Hutchinson of Oakland, Calif., was scheduled to deploy from Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah on Nov. 5. She skipped her unit's flight, saying the only relative she had to take care of her 10-month-old son — her mother — was overwhelmed by the task and backed out a few days before Hutchinson's departure date.

Sussman said the soldier was afraid to show up for her overseas flight because one of her superiors had told her she would have to deploy and turn her child over to the state foster care system.

According to the Defense Department's latest demographic report, there are more than 70,500 single parents on active duty in the U.S. military — about 5 percent of all service members.

<http://wire.antiwar.com/2010/01/13/army-charges-single-mom-who-refused-deployment-2/>

## **Wife of military leader says military spouses at risk for suicide, need help**

Kimberly Hefling, AP News

Jan 13, 2010

The wife of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff had a message Wednesday for those trying to prevent military suicides: Don't forget the spouses.

Deborah Mullen said Army leaders told her that they lack the ability to track suicide attempts by family members of Army personnel.

"I was stunned when I was told there are too many to track," Mullen said, speaking on stage at a military suicide prevention conference next to her husband, Adm. Mike Mullen.

She urged the military to get a better handle on the problem and implement prevention measures with spouses in mind.

"There's another side to this and that's family members who commit suicide," Mrs. Mullen said. "It's our responsibility. These are our family members."

<http://wire.antiwar.com/2010/01/13/wife-says-military-spouses-also-face-suicide-risk-2/>

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-TALK (8255)**

## **US Army Suicides in 2009 a New Record**

160 Deaths Topped Previous Record in 2008

by Jason Ditz, January 15, 2010

Calling 2009 a "painful year," the US Army announced today that it faced a record number of suicides among Army personnel, with 160 active-duty soldiers taking their own lives. Deployment away from family is just one issue facing soldiers

This surpassed the previous record of 140 in 2008, and the previous record before that was 115 in 2007. The Army has been keeping track of suicides since 1980, with the level suddenly rising to epidemic levels in recent years.



But despite the expectation that endless combat deployments would be playing a role in the deaths, officials say that about 1/3 of the soldiers who took their lives this year hadn't yet been sent on any combat missions

<http://news.antiwar.com/2010/01/15/us-army-suicides-in-2009-a-new-record/>

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## **Soldier accidentally kills self with gun**

January 08, 2010 AP

CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA -- A Panhandle Army paratrooper on leave from Iraq accidentally shot and killed himself while showing his family his new handgun, investigators say.

Army Specialist Andrew Steven Faulkner, 21, died New Year's Day in Crestview.

Sheriff's investigators say he was showing relatives a Glock .40 caliber handgun when he accidentally fired it into his chest while trying to remove the magazine from the weapon.

Faulkner had been on leave since November following a yearlong deployment with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division to Iraq.

<http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/news/florida/floSTATE010810.htm>

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## **Bombing mistake: 4 Afghan Army Soldiers Killed by U.S. Occupation**

A joint U.S.-Afghan force called in an airstrike on what turned out to be an Afghan army post after taking fire from there Saturday, killing four Afghan soldiers and prompting a demand for punishment from the country's defense ministry. NATO and Afghan authorities described the clash around an outpost in Wardak province southwest of Kabul as a case of mistaken identity. NATO called the attack "unfortunate" and promised an investigation.

[http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/nationworld/2010940043\\_afghanstrategy31.html](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/nationworld/2010940043_afghanstrategy31.html)

## **Lawsuit could help thousands of veterans with PTSD**

By Paul Courson, CNN  
January 25, 2010

Washington (CNN) -- The Defense Department has agreed to expedite the claims of possibly thousands of Iraq and Afghanistan military veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder but have been denied benefits, a veterans group announced Monday.

More than 4,000 veterans could be eligible for benefits available from a class-action lawsuit if they left

the military because of PTSD, the veterans' advocacy group National Veterans Legal Services said at a press conference in Washington.

The original class-action suit was filed in December 2008 by seven veterans who suffer from PTSD but who were denied a required rating to make them eligible for a variety of long-term benefits.

A federal judge in Washington last month accepted a list of some 4,300 veterans who may also have been improperly denied the benefits. A court-authorized mailing is now going out to veterans on the list, telling them they can join the suit if they qualify.

"The legal notice gives thousands of veterans the right to join this class action under terms that are likely to result in millions of dollars in monetary and health care benefits," said Bart Stichman, a spokesman for National Veterans Legal Services.

Eligible veterans who respond to the notices will receive an expedited review of their disability rating and, if applicable, a correction of their military records to comply with the law. Benefits then would begin for six months until a further review and resolution of each medical case to establish permanent, long-term payouts.

"I fought one war for my country abroad, but I now am fighting a different battle here at home," said former U.S. Marine Cpl. Tyler Einarson, 28, "the battle to get health care benefits to which I and thousands of other servicemen are entitled."

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/01/25/veterans.ptsd/>

## **Iraqis authorize government to sue Blackwater**

Iraqis sign up for government-led class-action civil lawsuit against Blackwater

AP News  
Jan 18, 2010

Iraq's government has started collecting signatures for a class-action lawsuit from victims who were wounded or lost family in incidents involving the U.S. private security firm formerly known as Blackwater.

The head of the prime minister's legal consultation office said Monday the government will seek compensation for a string of incidents, including the 2007 killing of 17 civilians in Nisoor Square.

The official, Fadhil Mohammed Jawad, says there is no deadline to receive the authorizations. He refused to give a date for the lawsuit.

<http://wire.antiwar.com/2010/01/18/iraqis-authorize-government-to-sue-blackwater-2/>

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## U.S. Troops Increasingly Unwelcome in Japan

Written by James Heiser  
30 December 2009

Okinawa - As reported by TheNewAmerican.com several months ago, the United States is presently shifting tens of thousands of military personal and family members from bases in Japan to expanded facilities in the U.S. territory of Guam, with the Japanese government paying over a third of the cost of the relocation. A major reason for the redeployment of these troops is the increased tensions between American service personnel and the surrounding communities in Okinawa.

As the United States approaches the 65th anniversary of Victory over Japan Day, perhaps a more reasonable question would be: Should our troops come home now?

With approximately 47,000 troops in Japan six and a half decades after the conclusion of the Second World War, the cost of such a deployment, and the implications for souring relations with that nation, are considerations which cannot be ignored.

<http://www.thenewamerican.com/index.php/usnews/foreign-policy/2661-us-troops-increasingly-unwelcome-in-japan>

## Civilians Slain as Latest US Drone Strike on North Waziristan Kills Five

**Teacher, Nine Year Old Among 'Militants' Pakistan Declares Slain**

by Jason Ditz, January 03, 2010

Another US drone flattened a house near Miramshah in the North Waziristan Agency today, killing the five people inside. The attack was the third strike in the immediate area in the past few days.

Pakistani intelligence officials, as usual, declared the site a “militant hideout” and touted the strike as having killed “five militants.” Such claims are usually the end of any investigation into the identities of the victims of a US strike.

But unofficially, the government is acknowledging that two of the victims are a schoolteacher and his nine year old son, whose home was the target of the attack. The other three have not been identified.

Recent reports suggested that in 2009, the vast majority of those slain in the US drone strikes, over 700 people, were innocent civilians.



<http://news.antiwar.com/2010/01/03/civilians-slain-as-latest-us-drone-strike-on-north-waziristan-kills-five/>

more coverage:

## **US Killed 700 Civilians in Pakistan Drone Strikes in 2009**

**'Year of the Drone Strike' Netted Only Five Actual Militant Leaders**

by Jason Ditz, January 02, 2010

On January 1, 2009, a US drone strike killed two senior al-Qaeda leaders, the first in what then President-elect Barack Obama had said would be a dramatic escalation of the aerial bombardment of Pakistan's tribal area.

And escalate it did. The US launched 44 distinct drone strikes in Pakistan in 2009, far more than in previous years.

On June 22, 2009, the US struck at a house officials called a "suspected militant hideout," burying a few locals inside. When others rushed to the scene to rescue them, they launched another missile, killing 13 apparently innocent Pakistanis. When they held a funeral procession on June 23, the US hit that too, ostensibly on the belief that Baitullah Mehsud might be among the mourners. He wasn't, but the attack killed at least 80 more people.

The vast majority of the deaths, around 700 according to one estimate, have been innocent civilians. With such a massive civilian toll and so little to show for it, it is no wonder that Pakistani people have been up in arms over the continued strikes.

<http://news.antiwar.com/2010/01/02/us-killed-700-civilians-in-pakistan-drone-strikes-in-2009/>

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## **IDF on brink of abyss over **draft dodging****

Army's Personnel Directorate chief says number of Jewish youths evading military service may reach 40% over next decade

Shmulik Hadad, 01.13.2010 / Israel News

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3834123,00.html>

related news:

**Israeli Knesset reaffirms religious grounds for refusing to serve in military**

Coalition quashes bill meant to curb **religious draft dodging**

12.30.09, 15:34 / Israel News

House votes 63 to 29 against a motion to toughen terms under which girls can get **religious exemption** from IDF service

# epitaph for this edition of "Truth in Recruiting"

“To get you to join up they do all these advertisements—they show people skiing down mountains and doing great things—but they don’t show you getting shot at and people with their legs blown off or burning to death. They don’t show you what really happens. It’s just bullshit. And they never prepare you for it. They can give you all the training in the world, but it’s never the same as the real thing. They program you to have no emotion—like if somebody sitting next to you gets killed you just have to carry on doing your job and shut up. When you leave the service, when you come back from a situation like that, there’s no button they can press to switch your emotions back on. So you walk around like a zombie. They don’t deprogram you. If you become a problem they just sweep you under the carpet.”

~Steve Annabell, a British veteran of the Falklands War

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who we are:

***The Tulsa Peace Fellowship** is the activist wing of the peace movement in Eastern Oklahoma. TPF offers citizens and community groups tools and resources to participate personally in our democracy, to help shape federal budget and policy priorities, and to promote peace, social and economic justice, and human rights. TPF is a registered non-profit organization and a non-partisan civic-sector organization, loosely affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Restoration, north side of Tulsa.*

## **"Waging Peace One Person at a Time".**

Through its counter-recruitment task force, TPF is a member of the **National Network in Opposition to the Militarization of Youth (NNOMY)** representing some 188 counter-recruitment groups in cities and towns across the country. On the web: [http://www.nnomy.org/joomla/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=216&Itemid=91](http://www.nnomy.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=216&Itemid=91)

Tulsa Peace Fellowship is open to members of third parties, progressives, Democrats, Republicans, libertarians, etc. If you have not already done so, please join the **new social networking tool for TPF on Ning**, in lieu of TPFtalks on yahoogroups, which has fallen into disuse. Thank you! You can check out our new tool here: <http://tulsapeacefellowship.ning.com> (new for 2009). Also still going strong: our announcement list on yahoo! [tulsapeace@yahoogroups.com](mailto:tulsapeace@yahoogroups.com) (since 2002). Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/> and search for "tulsapeace"

If you enjoyed this news digest and/or found this update useful, please consider making a donation of time, money, or effort to the Tulsa Peace Fellowship. Details on tax status available.

info for TPF counter-recruitment-- contact by phone 918 906 0828

**The next monthly anti-war demo in Tulsa** is scheduled for  
**Saturday Feb 6th 2010, 12noon to 2pm, with the theme: "U.S. Out of Afghanistan Now!"**  
Details online: <http://tulsapeacefellowship.ning.com/events/out-of-afghanistan-1>

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Fellowship will be held  
**on Thursday, February 11th 2010, 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM @ the UU Church of the Restoration, in Tulsa, just north of downtown**

--including members from other local non-partisan groups such as the Tulsa chapter of "Students for Liberty," the Tulsa chapter of "Season for Non-Violence," the Tulsa University chapter of Amnesty International, ImpeachOK1.org, TulsaTruth.org, the Center for Racial Justice in Tulsa, the Tulsa Interfaith Alliance, Pax Christi, and the Green Country Quakers

Come join us! Especially parents, guardians, and students in the Tulsa Public Schools system who are interested in countering the presence of military recruiters on school grounds.

An archive of TPF counter-recruitment updates and other related TPF material is available to members online:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tulsapeace/>

You must sign in to yahoo! groups to see the archived "message history"

TPF messages have been archived online since 2002

TPF was founded some 30 years ago.

Current membership online: 753 (including 687 subscribers through Yahoogroups, 64 subscribers through Ning, our preferred network since 2009)

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Ten excellent reasons not to join the military:

- a.. You May Be Killed, Even By Mistake
- b.. You May Kill Others Who Do Not Deserve to Die
- c.. You May Be Injured
- d.. You May Not Receive Proper Medical Care
- e.. You May Suffer Long-term Health Problems
- f.. You May Be Lied To
- g.. You May Face Discrimination
- h.. You May Be Asked to Do Things Against Your Beliefs
- i.. You May Find It Difficult to Leave the Military
- j.. You Have Other Choices, including the Choice to Learn a Marketable Skill

for more info:

<http://www.10reasonsbook.com/medcare.htm>