

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

### **The Tulsa Peace Fellowship's Counter-Recruitment Update/Digest, for April 2010**

Lead Story: Reality Check

#### **U.S. Military Repeatedly Fails to Meet Recruiting Goals (But DoD Cleverly Cooks the Books and Claims Success)**

--**Veterans for Commonsense** deems U.S. recruiting claims laughable

--rash of recruiter suicides reveals outlandish pressure on them to enlist **unwilling teenagers**

--**success of counter-recruitment efforts** attributed to sobering effects of Iraq & Afghanistan imperial follies

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~Veterans for Common Sense (VCS), press release Jan 2010, in response to war propaganda published in *The Christian Science Monitor*

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Did you know Pat Tillman, **killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan**, was an atheist? The army nonetheless insisted on prayers at his funeral. The army apparently also burned his uniform. Gen. McChrystal is accused of trying to cover up the circumstances of Tillman's death/murder.

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"I'm proud of the members of our State Board. They listened intently to the comments of the public. Then, they voted unanimously to make the improvements. That's the way government is supposed to work."

Bill Bryant, TPF Advisor, March 25th

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--missed this one when it came out for Thanksgiving, November 2009

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-- The drug **Seroquel**'s ability to cause cardiac arrest and sudden death is well-known.

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"When six people die from peanut butter we shut the factories down, but **at least 87 military men have died in the past six years on Seroquel** and similar drugs and no alarm sounds,"

~Stan White, who lost a son due to a sudden, inexplicable death, while his son was being treated for PTSD

quote:

"There is no cure for PTSD, especially not in a magic pill,"

~the Vande Burgt

related story:

### **Drugged Up G.I.'s**

--the government has spent \$1 billion on "common pain and psychiatric medications" for **shell-shocked soldiers** from 2001 to 2009

--*The American Conservative* wonders: How far will the military go to keep PTSD victims perambulating in a warzone?

facts & figures:

Antiepileptic drugs, also known as anticonvulsants, were among the most commonly used psychiatric medications. Annual orders for these drugs increased about 70 percent, while spending more than doubled, from \$16 million to \$35 million

source: *The Military Times*

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--part of the **Undeclared War** against Pakistan, and Obama's escalation of hostilities

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--expert in international law assesses remote-controlled murder and deems it a capital offense

--another expert says U.S. officials could be dragged in front of the Hague Court

--assassination from a distance is a cowardly way to fight, according to Geneva Conventions

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--He was fine when he went to Iraq, but what happened there killed him and another after he returned home

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--Marines in question are accused of killing 24 Iraqis in Haditha, including unarmed women and children in their homes

--the late U.S. Rep. John Murtha, an ardent critic of the war, said the Marine squad **killed civilians "in cold blood."**

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**There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world: and that is an idea whose time has come.**

~Victor Hugo

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*lead story*

## **Reality: Military Repeatedly Fails to Meet Recruiting Goals (But DoD Cleverly Cooks the Books and Claims Success)**

Written by VCS

Saturday, 02 January 2010

We progressives need to kill the myth of “successful” military recruiting dreamed up by someone who must read military press releases and then regurgitate them whole.

The national recruiting failure is so bad, and the pressure on recruiters so overwhelming, that Houston, Texas recently saw a cluster of Army recruiter suicides, according to the Houston Chronicle.

In reality, the military failed to reach new enlistment goals for the past decade. The military accomplished this by manipulating, and thereby significantly lowering, the number of new recruits needed to fill the ranks. The military accomplished this voodoo bookkeeping by relying upon more than 500,000 individual National Guard and Reserve service members to fill recruiting shortages. The true number is even higher because many Guard and Reserve activated and deployed twice or more.

While Holmes claims “success” for military recruiting, the Pentagon’s top leaders actually cheated and lied with statistics by using “stop loss,” the horrible policy that forcibly kept nearly 200,000 additional service members on active duty months after their enlistment contract was over, thus temporarily inflating the number of troops in the military, and reducing the number of new recruits needed.

Furthermore, the military has spent billions of dollars on advertising and more recruiters to make the

hard sell to potential recruits to go to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Billions more were spent on cash bonuses in a desperate attempt to increase enlistment and re-enlistment. In a time of the worst economic collapse in 80 years, the financial incentives (cash, healthcare, housing, college, and citizenship) are enormous for low-income Americans as well as non-citizen residents. The military also raised the age limit and lowered standards to allow more people to qualify.

Therefore, let us put a stake through the heart of the media / military myth claiming the military has met recruiting goals: the military has been short at least 700,000 new recruits the past decade, a minimum of 70,000 per year, by cooking the books just like Ken Lay (remember Enron?) and Bernie Madoff (and how he stole \$50 billion?).

The bottom line failure of the two current wars is that, after nine years, our government has no plan to handle the 480,000 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans (out of 2.2 million deployed) who have flooded into Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals and clinics. Half of new VA patients from the two wars are diagnosed with at least one mental health condition. The deployment of 30,000 new troops and tens of thousands of contractors / mercenaries to Afghanistan will only further exacerbate the problems. The military personnel shortage, along with poor planning for war, has forced the military to deploy more than 800,000 troops twice or more, with many fighting in combat for one year three or four times.

Yes, the situation is dire for our veterans. Veterans for Common Sense expects up to one million casualties from the two current wars, half of whom will suffer from traumatic brain injury or post traumatic stress disorder, by the end of 2013. Over the next 40 years, the estimated cost to taxpayers is up to \$1 trillion. As "60 Minutes" will report on Sunday, January 3, more than one million veterans are now waiting for disability benefits from VA, a clear example of how our Federal Government remains unable to meet the crushing demand for assistance.

<http://www.veteransforcommonsense.org/index.php/national-security/1549-vcs>

Also see related story, below: "G.I. Drugged" which explains how the U.S. military is knowingly rotating mentally damaged / sick soldiers into combat, to keep inflated numbers of troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, for the prolonged occupations of those two countries

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**You Too Can Be An Anti-Recruiter**

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March 27, 2010

Stan Hemry, member of the [Arizona Counter-Recruitment Coalition](#), discusses the [private information](#) made available to military recruiters through the No Child Left Behind Act, the best way to limit access to student records and [opt-out](#) of aggressive recruitment, the effective tactics of counter-recruitment and the role Gen. Stanley McChrystal played in the manipulation of Pat Tillman's image and the coverup of his death.

[MP3 here](#). (27:33)

Stan Hemry works with The Arizona Counter-Recruitment Coalition, a group of students, teachers, parents, veterans, and workers from the Phoenix metro area who provide information and perspectives to counter-balance the one-sidedness of military recruiters.

<http://antiwar.com/radio/2010/03/27/stan-hemry/>

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### **Does Avatar Depict Modern American Wars Over Resources?**

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--on youtube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6lRHWV1BJM>

(March,9,2010)The new Hollywood blockbuster Avatar is a story about American military imperialism occupying foreign territory in order to get resources, blogger and activist David Swanson argued to RT. He pointed out some uncomfortable parallels with America's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are people in the way and those people have to be moved or have to be killed, he said. It is stunning to watch millions of Americans go and pack theaters and cheer for a movie in which those foreigners, those resisters, those equivalents of the American Indians or the Iraqi resistance or Afghan resistance, are made into the heroes and the US mercenaries and the US soldiers are made into the villains, Swanson said. It is an incredible reversal.

For one thing, Iraqis are not 12 feet tall and blue with pointed ears, joked Swanson. But this is a story about American military force at the bidding of a corporation interested in a natural resource that is under someone else's ground, going and trying to win the hearts and minds in a rather ham-handed manner and failing, and trying to use brute force to drive people out.

We have killed hundreds of thousands, almost certainly over a million Iraqis, he added. We have driven millions of Iraqis out of their nation, and we have done this in a place very rich in natural resources, which was among the motivations for going in there.

file under: What to teach our kids about invasion of Iraq?

### **Unanimous Vote De-Links Iraq War from Terrorism**

The Oklahoma State Board of Education has agreed to a new standard for teaching U.S. History and World History that will look at the causes and consequences of the U.S.-led war in Iraq -- without describing a linkage to terrorism.

In summary, the board approved a revised statement of standards for the teaching of history in Oklahoma schools. The original proposal -- which conflated globalization, terrorism, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan -- was broken down into component elements.

By treating each element separately, the board effectively backed away from making any prescribed statements about the motives of those who launched the invasion of Iraq.

It appears that the members of the State Board of Education are encouraging Oklahoma students to learn about history by using their higher-order thinking skills -- evaluation, comparison, analysis.

The dramatic decision came after the board heard from dozens of online petitioners, letter writers, and

four speakers who appeared at a public hearing on Thursday.

The revised standard will include an element requiring students to, "Compare and assess the causes, conduct, and consequences of the U.S.-led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq." Omitted from the new standard is any attempt to describe a reason for the Iraq War.

The proposed standard had drawn criticism because it characterized the war as a response of the U.S. government to terrorism.

Myrtle Dill was one of the speakers who urged the board to make the change. In an online statement, Ms. Dill wrote to the members of the board, "History textbooks must be of the highest standards using information that is factual, accurate, truthful and objective and protected from political bias and propaganda." She traveled from Weatherford to make a personal statement before the board.

<http://www.oklahomacitizen.org/2010/03/26/oklahoma-board-education-rolls-back-proposed-terror-standard>

### **Rev. Lang: Christians must stop going to war**

by: Rev. Rich Lang

November 18, 2009

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As the long war continues, I become more convinced that all who claim to follow the way of Jesus must increasingly confront the empty morality of the military establishment. There is, I believe, a moral argument for force. I affirm that the military, to the extent that they use limited violence, is a moral necessity given the lawlessness, greed and brutality of the real world in which we live. Essentially, I affirm the traditional case for the right of self-defense and defense of the neighbor. I can certainly understand how military usage can stop genocides, preventing the bursting forth of the demons of revenge and bloodlust. I can grasp that the military response to Nazi Germany had moral foundations.

But we no longer live in a world where we are even pretending to abide by the constraints of a just war tradition, or where we offer the pretense of defending ourselves or our neighbors against imminent danger. Our invasions of Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan are no different than any other imperial quest for dominance. We are there for the oil, gas and water. We are there for the same reason that we now have well over 800 military franchises spread throughout the earth. Our military is the muscle behind the immorality of corporate pillage. It's plain and simple. Our wars are market wars. Those who participate in the military are now servants of no greater cause than the financial benefit of a sliver-like, snake infested, tiny elite of stratospherically wealthy whores of hell. The nobility of being over there for the advance of democracy, liberty and justice, the nobility of standing up for those who cannot stand up for themselves, themselves: these are simply the puffs of publicly spun propaganda. Follow the money and the dots get connected. I say this not out of cynicism but as a religious observation. The god of our nation, the only thing holding us together, is our allegiance to the almighty dollar. Our troops serve the interest and fight under the banner of this god.

It is in this context of religious symbols, loyalty to the God of Jesus versus loyalty to the Almighty Dollar, that I have come to the growing conviction that the church has a moral responsibility to confront the deceptions of our military expansion. Politically, what this means is advocacy for military budget reductions along with the dismantling of our global bases. Ecclesiastically, the church should



increase its therapeutic care for veterans even as it increases its commitment to counter-recruiting. But on a deeper, more intimate level, the church must begin to withdraw its support of the military through an insistence that Christians no longer serve in the armed forces. We must insist that it is not acceptable to offer bread and wine with one hand, while killing for corporate profit with the other. That would be step one.

<http://www.realchangenews.org/index.php/site/archives/3459/>

## **New Era for Coffeehouses Rooted in Anti-War Tradition**

By Jon R. Anderson - Army Times

Sunday Mar 7, 2010

LAKESWOOD, Wash. — Seth Manzel is an Iraq veteran with an ash-black crucifix tattoo on his forearm; he wears his hair short, as if he were still an infantry squad leader. At home, he has a safe full of guns. At work, he's the strong-arm night guard for a rough-and-tumble motel.

But by day, he helps run a coffee shop just outside Fort Lewis, where war fighters mingle with anti-war activists over hot brew and heated discussion.

Manzel soldiered on but with increasing remorse.

"I feel like I've definitely done some things that are pretty horrific and that I've got a debt to the world to work off," he said.

Coffeehouse strong

Part of his penance, Manzel said, is paid by serving free coffee to GIs and helping those who might have second thoughts about their role in the military.

Dubbed **Coffee Strong**, Manzel's java joint is one of a handful of military-friendly — but decidedly anti-war — outposts that have popped up over the past few years, with varying degrees of success. In many respects, they are the spiritual — if less radical — heirs of the coffeehouses that were common near military bases in the tumultuous Vietnam era.

Among the new breed:

- **Under the Hood Café:** Cynthia Thomas, an 18-year Army wife, launched this café just outside Fort Hood, Texas, about a year ago, when her husband was sent on his third deployment.

It's "a place for soldiers to gather, relax and speak freely about the wars and the military," according to the café's Web site. "Support services for soldiers include referrals for counseling, legal advice and information on GI rights."

- **Norfolk OffBase:** "Our model, rather than a full-bore coffeehouse, is more of a resource and organizing center," director and former soldier Tom Palumbo said. Located in a converted warehouse in Virginia's Hampton Roads area, OffBase offers referrals to a volunteer network of legal, mental health, housing and financial assistance.



- **A Different Drummer Café:** This café, considered the first modern GI coffeehouse to set up shop, opened outside Fort Drum, N.Y., in November 2006. Although it shut down about a year ago, its Web site, run by Vietnam veterans, remains an active voice in the Fort Drum community.

Peace-loving tradition

Percolating up as part of the late 1960s peace movement, a slew of coffeehouses served up brew and small pamphlets outside military bases during most of the Vietnam War.

Only one from that era remains on active duty: the **Quaker House** outside Fort Bragg, N.C., which opened on a quiet residential street in 1969. Its motto now: “40 years of front-line peace witness — and just getting started.”

“It’s been quite a ride,” said Chris McCallum, author of “Yes to the Troops — No to the War,” which chronicles the Quaker House story. “Jane Fonda came and went. So did ’60s radicalism. The house was spied on and firebombed. But since Sept. 11, it’s been more active than ever.”

The modern variety of GI coffeehouse is not nearly as strident as those of bygone days.

Norfolk OffBase is often misunderstood, Palumbo said.

“We’re not all the crazed radicals some would paint us as,” he said. “You don’t have to be disagreeable to disagree.”

You also don’t have to be a pacifist to oppose fighting, he said,

[http://www.armytimes.com/news/2010/03/offduty\\_coffeehouses\\_030110w/](http://www.armytimes.com/news/2010/03/offduty_coffeehouses_030110w/)

### **Are Veterans Being Given Deadly Cocktails to Treat PTSD?**

A potentially deadly drug manufactured by pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca has been linked to the deaths of soldiers returning from war. Yet the FDA continues to approve it.

By Martha Rosenberg

March 6, 2010

Sgt. Eric Layne's death was not pretty.

A few months after starting a drug regimen combining the antidepressant Paxil, the mood stabilizer Klonopin and a controversial anti-psychotic drug manufactured by pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca, Seroquel, the Iraq war veteran was "suffering from incontinence, severe depression [and] continuous headaches," according to his widow, Janette Layne.

Soon he had tremors. " ... [H]is breathing was labored [and] he had developed sleep apnea," Layne said.

Janette Layne, who served in the National Guard during Operation Iraqi Freedom along with her husband, told the story of his decline last year, at official FDA hearings on new approvals for Seroquel. On the last day of his life, she testified, Eric stayed in the bathroom nearly all night battling acute urinary retention (an inability to urinate). He died while his family slept.

Sgt. Layne had just returned from a seven-week inpatient program at the VA Medical Center in Cincinnati where he was being treated for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). A video shot during that time, played by his wife at the FDA hearings, shows a dangerously sedated figure barely able to talk.

Sgt. Layne was not the first veteran to die after being prescribed medical cocktails including Seroquel for PTSD.

Death certificates and other records collected by veteran family members show that more than 100 similar deaths have occurred among Iraq and Afghanistan combat vets and other military personnel, many of whom took PTSD cocktails that included Seroquel and other antipsychotics, antidepressants, mood stabilizers, sleep inducers and pain and seizure medications.

The mysterious deaths -- and an alarming track record -- have cast renewed scrutiny on Seroquel. Although it has not been approved for treatment of PTSD, Pentagon purchases of Seroquel nearly doubled between 2003 and 2007. Elspeth Ritchie, medical director of the Army's Strategic Communications Office told the Denver Post the drug is "increasingly utilized as an adjunct for PTSD."

"In 2002 and 2003, according to a VA study published in 2007, 20 to 30 percent of demented veterans [veterans with brain conditions including organic and psychiatric psychosis] died within the first 12 months of beginning treatment with an antipsychotic," said Jackson. "When you combine antipsychotics with antidepressants, benzodiazepines and antiepileptics -- especially in Iraq/Afghanistan veterans who have likely sustained traumatic brain injuries -- you have potential lethality from sleep apnea, endocrine anomalies and opioid intoxication."

The way Tom & Diane Vande Burgt describe it, Seroquel "drugs vets up" to such a degree that they "don't dream at all. It wipes out the hypervigilance factor," Tom told AlterNet via e-mail. "But as soon as the meds are decreased, the hypervigilance and anger and trust issues come raging back, worse than before."

Now the Vande Burghts, who live in Charleston, West Virginia, coordinate a PTSD support group and a Web site that emphasize nondrug solutions and the need for soldiers and veterans to have an advocate present during care for PTSD and traumatic brain injury to ensure clear communication between doctors and patient. Tom also uses the services of Give an Hour, a program in which local therapists donate one hour of therapy a week to veterans, soldiers and families dealing with PTSD.

"There is no cure for PTSD, especially in a magic pill," the Vande Burghts told AlterNet. "Good old-fashioned talk therapy and support groups are tried and true ... all the others are just quick fixes that add to the problem, not addressing the root of the problem."

[http://www.alternet.org/world/145892/are\\_veterans\\_being\\_given\\_deadly\\_cocktails\\_to\\_treat\\_ptsd?page=entire](http://www.alternet.org/world/145892/are_veterans_being_given_deadly_cocktails_to_treat_ptsd?page=entire)

related story:

**G.I. Drugged**

March 23rd, 2010 by Kelley Vlahos

When The Washington Post revealed in 2007 the disgusting conditions endured by injured soldiers at

Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital, the right wing blogosphere raced to blame the messenger and throw water on the outrage. Then, silence. There have been similar right wing blackouts on veteran/soldier suicides, health impacts from the burn pits overseas, and the overwhelming 1.1 million backlogged veterans' claims at the VA, a system which one senior official recently admitted, "cannot be fixed."

It's amazing how a political faction, so steeped in sanctimony about "honoring our troops," can turn heel and sprint away at the first sight of war's true devastation. Let me amend that — at the first of sight of anything politically inconvenient to their aggressive interventionist worldview. What indeed are they afraid of? That their distortions, manipulations and embellishments about the glories of war will be revealed so achingly in the soldier hanging by a noose in his parents' modest middle American home?

If so, there is bound to be another blackout on this most recent report. Good thing it's coming from the Military Times, so as to at least ensure that the story itself will be circulated well within the military and beyond on both sides of the spectrum. And it will be that much harder for the right wing talkers to trash on its face.

Turns out the government has spent upwards of \$1 billion on "common pain and psychiatric medications" for soldiers from 2001 to 2009. The military is drugging up soldiers more than ever — 76 percent more than at the start of the two-front war — and in doing so, keep them in the ranks, in the field, behind .50-caliber machine guns and engaging in patrols, despite physical and emotional pain, depression and post traumatic stress likely held-over from previous tours in-country.

One wonders how far the military will go to keep warm bodies in the warzone.

According to results from a survey taken of some 28,000 active duty soldiers and Marines and published in December 2009 by the Pentagon, one in four troops admitted to abusing prescription medication — mostly painkillers — in a one-year period; as many as 20 percent of Marines said they too, had abused pills. Two percent of those surveyed said they had thoughts of suicide, and 60 percent of Marines said they had engaged in binge drinking over the course of the year.

There is so much to absorb here. The Military Times report indicates more than a few sordid things — that the military is knowingly rotating sick soldiers into combat under the influence of powerful painkillers, anti-depressants and other psychotropic drugs, some of which have been negligently prescribed and/or are being used as part of a mindblowing cocktail of other drugs. Second, the pharmaceutical companies are really cleaning up, just like they do in the civilian world. Thirdly, if all goes as planned, we will have some 100,000 troops in Afghanistan and at least (if draw-downs go as planned), another 50,000 in Iraq by the end of the summer. So the military wins another round at faking out the "Army is broken" meme. But one wonders how many of these soldiers and Marines are on their second, third, fourth tours, or how many pills it takes them to get through the day. Seems as though they are the real losers in this equation. But how long can it all last?

<http://www.amconmag.com/blog/2010/03/23/g-i-drugged/>

facts & figures about Afghanistan:

**America's Nation-Destroying Mission in Afghanistan**

by James Lucas, March 06, 2010 for antiwar.com

Since the U.S. started its bombing in 2001 an estimated 7,309 Afghan civilians have been killed by U.S.-led forces as of June 20, 2008, according to an estimate made by University of New Hampshire Professor Mark Herold. Those who died after impact of an explosive are not counted.

Although more than 3.7 million Afghan refugees have returned to their homes in the past six years, several million still live in Pakistan and Iran. About 132,000 people are internally displaced as a result of drought, violence and instability. Furthermore, there are reportedly about 400,000 orphans in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan suffers from an unemployment rate of 40% and most of those who have jobs earn only meager wages. Many youth joined the Mujahideen or Taliban in order to receive some food, shelter and income. The average educational level of Afghans is 1.7 years of schooling, which severely limits their job opportunities. As many as 18 million Afghans still live on less than \$2 a day.

Even today the Afghan people are confronted by many dangers. On their land there are still about 10 million mines which cause loss of life and limbs and reduces the amount of land available for farming.

An estimated seven million people remain susceptible to hunger throughout the country, and Afghanistan is also prone to natural disasters as well as a high risk of diseases.

Afghanistan needs economic development aid, health care, and educational assistance — not bombs.

<http://original.antiwar.com/james-lucas/2010/03/05/americas-nation-destroying-mission-in-afghanistan/>

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**Civilians Among 17 Killed in Latest US Drone Strikes**  
**Drone Attacked Crowd of Civilians Rescuing Victims of Previous Drone, in Remote Pakistan**  
by Jason Ditz, March 10, 2010

In Pakistan's North Waziristan, US drones launched a pair of attacks on a site which left at least 17 people killed and several wounded.

The first drone strike targeted a vehicle which Pakistani officials say was "carrying some miscreants." The attack killed at least eight people and collapsed a nearby home, which is what precipitated the second attack.

A crowd of civilians gathered around the collapsed building, trying to pull people from the rubble, when a second drone fired missiles into the crowd, killing at least nine people and wounding several others.

"Miscreants" aside, it was unclear if any of those killed were militants of any significant faction, and Pakistani officials say there was no evidence any high-value target at the site. The area is controlled by

a nominally “Taliban” militant faction which currently has a peace deal with the Pakistani government.

<http://news.antiwar.com/2010/03/10/civilians-among-17-killed-in-latest-us-drone-strikes/>

### **C.I.A. operators of U.S. Drone Strikes are Guilty of War Crimes**

Expert in international law assesses remote-controlled murder and deems it a capital offense

A top antagonising factor in Afghanistan are the missile strikes from drones that often accidentally kill civilians. Gary Solis, a Georgetown University professor specialising in the law of war, writes that the drone strikes have a little-noticed legal consequence for the specialists who direct them:

Every day, CIA agents and CIA contractors arm and pilot armed unmanned drones over combat zones in Afghanistan and Pakistan, including Pakistani tribal areas, to search out and kill Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters. In terms of international armed conflict, those CIA agents are, unlike their military counterparts but like the fighters they target, unlawful combatants. No less than their insurgent targets, they are fighters without uniforms or insignia, directly participating in hostilities, employing armed force contrary to the laws and customs of war. Even if they are sitting in Langley, the CIA pilots are civilians violating the requirement of distinction, a core concept of armed conflict, as they directly participate in hostilities.

The drone pilots, Mr Solis writes, may be vulnerable to prosecution for war crimes.

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/democracyinamerica/2010/03/afghanistan>

more coverage:

### **Drone Wars May Lead Top U.S. Officials to the Hague for War Crimes Trial**

First Posted: 03-24-10, The Huffington Post

The CIA's extensive use of unmanned drones to kill alleged terrorists in Pakistan and elsewhere is arguably against international law and raises the possibility that top U.S. officials will someday be tried at the Hague for war crimes, a law professor told a congressional oversight panel on Tuesday.

Despite the rapidly increasing use of drones in warfare and anti-terrorism -- and the legal and ethical issues their use raises -- the U.S. government has never publicly advanced a legal justification for sending its drones on targeted killing runs overseas; up until Tuesday, Congress hadn't even held a single hearing into the question.

Kenneth Anderson, an American University law professor, told the panel government lawyers "have not settled on what the rationales are, and I believe that at some point that ill serves an administration which is embracing this. Now, maybe the answer is: This is really terrible and illegal and anybody that does it should go off to the Hague."

But many questions about drones aren't just unresolved, they've never even been asked. Rep. John F. Tierney (D-Mass.), chairman of the House oversight committee's national security subcommittee, mentioned some of them in his opening statement:

[I]f the United States uses unmanned weapons systems, does that require an official declaration of war or an authorization for the use of force?

Do the Geneva Conventions -- written in 1949 -- govern the prosecution of an unmanned war?

Who is considered a lawful combatant in unmanned war -- the Air Force pilot flying a Predator from thousands of miles away in Nevada, or the civilian contractor servicing it in on an airstrip in Afghanistan?

Then there are questions about the civilian casualty rate.

Edward Barrett, an ethicist and the director of research for the Stockdale Center, the U.S. Naval Academy's ethics and military policy think tank, worried that drones make war too easy. "Favorable alterations to pre-war proportionality calculations," he said, could "reduce the rigor with which non-violent alternatives are pursued, and thus encourage unnecessary -- and therefore unjust -- wars," he said.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/24/drone-wars-without-any-ru\\_n\\_511056.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/24/drone-wars-without-any-ru_n_511056.html)

file under: violating international law

### **Covering up American War Crimes, From Baghdad to New York**

**Radioactive weapons** and/or chemical weapons in U.S. arsenal of weapons are causing indiscriminate civilian deaths

by Charles Glass on March 22, 2010

BBC correspondent John Simpson reported on March 4 that the number of defects in newborn babies in the Iraqi town of Fallujah had risen dramatically since the American assault there at the end of 2004. Some people in the town blame the abnormalities in their children on whatever chemicals the US Marines may have used in their conquest of the Sunni Muslim redoubt.

John Simpson is a serious journalist and a friend, and I listened carefully to his report that morning on the BBC World Service. I waited in vain for the New York Times, Washington Post, and other serious American journals to take up the story. All I read was a brief item on the CBS News website quoting Simpson. American spokesmen were reluctantly forced to admit the use of White Phosphorous—or Willie Pete, as the troops call it—in Fallujah when someone noticed that Field Artillery Magazine, a U. S. Army publication, had already documented its deployment in its March/April 2005 edition. The magazine wrote, “We fired ‘shake and bake’ missions at the insurgents, using WP [White Phosphorous] to flush them out and HE [High Explosives] to take them out.” After Dahr Jamail, a brilliant freelance journalist, reported during the battle in 2004 that American forces were using WP on Iraqis, Project Censored gave him an award for the second most under-reported story of the year. It is still under-reported, but it is not difficult to understand why.

**“The US government does not want it known that it was using chemicals on human beings in a country whose leader it overthrew ostensibly because he retained the capacity to do the same thing.”**

And the US Treasury does not want to compensate foreigners for any harm its troops might have done.

There are precedents for government resistance to admitting responsibility. American Vietnam veterans crippled by the dioxin they dropped all over Vietnam waited many years for the government to acknowledge their plight. At first, the government resisted the connection between dioxin and the veterans' cancer, Parkinson's, and other fatal illnesses. By the time the government paid anything, the vets were observing that their children were being born with severe birth defects from dioxin in Agent Orange and other herbicides unleashed on the South Vietnamese countryside. Their children's congenital deformities included spina bifida and other horrors that may go for generations to come. The Department of Veterans Affairs didn't send them any money until 2003—thirty years after the last barrel of poison was dropped on Vietnam. Even that was restricted to 7,520 of the 99,226 veterans who claimed to have been affected.

As many as 4.8 million Vietnamese endured twenty-eight million gallons of toxic rain that drenched their skins, soaked their soil, and polluted their rivers and groundwater for ten years. As with the American war vets, then-unborn children were also affected. Vietnam has one of the world's highest levels of birth defects, concentrated in the south where the American forced deployed most of the chemicals. Five children out of one hundred are born with serious abnormalities, including missing limbs, spina bifida, twisted or missing internal organs and grotesque malformations that have made their survival impossible. While reluctantly accepting a link between dioxin and birth defects in American service personnel's children, the US denies any connection when it comes to Vietnamese.

The abnormal people of Iraq remember that the US denied Saddam Hussein's use of chemical weapons on its Kurdish citizens. In those days, Saddam was an American ally. When freelance journalist Gwynne Roberts brought back the soil samples from Hallabja that proved Saddam has gassed the Kurds, the US blamed the Iranians. That assessment became inoperative when condemning Saddam was politically useful. Now that the US has been caught using chemicals in the same country that the monster Saddam did, it admits using them on "insurgents" but not on civilians. It is hard in a city to blast chemicals at the people with guns and miss those who don't have any. No matter. The US and Iraqi governments are blocking an investigation that would prove one way or another that White Phosphorous did any harm to Iraqi mothers and their children. It's unlikely they'll receive a cent for the next fifty years, if ever. But why the hell isn't this a big story?

[http://www.takimag.com/blogs/article/covering\\_up\\_american\\_war\\_crimes\\_from\\_baghdad\\_to\\_new\\_york/](http://www.takimag.com/blogs/article/covering_up_american_war_crimes_from_baghdad_to_new_york/)

TPF comment: The above story neglects to mention the obligation to clean up the affected areas in Fallujah, or other Iraqi cities, that have been contaminated by U.S. chemical / radioactive weapons.

### **PTSD Claims Another Victim**

Carmen Duarte, for the *Arizona Daily Star*

February 27, 2010

He was fine when he went to Iraq, but what happened there killed him and another after he returned home

The tragic story of a decorated soldier accused of a brutal murder came to an end in Sahuarita last week. He died at his mother's home in Sahuarita where he had been recovering from surgery for



wounds received in battle.

John Wylie Needham, 26, was free on \$1 million bail in connection with the September 2008 beating death of his girlfriend, aspiring model Jacqwelyn Villagomez, in California.

The mother said she found her son unconscious on Feb. 19 and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but could not revive him.

A cause of death has not been determined.

Needham was a member of an infantry special-operations unit - nicknamed the Lethal Warriors - and was deployed to Iraq in 2006.

That unit was documented by journalists, including those for the Web site Salon.com and The Gazette of Colorado Springs, after soldiers returned to Fort Carson near Colorado Springs and some were charged with committing violent crimes. The Army at that time was accused of failing to treat their combat stress.

The crimes included robberies, stabbings, beatings, domestic violence, shootings, attempted murders and homicides, The Gazette reported.

<http://readersupportednews.org/off-site-news-section/43-war/1113-ptsd-claims-another-victim>

### **Halliburton, KBR drop court appeal in rape case**

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti © 2010 The Associated Press

March 22, 2010

HOUSTON — Halliburton Co. and KBR Inc. have withdrawn an appeal asking the U.S. Supreme Court to block a lawsuit by a former military contractor who says she was raped by KBR co-workers in Iraq.

KBR said in a statement Monday that it withdrew the appeal to not risk violating a recently passed federal provision that restricts the Defense Department from doing business with companies that prohibit employees from seeking redress for certain crimes through the courts.

Jamie Leigh Jones, of Texas, sued the companies after she says she was raped while working for KBR in Baghdad in 2005.

But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans sided with Jones in September, saying her case could go to trial.

A trial date has been set for May 2011, Jones' attorney Todd Kelly said.

At least three women have testified before Congress about being sexually assaulted or harassed while working as military contractors in Iraq.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/business/6925286.html>

**US military judge refuses to throw out Iraqi case,  
in prosecution of Marines for killing 24 Iraqis in Haditha, including unarmed women and  
children in their homes**

by Tori Richards Tori Richards – Fri Mar 26, 6:11 pm ET

CAMP PENDLETON, California (AFP) – A US military judge Friday denied a bid to dismiss charges against a former squadron leader accused in the 2005 killings of 24 Iraqi civilians after a roadside bomb attack.

Decorated Staff Sergeant Frank Wuterich, 30, is the last Marine still charged in the case. Wuterich, who will now stand trial for the killings, showed no emotion during the ruling, sitting at a table with his hands clasped.

Wuterich was initially charged with murder, aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, dereliction of duty, and obstruction of justice. The murder charge was later downgraded to voluntary manslaughter by another general.

An investigation by Time magazine showed most of the dead were killed as Marines swept through three houses near the site of the bombing.

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100326/ts\\_alt\\_afp/usiraqmilitarycourthaditha](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100326/ts_alt_afp/usiraqmilitarycourthaditha)

more coverage, from the day before the ruling:

**Decision on War Crimes Trial Imminent**

by Elliot Spagat, AP News  
Mar 25, 2010

The news came at a low point in the war in Iraq and seemed to reflect much of what was going wrong: A Marine squad killed 24 people in the town of Haditha in November 2005, including unarmed women and children in their homes.

The killings dealt another blow to America's reputation. The late U.S. Rep. John Murtha, an ardent critic of the war, said the Marine squad killed civilians "in cold blood."

Now, more than four years after the killings, a military judge is expected to decide Friday whether to dismiss charges against Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, 30, the only remaining defendant in the biggest criminal case against U.S. troops to arise from the Iraq war.

"It was a really, really big deal primarily because anti-war sentiment was peaking at the time and the thinking was, Oh, my God! How do Americans look to Iraq and the Arab world?" said Neal Puckett, one of Wuterich's attorneys.

Military courts were founded in part on the principle of swift investigation and punishment of wrongdoing, but the Haditha case has taken far too long to resolve, said David Glazier, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and a former Navy officer.

"This has dragged on for so many years that it sort of makes a mockery of having a separate system of

military justice," he said. "If you're going to take three, four years to decide whether to try someone, it sort of defeats the purpose."

For more details, including summaries of legal arguments used in the case:

<http://wire.antiwar.com/2010/03/25/military-judge-could-end-case-of-24-iraqi-killings/>

### **Trial begins for Canadian soldier in killing of unarmed Taliban**

By Michel Comte (AFP) – 24 March 2010

GATINEAU, Canada — A Canadian officer on Wednesday pleaded not guilty to the 2008 murder of an unarmed and severely wounded Afghan insurgent, in the first Canadian prosecution of its kind.

Captain Robert Semrau, 36, was charged with murder for "shooting, with intent to kill, an unarmed male person" in Afghanistan, as well as behaving disgracefully and neglecting his military duty, said court documents.

He is being tried by a military judge and a five-member panel in the October 19, 2008 death. Neither Canadian, nor international law recognizes mercy killings.

He faces a possible life sentence, or 25 years in a military prison, if convicted.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iSpWqGZPNEAZ3VqF\\_xYcQC70ciWA](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iSpWqGZPNEAZ3VqF_xYcQC70ciWA)

### **Mercenary Kills Mercenary in Iraq: U.S. Judge Rules It Manslaughter**

Biloxi man sentenced to three years in jail for killing co-worker in Iraq

The Clarion Ledger, March 29 2010

A Biloxi, Mississippi, man was sentenced in federal court to 36 months in prison for involuntary manslaughter of a co-worker in Iraq.

Kyle Palmer, 27, also was ordered by U.S. District Judge Louis Guirola Jr. to serve three years of supervised release following the prison term. And, he must pay \$2,000 in restitution and a \$4,000 fine.

Palmer and Justin Pope, the victim, worked as security contractors for DynCorp, a Department of State contractor, at the U.S. Embassy regional office in Erbil, Iraq. During an informal party on the night of March 4, 2009, Palmer became considerably intoxicated, in violation of rules, according to court information.

During the party, Pope and Palmer pointed a 9 millimeter Glock-19 handgun at each other. At one point, Palmer fired Pope's weapon without checking whether the gun was loaded. The weapon was, and Pope was struck and killed, according to the court information.

<http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20100329/NEWS/100329038/Biloxi+man+gets+3+years+for+Iraq+shooting>

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### **German foreign minister pushing for disarmament in NATO**

--FM seeks withdrawal of the last remaining nuclear weapons stationed in Germany

Mar 2, 2010

Berlin - German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said on Tuesday that US-signalled intentions to significantly reduce nuclear stockpiles echoed his demand for US nuclear weapons to be removed from German soil.

'It encourages me to continue pushing for disarmament in NATO, and in particular to work towards the withdrawal of the last remaining nuclear weapons stationed in Germany,' Westerwelle said in Berlin.

The comments came after US President Barack Obama was to discuss a new nuclear strategy at the White House on Monday.

Senior aides reportedly said Obama would permanently reduce the US nuclear weapons arsenal by 'thousands of weapons,' in a briefing with the New York Times.

Other officials, who were not authorized to talk, told the Times that the administration has been exploring with European allies the withdrawal of US tactical nuclear weapons from Europe.

Westerwelle said disarmament was an important element of maintaining a peaceful world without nuclear proliferation.

The foreign minister had raised the issue with his US counterpart, Hillary Rodham Clinton, when he took office last year.

'I have the impression that Russia has also understood that a window of opportunity has opened for disarmament, and we want to use that,' Westerwelle added.

Read more: [http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/europe/news/article\\_1537840.php/German-foreign-minister-backs-Obama-s-nuclear-weapons-plans#ixzz0h9jCqDM9](http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/europe/news/article_1537840.php/German-foreign-minister-backs-Obama-s-nuclear-weapons-plans#ixzz0h9jCqDM9)

related news:

### **Japanese Anti-Nuke Movement Gears Up**

--revelations that U.S. helped previous ruling LDP party in Japan violate the country's non-nuclear constitutional law

by Jason Ditz, March 09, 2010 for antiwar.com



Following through on a pledged investigation into “secret agreements” made by the previous government, Japan today issued a report revealing that the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) governments violated the nation’s official bans and allowed the United States to transport and even store nuclear weapons on Japanese soil.

Not long after taking power last year, the Democratic Party of Japan revealed that they had found documents proving that their predecessors, the LDP, had signed secret deals with the United States as early as 1960 regarding nuclear weapons. The announcement came with the pledge of a full report.

Rumors of the deal, a flagrant violation of Japan’s non-nuclear stance since it was attacked with nuclear weapons in 1945, have been long-standing, but the LDP governments had repeatedly denied that any such deal existed. It is unclear what, if any, legal ramifications those who were in power at the time might face, but the current government is likely to gain big from uncovering it.

<http://news.antiwar.com/2010/03/09/japan-report-private-agreements-allowed-us-to-bring-nukes/>

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**Aleutian fish still contaminated by old military sites**

March 22nd, 2010

Fish caught in waters near old military sites in the western Aleutian Islands have more chemical contaminants than do fish caught farther away, according to a study reported by KUCB in Unalaska.

Biologist Keith Miles of the U.S. Geological Survey was part of a team that tested fish for organochlorines -- including PCBs used in electrical lubricants and pesticides -- in the livers of halibut, cod and greenling caught near decommissioned military bases established during World War II and the Cold War. In many cases the chemicals stored at the sites were dumped or left behind.

"There wasn't a lot of public understanding of just how toxic these compounds are," Miles said. " ... It's a lot cheaper to dump this stuff than it is to haul it back for disposal."

Read more: <http://www.adn.com/2010/03/22/1194421/aleutian-fish-still-contaminated.html#ixzz0j1DpaPkS>

### **Joint effort to curtail first-strike policy**

Kyodo News

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Japan and Australia will jointly seek to reinforce assurances against the use of nuclear weapons on nonnuclear states at the upcoming Nuclear NonProliferation Treaty review conference, according to Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada.

Under a package of proposals on disarmament and nonproliferation, nuclear-armed states are called on to take, as soon as possible, such measures as providing "stronger negative security assurances" of not using atomic weapons against nonnuclear states that comply with the NPT.

"We will have discussions with other partner countries and do our utmost so that this package will be reflected in the final document of the NPT review conference," Okada said Tuesday, referring to the key meeting in May in New York.

The NPT designates the U.S., Britain, China, France and Russia as nuclear-weapons states. They made statements in 1995 that they would give security assurances against the use of nuclear weapons to nonnuclear weapon states that are parties to the NPT.

<http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20100325a5.html>

Epitaph for this edition of "Truth in Recruiting"  
--from the archives

**There is one thing stronger than all the  
armies in the world: and that is an idea  
whose time has come.**

~Victor Hugo

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### **"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)

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**The next monthly anti-war demo in Tulsa** is scheduled for  
**Saturday April 3rd 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, April 8th 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 "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 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: 758 (including 687 subscribers through Yahoogroups, 69 subscribers



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