

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

The Tulsa Peace Fellowship's Counter-Recruitment Update/Digest, for May 2011

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--In addition to hard-hitting lyrics, excerpts from the film based on the anti-war novel by Dalton Trumbo's *Johnny Got His Gun* (1939), telling the tale of a soldier whose body is severely damaged by a mortar shell, his arms, legs, eyes, mouth, nose and ears all gone

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Doctor: "The cerebrum has suffered irreparable damage."

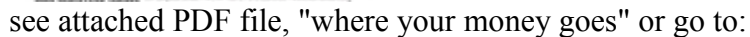
Priest: "He's the product of your profession, not mine"

Damaged Soldier: "Help me, mother, I'm having a nightmare and I can't wake up."

~excerpt from the film script, and the film clip used for the music video

--Soldiers will not get their paychecks for the duration of the shutdown, leaving their families at home struggling to pay the bills.

There are 2.2 million people drawing a check from the U.S. government, including active duty, National Guard and reserve members of the armed forces. Paying their salaries is a substantial portion of military spending, which accounts for up to 59% of federal discretionary spending per year, according to the War Resisters' League.



--Military retirees with 20-years' seniority, even though they have no combat experience, are getting top-level health care through Tri-Care, costing the federal government \$53 billion per year.

by William Reed

--Key has been in self-imposed exile in Canada for years

### **Families Fight the U.S. Veterans' Administration over Control of Benefits**

--Instead of helping, trustee program is hurting veterans, families say

update on U.S. soldiers committing war crimes in Afghanistan

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quote:

"War crimes occur in almost every prolonged armed conflict, as evidenced recently by the photos taken by an American "kill team" in Afghanistan, which shocked the public when the images were published two weeks ago. Everything depends on whether these crimes are also seen as crimes by the military leadership and if the perpetrators are then punished accordingly."

~Jan Fleischhauer, on rape, murder and genocide in times of war

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,755385-4,00.html>

*Translated from the German by Christopher Sultan*

### **No discharge for Navy officer found asleep in bed with another male sailor**

--A Navy petty officer who faced discharge after he fell asleep in the same bed as another male sailor has gotten a reprieve, his attorneys said

from the archives:

### **The one veteran from the USA exposed to radiation in its nuclear bomb program to have ever received compensation: Orville Kelly**

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### **Dutch government cutting 12,000 military jobs**

--more than one in six of all armed forces personnel RIF'd, as part of spending cuts aimed at balancing the budget by 2015

### **British Ministry of Defense (MoD) tried to stop *Dead Men Risen* book 'to prevent ally withdrawing from Afghanistan'**

--The Ministry of Defence and Britain's two top generals sought to stop the publication of a controversial new book about Afghanistan because of concerns that it might prompt a Nato ally to pull out of Helmand.

sidebar:

### **British Ex-soldier jailed for burning Koran in Carlisle (U.K.)**

--sentenced to 70 days in prison for setting fire to a copy of Muslim holy book

upcoming regular event in Tulsa:

## **Tulsa Peace Fellowship**

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Please contact Bryan Cheek, a member of the TPF Steering Committee,  
on his cellphone: 918-407-3493

Other upcoming events:

### **June 4th welcome rally for Bradley Manning, at Ft Leavenworth, Kansas**

The nation's leading prisoner of conscience and victim of U.S. military torture in prison has been moved from Quantico Virginia Marines base to a Kansas military prison, or "an Army Pre-Trial Facility." There are reports that the 9-month long regime of solitary confinement has also ended with his transfer out of the U.S. Marines brig.

This event is being organized using facebook, by event sponsors in Kansas and Missouri. You can join the discussion and logistics planning here: [http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_204011756297337&ap=1](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_204011756297337&ap=1)

TPF comment: The event on 4th June is not officially endorsed by the TPF Steering Committee, at the present time. Event details are FYI only. Join us on May 12th for our regular monthly business meeting, if you have an opinion about the support efforts for Bradley Manning.

Ft. Leavenworth mailing address for Bradley Manning:

Bradley Manning 89289  
830 Sabalu Road  
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

## **UPCOMING MOVIE at CIRCLE CINEMA, TULSA**

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epitaph for this edition of "Truth in Recruiting"

**Words of wisdom from Howard Zinn**

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## **Predator Drone Mistakenly Kills 2 U.S. Soldiers**

Two U.S. service members were killed last week in a drone airstrike that is believed to be the first instance of friendly-fire deaths from drone attacks, NBC News is reporting.

by Cara Parks

[www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com)

Apr 11, 2011

The attack, which took place in Afghanistan's restive Helmand province, appears to be a case of mistaken identity. Marine Staff Sgt. Jeremy Smith and Navy Corpsman Benjamin Rast were reportedly coming to serve as reinforcements for a group of Marines coming under fire in the region. The Marines were watching live video of the battlefield provided by a drone; when they saw infrared "hotspots" approaching, they ordered the drone strike. The hotspots were actually Smith, 26, and Rast, 23, according to NBC.

The U.S. government is investigating the incident, and "the families of both service members have been informed of the possibility this was a friendly fire incident," reports NBC.

The controversy surrounding U.S. drone strikes in Afghanistan and Pakistan was highlighted last month when a particularly deadly drone strike killed 36 people, most of them civilians, according to intelligence officials. Pakistan pulled out of high level talks about the future of Afghanistan in protest.

President Obama has ordered a "record number" of Predator strikes during his administration, reports Newsweek.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/11/predator-drone-us-soldiers-killed\\_n\\_847767.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/11/predator-drone-us-soldiers-killed_n_847767.html)

related story:

## **37 people who protest at Hancock Air Base near Syracuse against the use of drones are arrested Friday**

Submitted by davidswanson on Sat, 2011-04-23 17:31

Nonviolent Resistance

DeWitt, NY -- Dozens of war protesters were arrested Friday afternoon outside the main entrance of the New York Air National Guard's base at Hancock Field.

Thirty seven protesters, draped with red-spattered sheets, had lain themselves in the main entrance roads to the base, off East Molloy Road.

They were arrested by Onondaga County Sheriff's deputies on charges of trespassing and obstruction of justice.

They were handcuffed and, after a 45-minute wait, were led to a jail transport bus that was supposed to take them to the Onondaga County Justice Center for processing. Two were in wheel chairs.

The arrests followed a rally outside the air base where more than 150 people had gathered to protest the MQ-9 Reaper drones, and U.S. military involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya.

Friday's rally culminated a week of walks, talks and dinners that brought people from around New York State and the U.S., organized by the Upstate Coalition to Ground the Drones and End the Wars.

"Our real goal is to end the war," said Kathy Kelly, a peace activist from Chicago.

Speaker after speaker said the drones represent a new stage of dehumanizing war, kill and maim many civilians. "They terrorize people we don't want to terrorize," said Elliott Adams, a Veterans for Peace member from Sharon Springs, NY.

The 174th Fighter Wing of the New York Air National Guard has been remotely flying MQ-9 Reaper drones over Afghanistan, from Syracuse, since late 2009. The unmanned surveillance aircraft is armed with Hellfire missiles and laser-guided bombs.

The 174th is the first Air National Guard unit to fly MQ-9s, and the first Air Force-affiliated unit east of the Mississippi to fly them.

<http://warisacrime.org/content/37-people-who-protest-hancock-air-base-near-syracuse-against-use-drones-are-arrested-friday>

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## **Navy officer shot dead aboard nuclear submarine HMS Astute**

By Thomas Harding, Defence Correspondent for *The Telegraph* (UK)  
08 Apr 2011

Police arrest a man on suspicion of murder after two people are shot aboard berthed nuclear submarine HMS Astute in Southampton's eastern docks.  
Submarines especially vulnerable to tensions between crew

The incident happened this afternoon during a changeover of armed guards at the pier where the £1 billion nuclear submarine Astute was berthed in Southampton.

It is understood that the submariner pulled out his 9mm pistol and shot the officer and fellow sailor who had come to change the guard. The officer was killed outright and the rating suffered severe wounds that are said to be critical but not life-threatening.

The sailor was disarmed and has been detained by Hampshire police. Sources suggest that he will be charged with murder.

“It happened earlier today when they had the weapons changeover for the sailors who are guarding Astute,” a source said.

“It appears this rating got into an argument then just went crazy and began shooting people. He has not served in Afghanistan so it doesn’t appear to be related to combat stress like PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder).”

HMS Astute previously hit the headlines when it ran aground on a shingle bank between the Scottish mainland and the Isle of Skye and remained marooned for several hours. Her first captain Commander Andy Coles was relieved of command after the boat ran aground on mud off the Isle of Skye last October.

He was replaced by Cdr Iain Breckridge who was in command of the submarine Tireless when an oxygen generator exploded killing two crew while she was submerged under the polar icecap in 2007. He received an OBE in recognition of his leadership skills in bringing the crew to safety to the surface through the ice while the boat filled with noxious fumes.

The submarine was at 38/9 berth, with a 50 metre exclusion zone being patrolled by MoD police officers at all times.

During its stay HMS Astute was hosting several visits from sea scouts and local school and college pupils from the throughout the city and New Forest.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/8438058/Officer-shot-dead-on-board-submarine-HMS-Astute.html>

featured radio interview:

## **Is the U.S. Using Depleted Uranium in Libya?**

Doug Weir on the likelihood and the danger  
interview by Scott Horton, April 03, 2011, for antiwar.com radio

Dour Weir of the [Campaign Against Depleted Uranium](#) discusses the likelihood that [depleted uranium weapons are being used in Libya](#); the DU rounds commonly used by A-10 and Harrier jets against armored targets; the long lasting health risks from dust and chemical toxicity; and why the military seems to be slowly shifting away from DU weapons.

[MP3 here](#). (19:04)

Doug Weir is a Development Worker for the Campaign Against Depleted Uranium and the International Coordinator for the International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons (ICBUW). He holds

a degree in Geology and a post-graduate degree in Journalism.

further reading: <http://www.bandepleteduranium.org/>

excerpt from rush transcript:

Weir: "It's a sort of natural human response for people who have never heard about it before to be aghast that this is being used in weapons. And of course there's also a deep human response to radioactivity. ... There is kind of a groundswell [against D.U.]. We've had repeated U.N resolutions calling on the U.S. to identify the locations where they fired these weapons in Iraq. This is a huge part of doing meaningful research on the ground, and to decontaminate the area. The U.S. hasn't told anybody where they fired these weapons, some 400 tons (that's European tons, so 400,000 kilos) of D.U. in Iraq, over the two conflicts. If this were land mines or cluster munitions, people would be up in arms, but somehow the U.S. has gotten away with not telling us where these weapons were used - despite the fact that we've got all sorts of august scientific bodies saying that one of the first things to do is identify these locations, warn the local people, and in areas where there has been high contamination, spend a lot of money and decontaminate these sites."

TPF correction: The host mistakenly refers to "*uranium-tipped*" weapons a couple of times at the beginning of the 20-minute interview. In fact, uranium is the *core* of these ammunition rounds, which are encased in other metals to try to contain the uranium's alpha-particle radiation, as well as beta- and gamma-radiation, while the rounds are being stored, handled, loaded, transported, etc. Some gamma, beta and alpha radiation is emitted by decaying uranium molecules at all times, and therefore, uranium weapons always pose a threat to anyone in the vicinity. After it has been fired, a round of uranium weapons poses an even greater threat to human health, because of the poison dust leading to alpha-particles that can lodge in the lungs, causing cancer, or rapid-growth tumors, birth defects, etc.

featured editorial:

## Hiroshima to Fukushima: The Illusion of Control

by Joe Cirincione

President, Ploughshares Fund

Posted: March 25, 2011

Hiroshima and Fukushima, of course, are very different in fundamental ways. Hiroshima was an intentional bombing that happened in a blink, killing or injuring 135,000 people and destroying 70,000 buildings. Fukushima is the result of unprecedented natural disasters overwhelming safety systems with its consequences for the civilian population metered out over days, weeks or years.

But the connections between the two are just as fundamental. Both involve our collective deception that we can always control the nuclear machines we invented. We cannot. There have been dozens of close calls, false alerts and near launches in the nuclear age. In one instance, a US bomber crash dropped two hydrogen bombs over North Carolina. Five out of six of the bomb's arming devices activated -- only the sixth prevented an actual nuclear detonation.



August 29, 2007 provides a more recent reminder. On that day the U.S. Air Force lost track of the equivalent of 60 Hiroshima bombs for 36 hours. A B-52 bomber flew across the country with six nuclear missiles tucked under its wings. Unknown to the air crews, the missiles were each armed with a 150-kiloton nuclear warhead, ten times the power of the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. The crew thought they had loaded conventional, non-nuclear missiles. The worst news? No one noticed they were missing. If anyone had asked 20 top experts before this event if anything like this was possible, they all would have said absolutely not.

As for nuclear bombs, there is a strong and growing global consensus that their time has passed, that their risks greatly outweigh their benefits. International security leaders increasingly say that we must move quickly and steadily to eliminate them.

for the full article, go to: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joe-cirincione/hiroshima-to-fukushima-th\\_b\\_840753.html?ir=Green](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joe-cirincione/hiroshima-to-fukushima-th_b_840753.html?ir=Green)

## Afghanistan ‘death squad’ killings fail to get media, political attention

2 wars, 2 scandals, 2 presidents add up to uneven coverage

By Rowan Scarborough

*The Washington Times* (not to be confused with the *Washington Post*)

April 17, 2011

Reports of a U.S. “death squad” in Afghanistan, complete with the publication of gory photographs, have failed to attract the intense political or media attention afforded a previous war scandal — the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib.

In 2004, CBS News broadcast an array of photographs showing American jail guards abusing Iraqi detainees. The most famous: a forced pyramid of naked, humiliated prisoners. The depictions touched off an avalanche of media coverage. In Congress, liberals called for the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. Democrats launched inquiries and held a string of well-covered hearings.

In recent months, another wartime embarrassment has emerged. The Army charged five soldiers with murder in the deaths of Afghan civilians in what amounted to a “death squad.”

The [German magazine Der Spiegel](#) published several digital photos of soldiers posing with the dead last month.

Even someone at *Time Magazine* is struck by the lack of “death squad” coverage overall [in the U.S. mainstream media].

Jim Frederick, who covered the Iraq War and is now the managing editor of Time.com and the magazine’s executive editor, wrote in a March 29 blog that the Afghan story was remarkable for two reasons, the first of which is the depravity of the crimes. “The second reason this tale has been remarkable: It has garnered little attention from the media or the public, even though the allegations started leaking last May and Spc. Jeremy Morlock, one of the five soldiers accused of murder, pled

guilty last week and was sentenced to 24 years in prison in exchange for his cooperation in the trials yet to come," Mr. Frederick wrote.

Yet the Afghan death squad incident has barely touched Washington's consciousness.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/apr/17/afghanistan-death-squad-killings-fail-get-media-po/>

## **US soldiers are seven times as likely as UK troops to develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)**

By Ethan Watters, for *The Independent* (UK)

8 April 2011

Something is happening at the end of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that mental health experts are finding hard to explain: British and American soldiers appear to be having markedly different reactions to the stress of combat. In America, there has been a sharp increase in the number experiencing mental-health problems, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Between 2006 and 2007 alone, there was a 50 per cent jump in cases of combat stress among soldiers and suicides more than doubled. Why the precipitous rise? And why hasn't there been an accompanying rise in these symptoms among British troops?

The conclusion that British soldiers appear to have a different psychological reaction to the stresses of these modern conflicts was the finding of several recent high-profile studies. This year, in a Royal Society journal, Neil Greenberg of the Academic Centre for Defence Mental Health at King's College London and colleagues reported that studies of American soldiers showed PTSD prevalence rates of in excess of 30 per cent while the rates among British troops was only four per cent. UK soldiers were more likely to abuse alcohol (13 per cent reported doing so) or experience more common mental disorders such as depression (20 per cent).

Such differences were found even when comparing soldiers who served in the most intense combat zones. In addition, while researchers found increased mental-health risk for American personnel sent on multiple deployments, no such connection was found in British soldiers.

One theory to explain these differences is that the minds of soldiers are responsive to cultural expectations of how they should feel – and that those expectations can be different from one place (or time) to another.

In the US Civil War, soldiers often reacted to the trauma of battle by experiencing an aching in the left side of the chest and having the feeling of a weak heartbeat, labelled "Da Costa's syndrome". In the First World War, soldiers experienced "shell shock", with symptoms that included nervous tics, grotesque body movements, and physical paralysis. It was not until after the Vietnam war that soldiers

began to describe their symptoms primarily in terms of the intrusive thoughts, memory avoidance and uncontrollable anxiety and arousal that makes up the core of the PTSD diagnosis.

The simple but mind-bending truth is that mental illnesses such as PTSD can be both culturally shaped and utterly real to the sufferer.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/the-invisible-division-us-soldiers-are-seven-times-as-likely-as-uk-troops-to-develop-posttraumatic-stress-2264849.html>

featured music video

## One (Metallica song)

"One"



Single by [Metallica](#)

from the album *...And Justice for All*

<b>B-side</b>	The Prince
<b>Released</b>	January 1989
<b>Format</b>	CD single
<b>Recorded</b>	January-May, 1988
<b>Genre</b>	Heavy metal, thrash metal
<b>Length</b>	7:24
<b>Label</b>	Elektra
<b>Writer(s)</b>	James Hetfield / Lars Ulrich
<b>Producer</b>	Metallica, Flemming Rasmussen

According to Wikipedia: "One" is a song by the American heavy metal band Metallica. It was released as the fourth and final single from their fourth album ...And Justice for All. "One" was also the band's first Top 40 hit single, reaching number 35 on the Billboard Hot 100. It is one of the band's most popular songs and has remained a permanent live staple since the release of the album, making this the most played song from the album ...And Justice for All. Despite being a big hit on the Billboard Hot 100 and the music video receiving heavy airplay on MTV, the song itself received very little to no radio

airplay.

The song's theme and lyrics are based on [Dalton Trumbo's](#) 1939 novel *Johnny Got His Gun*, telling the tale of a soldier whose body is severely damaged by a mortar shell. His arms, legs, eyes, mouth, nose and ears are gone and he is unable to see, speak, smell, or hear. His mind functions perfectly, however, leaving him trapped inside his own body. Trumbo directed the movie adaptation in 1971, from which the footage for the "One" music video is taken.

Dalton Trumbo (December 9, 1905 – September 10, 1976) was an American screenwriter and novelist, and one of the Hollywood Ten, a group of film professionals who refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) in 1947 during the committee's investigation of Communist influences in the motion picture industry. Trumbo won two Academy Awards while blacklisted; one originally given to a front writer, and one awarded to Robert Rich, Trumbo's pseudonym.

Trumbo's 1939 anti-war novel, *Johnny Got His Gun*, won a National Book Award (then known as an American Book Sellers Award) that year. The novel was inspired by an article Trumbo had read about a Canadian soldier who had lost all his limbs in World War I and was visited in hospital by the Prince of Wales.

In 1971, Trumbo directed the film adaptation of his novel *Johnny Got His Gun*, which starred Timothy Bottoms, Diane Varsi and Jason Robards.

In 1982, *Johnny Got His Gun* was adapted into a stage play by Bradley Rand Smith, which has since been performed all over the world. Its first, Off-Broadway run starred Jeff Daniels.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One\\_%28Metallica\\_song%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_%28Metallica_song%29)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dalton\\_Trumbo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dalton_Trumbo)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnny\\_Got\\_His\\_Gun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnny_Got_His_Gun)

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0067277/>

## Troops are political dynamite in budget battle

By Phil Stewart – Fri Apr 8, 12:05 pm ET

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – A looming government shutdown would be felt thousands of miles away by U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq

Soldiers will not get their paychecks for the duration of the shutdown, leaving their families at home struggling to pay the bills.

Some relatives are already furious.

"Thanks for sending my husband to war and not paying him in return," the wife of one soldier exclaimed on a website, fearing delayed pay in the case of a shutdown.

The sharp reaction among military families underscores the political dangers for Republicans and

Democrats if they fail to reach agreement on funding the government for the remainder of fiscal 2011 by midnight on Friday.

It also shows how U.S. troops have become a lightning-rod issue in the bitter budget battle in Washington

Many Americans know members of the military, and often count them in their families. There are about 2.2 million active duty, National Guard and reserve members of the armed forces.

The White House warned that failure to reach a deal would likely delay troops' pay, a message that Defense Secretary Robert Gates delivered to troops personally in Iraq on Thursday.

Gates told a U.S. soldier in Iraq that the degree of delay would depend on the length of the shutdown.

Soldiers are usually paid twice a month. If the shutdown begins on April 8, he said, soldiers' initial paychecks would be halved. If the shutdown lasted until April 30, they would miss an entire check. They would only be repaid later.

"There are half a million troops deployed to some ragged country who depend on their paycheck. Taking that away will turn our military upside down," wrote one service member in Afghanistan on the Stars and Stripes website.

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20110408/us\\_nm/us\\_usa\\_budget\\_military](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20110408/us_nm/us_usa_budget_military)

featured op/ed

## **Black Americans: Stop Supporting Obama and His Wars**

by William Reed

07 April 2011

Blacks who believe Barack Obama can do no wrong would grimace at Texas Congressman Ron Paul calling him "a warmonger." Dr. Paul would infuriate the Obama Faithful further in saying, "The military industrial complex is firmly entrenched in Washington and Barack Obama is one of their guys."

Like those who occupied the Oval Office before him, the military industrial complex overly influences President Obama. Their business is war, and military industry people are in line with Obama's going to Libya. Every time a Tomahawk cruise missile blows up a building in Libya (and everyone inside it), Raytheon makes \$1.5 million.

Not paying attention

History has a habit of repeating itself. Unfortunately, not enough people pay attention to obvious parallels right before their eyes. What is unfolding now in Libya is a tragic replay of what has gone before. Wars are costly and extremely expensive, but don't count on Obama or America's military

apparatus leaving Iraq or Afghanistan anytime soon.

The term "military-industrial complex" refers to policy and monetary relationships between governments, national armed forces, and the industrial sector that supports them. Blacks are rarely top players in these relationships which include political contributions, political approval for defense spending, lobbying to support bureaucracies, and beneficial legislation and oversight of the industry.

The world spends over \$1.5 trillion yearly on military expenditures and the U.S. accounts for 47 percent of those expenditures, whether under Bush or Obama. The former colonialists we've gone to war with represent 13 percent of world military spending.

President Obama's decision to participate in striking Libya has already cost U.S. taxpayers well over \$200 million, but although Obama is in bed with a coalition of former colonialists in the invasion of this African country, Obama still has a 95 percent approval rating among African-Americans.

Not a peep

There is no anger or agitation among African-Americans against President Obama and a Congress that should be ending the wars we were already in, or against our military leaders starting new ones such as Libya. With Obama leading the pack, Black Americans are part and parcel of imperialists' acts against Arabs and other people of color the U.S. is "warring against."

For all his campaign criticism of the Bush Administration's foreign policy, Obama is seamlessly continuing the goals of neo-conservatives to permanently reshape the American definition of "national security", and bullying of Third World countries. Through it all, African-Americans are right behind Obama's war machine.

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<http://www.flcourier.com/fleditorial/5025-nmessage-to-barack--make-luv-not-war>

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## **U.S. soldier and war resister can reapply to stay in Canada: court**

By Bradley Bouzane, Postmedia News April 8, 2011

The Federal Court has ruled in favour of a U.S. military deserter who was seeking a judicial review of two previous decisions refusing him the right to remain in Canada.

Dean Walcott, 28, left his military service in 2006 and fled to Canada without permission. The former Marine, who had completed tours of duty in Iraq and Kuwait, said he would suffer "severe consequences" if he was returned to the U.S., including possible physical and psychological harm from his peers and former commanders.

He can now reapply to remain in Canada.

In 2008, Walcott's applications to stay in Canada through a Citizenship and Immigration risk assessment and on humanitarian grounds were both denied.

The new decision from Judge Yves de Montigny, dated Tuesday, said that the officer investigating both original applications "failed to conduct any analysis of hardship when assessing these risks." The decision was based on a hearing that was held in December 2010.

A spokeswoman for a Canadian support group for U.S. deserters said Thursday that the decision proves that many such cases do not receive proper treatment.

Michelle Robidoux of the War Resisters Support Campaign said Thursday that the group is "very encouraged" by the decision and hopes it will provide more fair treatment for U.S. deserters living in Canada. She said the group is working with about 40 resisters, about half of whom already have gone before the courts to plead their cases to stay in Canada.

"These are pretty significant findings and it will have an impact on the cases that are pending for other war resisters, who similarly had their (pre-risk assessments and humanitarian applications) rejected," Robidoux said.

"The decision really addresses the fact that, for whatever reason . . . (immigration officers) are giving cookie-cutter decisions."

The judge wrote that Walcott had argued the investigating officer did not provide reasons for many of the conclusions that led to the original refusals, "especially for her finding that the applicant would not be subjected to disproportionate punishment based on his public opposition to the war in Iraq."

It was also found that the officer "mischaracterized" the risks faced by Walcott, which was also a contributing factor in the decision.

"The officer was clearly aware what the applicant feared was not so much to be punished for having been absent from his military unit without permission, but of being treated more harshly because of the high profile of his case and his public speeches in opposition to the war in Iraq," the judge wrote.

"Yet, the officer failed to address this risk, and more particularly the risk of being court-martialed and imprisoned rather than being . . . discharged. Having mischaracterized the risk alleged by the applicant, the officer could not properly assess it. For that reason alone, this application for judicial review ought to be granted."

Walcott fled to Canada in 2006 after being stationed at a U.S. base to train other soldiers. Prior to that, he served in Iraq and Kuwait and in 2004, he was stationed in Germany, where he helped wounded soldiers. It was there that Walcott developed post-traumatic stress disorder in 2004 and then later fled

his U.S. posting after "he determined that he could not in good conscience continue doing such training," according to the summary of facts in Tuesday's decision.

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<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/Court+rules+review+army+deserter+appeal+stay+Canada/4577160/story.html>

more context: story from six months ago:

file under: self-imposed exile in Canada

## **Oklahoma Joshua Key is using Wikileaks to bolster his case as a Conscientious Objector and War Resister**

Mr. Assange told Al Jazeera television the documents had provided enough material for 40 wrongful killing lawsuits.

Bradley Bouzane and Keith Bonnell, Postmedia News · Oct. 23, 2010

A U.S. army deserter says he's hoping the new WikiLeaks release of thousands of pages of classified documents, containing accusations of human-rights abuses during the Iraq war, will bolster his bid to remain in Canada.

Joshua Key, who fled to Canada after serving seven months in Iraq, said the latest release from the controversial WikiLeaks website — which contains about 400,000 reports from a period spanning several years — gives him more ammunition to stress the reasons why he left the U.S. army.

"It doesn't look good, but in these times, thank goodness for the Internet," the 32-year-old Mr. Key, told Postmedia News on Saturday.

Mr. Key, who now lives in Manitoba, claims he saw horrendous things during his time in Iraq.

He says he once witnessed other U.S. soldiers playing soccer with the heads of dead Iraqis. He said he was told it was "none of his concern" when he mentioned the incident to his superiors.

"There's many allegations I have about my time in Iraq, so it just shows it wasn't just a rare occurrence or a bad apple," he said of the latest document leak. "It shows this was more systematic and on a routine basis."

The leak of the U.S. documents on Friday included cases of prisoner abuse by Iraqi forces that the U.S. military knew about, but did not seem to investigate.

The Pentagon has decried the website's publication of the secret reports — the largest security breach of its kind in U.S. military history, far surpassing the group's dump of more than 70,000 Afghan war files in July.



U.S. officials said the leak endangered U.S. troops and threatened to put some 300 Iraqi collaborators at risk by exposing their identities.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who's quickly becoming notorious for leaking classified documents through his website, said the new reports show evidence of war crimes.

The Pentagon dismissed the files as "ground-level" field reports from a well-chronicled war with no real surprises.

Mr. Key, who is originally from Oklahoma, said he intends to delve into the deep cache of reports to have a look at his time serving the U.S. in Iraq.

He said he hopes all deserters will use the new information from WikiLeaks in their fight for asylum in Canada.

"Anything that helps, we have to see it as a little bit more in the arsenal."

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Saturday that the leak of U.S. military documents was not likely to have a significant impact on how this country deals with U.S. soldiers who are seeking refuge in Canada after deserting U.S. military service.

"I don't think our government has seen that as being relevant to policy," said Kenney, who was in Toronto to announce an extension of a program that allows more Iraqis to enter Canada as refugees.

"With respect to the American military deserters, our position is clear that Canadian law proposes stiff penal sanctions on those who desert from their voluntary commitment to the Canadian Forces. It would be fundamentally unfair to create a double standard whereby deserters from Canadian voluntary service are imprisoned, whereas Americans would be treated as heroes," he said.

The leaked Iraq war files touched on other themes, including well-known U.S. concerns about Iranian training and support for Iraqi militias. The documents, which spanned 2003 to 2009, also detailed more than 66,000 civilian deaths in the Iraqi conflict, WikiLeaks said.

Mr. Assange told Al Jazeera television the documents had provided enough material for 40 wrongful killing lawsuits.

<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/canada/Deserters+hope+WikiLeaks+release+will+help+with+asylum+ bids/3717411/story.html>

## **Families Fight the U.S. Veterans' Administration over control of Benefits**

Instead of Helping, Trustee Program Is Hurting Veterans, Families Say  
By John Schwarts, for the New York Times  
April 7, 2011

LANCASTER, Tex. — During the Korean War, Billy Brown faced enemy bullets, starvation and bitter cold. Now the benefits that he earned for his sacrifice have been tied up by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which in 2009 diverted his payments to trustees who have taken control not only of those funds, but of his life savings of some \$100,000 as well.

Richard Wortham, Mr. Brown's son, gained power of attorney for his father four years before the department stepped in, and found out about his father's new financial minder only when he tried to withdraw money from the bank. "They said we no longer had access to his money — we could only get it from the fiduciary," Mr. Wortham said.

What began as a broad effort to safeguard ailing veterans and their families from financial loss and abuse has turned into what lawyers and veterans' advocates call a mismanaged and poorly regulated bureaucracy that not only fails to respond to veterans' needs but in some cases creates new problems.

Families of veterans like Mr. Brown, 80, and William E. Freeman, whose sister was denied the ability to manage his benefits, and beneficiaries like Dennis Keyser, whose appointed trustee turned out to be a felon, say the system is badly flawed.

The person the department appointed to handle Mr. Brown's affairs, Marcus Brown (no relation), listed his occupation as a "cabinet specialist" and has a high school education; the family said he informed them that they would have to petition him for purchases. While the family has not accused Marcus Brown of abusing the funds — and his lawyer, Logan Odeneal, notes that his client has served as a manager of benefits for some 80 veterans and "his accountings always balance to the penny" — the family found him unresponsive and chafed at what they saw as an unnecessary imposition.

When Mr. Wortham fought the appointment in court, the department argued that such decisions were theirs alone to make and beyond appeal or judicial review.

"The process the V.A. has, it's not working," Mr. Wortham said, sitting at the foot of his father's bed in a nursing home here. "It's not working for Dad, and it's not working for other veterans."

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/08/us/08vets.html?\\_r=1&hp](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/08/us/08vets.html?_r=1&hp)

## **No discharge for Navy officer found asleep in bed with another male sailor**

By Craig Whitlock  
April 2011

A Navy petty officer who faced discharge after he fell asleep in the same bed as another male sailor has gotten a reprieve, his attorneys said Friday.

Stephen C. Jones, 21, a sailor at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, near Charleston, S.C., will be allowed to keep his job after Navy officials changed their minds and halted discharge proceedings against him, according to his civilian attorney, Gary Myers.

The Navy had sought to give Jones the boot after his roommate came home Feb. 6 and found him

snoozing with another man. Jones said he and his friend had merely dozed off after watching an episode of “The Vampire Diaries” and that no hanky-panky was involved.

But after an official investigation, Capt. Thomas W. Bailey, Jones’s commanding officer, concluded that the two sleepy sailors were guilty of unprofessional conduct. When Jones contested the charge and said he had done nothing wrong, the Navy filed papers to discharge him. (The other sailor pleaded guilty and accepted a lesser punishment).

Jones and his attorneys accused the Navy of trumping up the charges because it suspected he was gay, something he would neither confirm nor deny under the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. In December, President Obama signed legislation that will eventually allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the armed forces, but the law hasn’t taken effect yet.

“The Navy undoubtedly did the right thing in reversing its decision to discharge Petty Officer Stephen Jones,” said Alexander Nicholson, executive director of Servicemembers United, an advocacy group for gay troops and veterans.

Thomas D. Dougan, a Navy spokesman, said that he could not comment on Jones’s case because of privacy rules. But he acknowledged that Jones remains on active duty and did not dispute the attorneys’ assertions about the outcome.

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[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/no-discharge-for-navy-officer-found-asleep-in-bed-with-another-male-sailor/2011/04/08/AFIsSm3C\\_print.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/no-discharge-for-navy-officer-found-asleep-in-bed-with-another-male-sailor/2011/04/08/AFIsSm3C_print.html)

from the archives:

## **Soldiers and Civilians Killed by an Invisible Substance**

excerpt from an essay on radiation protection standards by Dr. Rosalie Bertell, published in 1985

Only one veteran from the USA exposed to radiation in its nuclear bomb programme has ever received compensation: Orville Kelly. One of the first veterans to bring suit for in-service irradiation, Orville Kelly, participated in 22 atomic bomb tests. About six months before he died the Veterans Administration admitted that his illness could be attributed to radiation exposure. About 1,000 veteran claims have been refused. Compensation for damage [from U.S. bomb tests] is almost impossible to obtain.

An atomic veteran who participated in the nuclear tests which were conducted by the USA in the Bikini atoll in the late 1940s reported that he gained 75 lbs in the four years following his participation. The doctor diagnosed his problem as hypothyroidism. He also suffered from high blood pressure, chronic asthma and frequent bouts of bronchitis and pneumonia. He has had six tumours diagnosed since 1949, when he returned home from military service. Four have been surgically removed.

Prior to the above-ground nuclear weapon test ban in 1963, the USA set off at least 183 atmospheric nuclear tests, more than all the other nations of the world combined. About half these tests were set off near the Pacific Trust Territory of Micronesia, given into US protection by the United Nations after the Second World War, and the other half were set off on the 1,350 square miles at the Nevada Test Site

north of Las Vegas. By 1978 the USA had set off an additional 400 nuclear bombs below ground in Nevada, some of which were officially admitted to have 'leaked' large amounts of radioactive chemicals. Some of the tests were of UK weapons since it also uses the Nevada test site. Underground tests are still taking place in the USA,[36] the USSR and French Polynesia. In the Northern Hemisphere, above-ground tests have also been detonated by the USSR, China and India and in the Southern Hemisphere by France and South Africa.

The Nevada nuclear tests have spread radiation poisons throughout central and eastern United States and Canada, and produced in the stratosphere a layer of radioactive material which encircles the globe. They also cause nitric oxides to form in the atmosphere which then descend on earth as acid rain. Radioactive chemicals can now be found in the organs, tissues and bones of every individual in the Northern Hemisphere

source online: "**The Problem: Nuclear Radiation and its Biological Effects**" Part I of *No Immediate Danger, Prognosis for a Radioactive Earth*, by Dr Rosalie Bertell  
The Book Publishing Company -- Summertown, Tennessee, 1985  
ISBN 0-913990-25-2  
pages 15-63.

available online:

<http://www.ratical.org/radiation/NRBE/NRadBioEffects.html>

Further detail on Orville Kelly and the veterans' organization he founded, the [National Association of Atomic Veterans](#) (NAAV), to help those sickened by exposure to radiation from U.S. nuclear bomb testing, see *Atomic Veterans' Newsletter*, September-October 1979, pp. 6-7:

In 1979 the National Association of Atomic Veterans was founded by former Army sergeant Orville Kelly, and his wife, Wanda. Kelly had witnessed twenty-two nuclear weapons test explosions while serving as commander of Japtan, a small land mass in the Marshall Islands, two decades earlier.

Kelly's experiences were fairly typical. As described in an NAAV newsletter he "wore a film badge, which measured gamma radiation, from April 1, 1958 to August 31, 1958. During that time, the badge recorded an exposure of 3.445 rems. At no time was he measured for beta radiation or for possible internal deposition of radionuclides. The equipment used on the island for environmental monitoring also only measured gamma radiation."

Formation of NAAV in August 1979 brought a strong response from atomic veterans and widows all over the country. Within a year three thousand had become members of the association, operating out of headquarters in Burlington, Iowa, the hometown of Orville and Wanda Kelly. Together with nuclear veterans and supporters in every state, they set about challenging the Veterans Administration's treatment of former servicemen exposed to radiation while in the military.

Diagnosed as suffering from lymphocytic lymphoma in June 1973, Orville Kelly's claims for service-connected benefits were repeatedly rejected by the VA. Hobbled by the pain of his cancer and powerful chemotherapy drugs, Kelly traveled as much as he could, meeting with atomic veterans and speaking out on their behalfs. In the process Kelly's own often-

rebuffed claim became a cause celebre, and a severe embarrassment to the VA and Defense Department.

In November 1979, after five years of denials, the VA's Board of Veterans Appeals granted Kelly's claim. The decision conceded the plausibility of a link between in-service radiation exposure and later cancer, but stopped short of acknowledging a definite connection. The VA made clear that the Kelly decision would not serve as a precedent for other such claims, which would still be processed case-by-case.

Kelly was well aware that only a handful of atomic vets had been successful in gaining compensation. In April 1980, two months before he died, Orville Kelly said from his sickbed: "Although our claims are difficult to prove because we cannot feel, taste, hear or smell radiation, it is more deadly than bullets or shrapnel."

Articulating the sentiments of thousands who had joined the National Association of Atomic Veterans, Kelly added: "I believe I should have been warned about the possible dangers of radiation exposure and that medical examinations should have been conducted on a regular basis after my exposure. The truth is that I was never warned nor were examinations ever performed. During all the years after I left the Army, I was never once told to get a physical because I participated in nuclear weapons testing. Even though I won my case, I have still lost the overall battle because doctors have told me I have but a short time to live."

<http://www.ratical.com/radiation/KillingOurOwn/KOO2.html>.

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Also see:

**"Denial of Atomic Veterans' Tort Claims: The Enduring Fallout From *Feres v. United States*"**

by J. Thomas Morina

in *William and Mary Law Review*

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available online: <http://scholarship.law.wm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2239>  
or: <http://scholarship.law.wm.edu/wmlr/vol24/iss2/4>

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## **Dutch government cutting 12,000 military jobs**

April 08, 2011

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM – The Dutch government will cut 12,000 military jobs, or more than one in six of all armed forces personnel, as part of spending cuts aimed at balancing the budget by 2015, officials said Friday.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte said the country was making "difficult choices," but still expects to be able to contribute to military and peacekeeping missions as a member of NATO and the U.N.

Rutte said that after the cuts the country would still be able to engage in foreign missions, including combat missions, but he conceded they would not be able to continue such missions "for years" at a time.

The country's previous government collapsed in 2010 in a dispute over whether to extend again its mission with 1,400 troops in the southern Afghan province of Uruzgan, who had been stationed there since 2006. The troops were pulled after the government collapsed.

Defense Minister Hans Hillen said the job cuts — which were greater than the 10,000 the new Cabinet indicated in its governing accord — include selling 19 F-16s, 17 Cougar transport helicopters, four de-mining ships and scrapping all of the country's 60 tanks.

Hillen said up to 6,000 of the jobs lost could be forced firings

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2011/04/08/dutch-government-cutting-12000-military-jobs/#>

## **MoD tried to stop Dead Men Risen book 'to prevent ally withdrawing from Afghanistan'**

The Ministry of Defence and Britain's two top generals sought to stop the publication of a controversial new book about Afghanistan because of concerns that it might prompt a Nato ally to pull out of Helmand.

By a Daily Telegraph Reporter  
15 Mar 2011

General Sir Peter Wall, the Chief of the General Staff and head of the Army, stated that he feared "huge political embarrassment" over the book. He suggested it could affect the outcome of parliamentary elections in Estonia, held on March 6, and lead to the Baltic nation withdrawing from Afghanistan. There are 165 Estonian troops serving in Helmand under British command. They are currently based at Wahid, where the Shamalan and Nahr-e Bughra canals intersect.

Although relatively small in number, their departure from the province would be a political blow to Nato.

The MoD later paid £151,450 of taxpayers' money to buy the entire first print run of "Dead Men Risen: The Welsh Guards and the Real Story of Britain's War in Afghanistan" by Toby Harnden, citing concerns about security and safety of personnel.

But the statements of two generals and a senior civil servant confirm that political considerations were at the heart of the MoD's concerns. An inquiry into MoD's handling of the "Dead Men Risen" affair has been ordered by Liam Fox, the Defence Secretary.

The book was reprinted after about 50 words in the manuscript were amended. It is now on sale and includes most of the material the MoD demanded be excised.

"Dead Men Risen" is an account of the Welsh Guards in Helmand in 2009. Lt Col Rupert Thorneloe, their commanding officer, was killed by an IED (improvised explosive devices) on July 1, 2009.

The book contains details of Lt Col Thorneloe's complaints about lack of helicopters, inadequate attempts to deal with the threat of low metal content IEDs, chronic undermanning and a flawed strategy of seizing territory without enough troops to hold it.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/books/8383877/MoD-tried-to-stop-Dead-Men-Risen-book-to-prevent-ally-withdrawing-from-Afghanistan.html>

sidebar:

## **Ex-soldier jailed for burning Koran in Carlisle**

18 April 2011

A former soldier has been sentenced to 70 days in prison for setting fire to a copy of Muslim holy book the Koran in the centre of Carlisle.

Andrew Ryan had previously admitted religiously aggravated harassment and theft of a Koran from a library.



The 32-year-old, of Summerhill, said he had been "shocked" watching a Muslim burning a poppy on Remembrance Day.

After sentencing, Insp Paul Marshall, of Cumbria Police, said: "This incident was highly unusual for Cumbria as we have such low levels of hate crime in the county."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cumbria-13119241>

epitaph, for this edition of "Truth in Recruiting"

**"Civil disobedience is *not* our problem. Our problem is civil obedience. Our problem is that numbers of people all over the world have obeyed the dictates of the leaders of their government and have gone to war, and millions have been killed because of this obedience. Our problem is that people are obedient all over the world in the face of poverty and starvation and stupidity, and war, and cruelty. Our problem is that people are obedient while the jails are full of petty thieves, and all the while the grand thieves are running and robbing the country. That's our problem."**

~Howard Zinn

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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, Green Party members, 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 2011). 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".

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1314 N. Greenwood Ave, Tulsa Oklahoma. 74106-4854  
Find on a map: [Google Maps link](#)

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**The next monthly anti-war demo in Tulsa** is scheduled for  
**Saturday May 7th, 2011, 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 five days after the demonstration

**on Thursday, May 12th 2011, 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM @ the UU Church of the Restoration**, in Tulsa, just north of downtown

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.

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## THE 10 REASONS

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

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