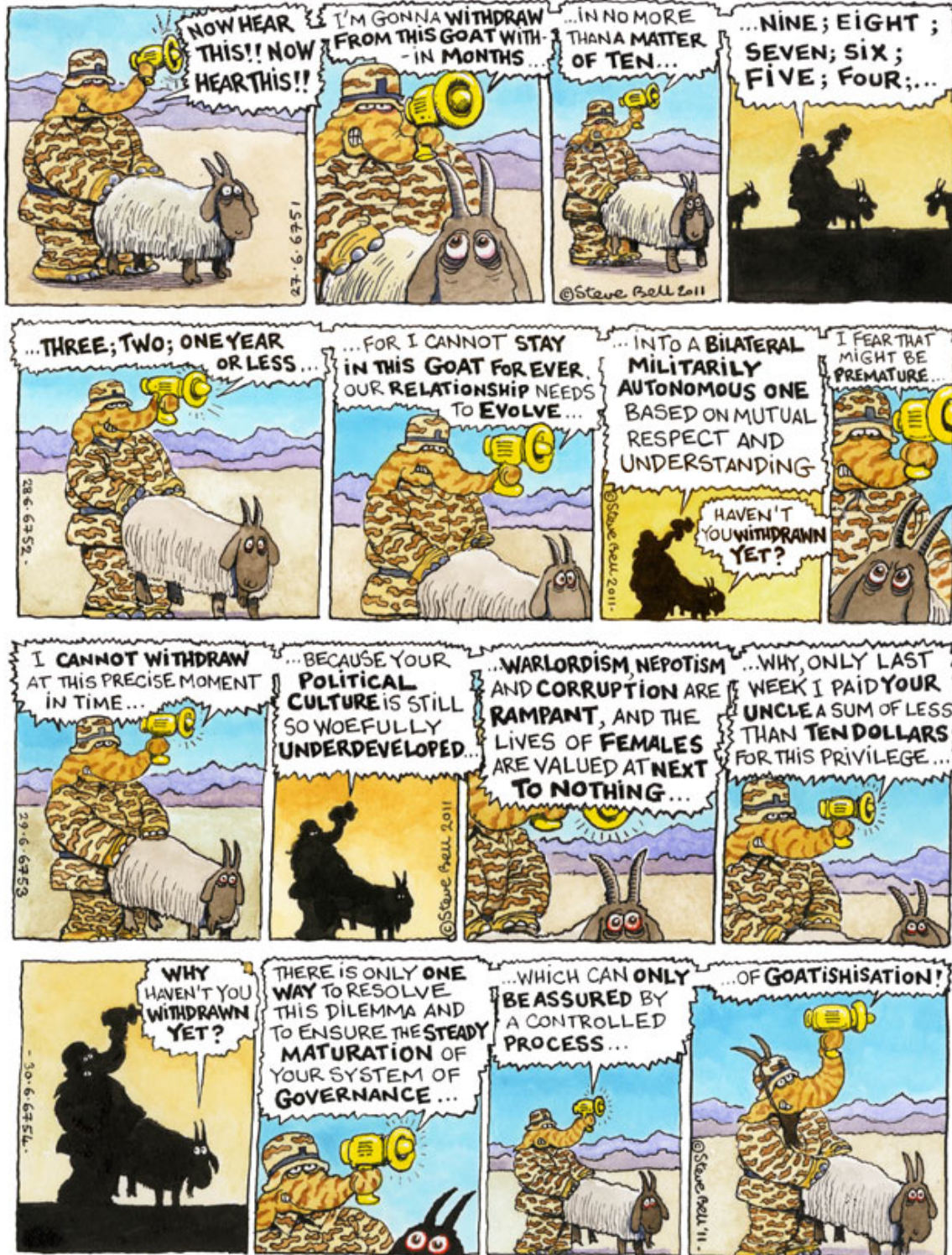


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ACTION REPORTS

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**[Outreach To The Arriving West Point
Cadet Class Of 2015]**

From: Nick Mottern
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Subject: WELCOMING RECRUITS TO WEST POINT
Date: Jul 2, 2011

Dear Friends:

I hope this report will encourage you to keep trying to stop our wars.

Nick Mottern

SUNSHINE FOR WEST POINT RECRUITS

By Nick Mottern

The morning sky was blue and cloudless on Monday, June 27, 2011 as Gayle Dunkelberger, Bennett Weiss and I stood on the entry road to West Point's Stony Lonesome Gate to greet the cadet Class of 2015 on R-Day, reception day, as they arrived with family and friends to be inducted into the Army and US military culture.

It was a beautiful day as the rising sun brought long, diminishing shadows from the woods along the road and lit the grass and trees on the surrounding hillsides to brilliant greens. It was a perfect day for young men and women to embark on a college career that also carries with it the glory attached to military service and the benefits that might accrue from being an officer graduated from the most famous military school in the United States.

For the about 1,250 selected for the new class, simply arriving at West Point was likely for most a great achievement. West Point says in a press release that the new cadets were selected from nearly 14,000 applicants.

The release went on to say:

"The caliber of the students entering West Point with the Class of 2015 is remarkable," said Col. Deborah McDonald, director of admissions. "We are in the longest protracted war in our nation's history. The young men and women who join The Long Gray Line are inspired to selfless service to our nation as they embark on their path to officership... "I'm excited about our nation's promise for the future when I see young patriots such as these coming here to devote themselves to becoming guardians of Duty, Honor, Country – the West Point motto - and our U.S. Constitution."

We protesters arrived at the Stony Lonesome gate at 6 am, when the first batch of recruits was due to arrive.

I met Gayle at the Westchester Diner in Peekskill a little after 5:30 am so we could ride up to West Point together. I went into the diner to get orange juice, and I saw a man with an artificial lower left leg in a booth chatting with a woman. He appeared to be in his late 30's and had a military bearing.

I assumed he was a casualty of one of our wars, but whether or not I was right, it was this reality and the deception around our wars that, among other things, inspired us to go to West Point to provide the first messages that the prospective cadets would receive as they entered their new lives.

Gayle, Bennett and I stood along the road about 30 feet apart so people could read our signs easily. I was first in the line, holding a sign that said: WELCOME TO THE KILLING FIELDS.

Then came Gayle, holding a sign saying: "ALL GOVERNMENTS LIE" – I.F. Stone.

And finally Bennett: THE AMERICAN PUBLIC DOES NOT WANT OUR WARS – GO HOME.

I had painted the signs and knew they were pointed, harsh. I had considered milder messages; one was: Welcome to the Energy Wars. But Harriet Ackerman, my partner and a psychiatrist, suggested that our anti-war messages needed to be “visceral” if they were to be effective.

Bennett said later: “At first I too thought that the signs might be a bit harsh for the occasion. But the more I thought about it, the more convinced I became that they stuck an appropriately alarming tone. A common chant at anti-war rallies is "Bring Them Home", so the message "Go Home" is perfectly logical considering our target audience at the event.”

As it turned out, the messages seemed to work. We were, as Gayle said, “shocked” that we received honks of approval and thumbs up from a number of parents as they cruised by into the gate carrying their children into the Army.

Gayle wondered how could parents could show us approval and still take their children through the Stony Lonesome Gate. She thought maybe some don't like President Obama and approved of the sign about governments lying. Perhaps they feel that military service is worthy but do not like these wars. Perhaps they and their children think these wars will be over by graduation in 2015.

We also had mothers and fathers give us the finger as they passed.

The signs of approval seemed to slightly outweigh those of disapproval.

One or two recruits laughed at us as they passed, but most stared straight ahead, as did their parents. Some looked very stressed and probably would have regardless of whether we were there or not.

At about 7:45 am, the numbers of cars entering the gate had swelled to the point that the cars had to pass us very slowly, sometimes stopping so that the occupants could see us and the signs for an extended period. Car windows remained rolled up and most occupants were consciously ignoring us. A man in his 60s told us we should go home, then that we should move to another country. A woman, driving alone, said: “Have a nice day; enjoy your freedom of speech.”

By 8:30 am, few cars were passing, and we went home, pleased at the numbers of parents who seemed to agree with us and satisfied that we had gotten our message across.

Bennett had these observations about our experience:

“I think that the fact there were three of us made our protest more effective than it would have been had 12 to 15 of us.

“What the young people saw as they read our signs was three REAL PEOPLE rather than one impersonal crowd. Of course we never know if we influenced

anyone's thinking, much less changed their behavior. But there is no doubt that we gave them food for thought.

“More importantly, we let the young recruits know that there are civilians out there concerned about them both the point of view of what their military service may do to them and to the rest of the world.

“The approach of addressing real people on their own turf is one that I wholly endorse.”

MORE:

ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!

An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

NOTE WELL:

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.

Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Resistance Action

July 2 (Reuters) & July 3 (Reuters) & AFP

Insurgents killed five Iraqi policemen at a checkpoint in Anbar province, west of Baghdad, on Sunday, a police officer said.

The insurgents struck in the desert town of Rutbah, on the main highway leading from Baghdad towards Amman and Damascus. They took the policemen's vehicle and weapons.

MOSUL - A parked car bomb exploded near an Iraqi army patrol, wounding two soldiers, in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - Insurgents opened fire at a police checkpoint, killing one policeman in central Mosul, police said.

HASWA - Insurgents using silencer guns shot dead two police officers working in the Interior Ministry's criminal investigation department in separate incidents in Haswa, 50 km (30 miles) south of Baghdad, a Babil police source said.

JURF AL-SAKHAR - A sticky bomb attached to the car of a government-backed Sahwa militia member killed him when it went off in Jurf al-Sakhar, 60 km (40 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD - Insurgents in a speeding car using silencer guns shot dead an off-duty policeman in Baghdad's southwestern Jihad district, an Interior Ministry source said.

QAIYARA - Insurgents shot dead an off-duty policeman and wounded another in Qaiyara, 290 km (180 miles) north of Baghdad, late on Saturday, police said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Indiana Soldier Killed In Kandahar

July 03, 2011 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 576-11

Pfc. James A. Waters, 21, of Cloverdale, Ind., died July 1 at Kandahar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Highlands Soldier Killed In Afghanistan

23 Jun 2011 By Anthony Miller, FOX 13 News reporter

SEBRING - Richard Jetton held the uniform patches tight early Thursday evening. They remain part of the memory he'll have of his son Joshua.

"We had a real close relationship, he was always very energetic, very motivated. He always wanted to do the best that he could do, no matter what it was," Jetton said.

Twenty one-year-old Joshua Jetton was killed in Afghanistan Monday after his unit was attacked by insurgents in the Kunar province.

Richard Jetton says his son loved his country. "He was very proud to be an American, he was very proud to be an American soldier," said Jetton. "This is what he chose to do, this is what he wanted to do."

The only thing Joshua Jetton loved more was family. He and his wife Alicia were newlyweds.

"They were high school sweethearts I guess," said Jetton.

Growing up Joshua spent summers in Sebring with his dad. He met Alicia when he spent part of his senior year of high school in the central Florida town.

The little family they started earlier this year was getting bigger, Alicia Jetton is expecting twins.

"I think he would have been an excellent father," said Jetton.

Joshua was expected to come home for their birth in August, instead his family is planning his funeral.

And while Sebring mourns the loss of a local hero, his father says remember Joshua for who he was.

"He wanted to always excel, he wanted to be the best at whatever he did," said Jetton.

Joshua Jetton was a great soldier and a great American. It's just a shame Joshua Jetton never got a chance to be the great father everyone says he would have been.

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

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

Taliban Combat Videos Hot In Kabul:

**“In Recent Months, Another Craze
Has Gained Popularity On The
Capital Circuit”**

**“The Brave Infidel Slayers Are
Everywhere. We Will Burn Their Tanks
And Set Them On Fire”**

July 3 by Pamela Constable, The Washington Post

KABUL — On a street of pulsing electronic shops, young men with spiked hair and tight jeans browse through DVD stalls and huddle over sidewalk computer stands, downloading the latest hot song or video clip and passing them instantly via bluetooth from cellphone to cellphone.

Often the content is sexually alluring and semi-forbidden in Afghan society: shimmying female singers from Iran or starlets from India. But in recent months, another craze has gained popularity on the capital circuit, with a more disturbing appeal to a generation of Muslim youth yearning for excitement.

The images are of real war and shocking violence:

American military vehicles exploding; Western soldiers tossed high in the air; terrified foreign men being dragged and mutilated. The soundtracks are a mix of gunfire and chants, sung by male voices, praising fallen heroes and calling for sacrifice in the name of Islam.

“O Talib, come to my dreams,” begins one. “The brave infidel slayers are everywhere. We will burn their tanks and set them on fire. The brave infidel slayers are turned to

ashes, but they still live. ... O Talib, come to my grave. The infidel dragons have killed me; follow my footsteps when I am gone.”

These are Taliban videos, made with sophisticated production techniques and vague credits like “Quetta Jihadi Studios” and “Wardak Martyrdom Studios.”

Some have been available in Afghanistan for the past several years, but in recent months many more have appeared in circulation here. It is not clear where the incidents have taken place, but the videos appear to be genuine.

They are also illegal.

Many sidewalk vendors charge about 20 cents to download them, the same price as clips of pop singers or novelty ring tones, but they can be arrested and jailed if caught selling the insurgent material.

One vendor named Abdul, 17, said he acquired his first Taliban video when a man wearing a turban asked him to copy a song onto his mobile chip.

But the stranger’s chip was already full of “fighting and killing and planting mines,” he said. Now he passes the battle clips on to “different people. Some guys just like watching them, and some look like killers. I am very careful to make sure they are not from the police.”

On the surface, most urban and educated young Afghans seem to have little in common with the rural Taliban fighters — and zero desire to fight.

Yet they might also be ambivalent about whom to root for in a war that pits increasingly unpopular NATO forces against home-grown fellow Muslims to whom their own president constantly refers as “sons of the soil.”

The surreptitious popularity of Taliban videos, and the official efforts to intercept them, constitute a perverse new chapter in the high-tech cultural war that has raged here for almost a decade. Until now the battle has focused largely on sex, with TV stations and Internet cafes pushing the edge of risqué entertainment, and government ministries and religious clerics trying to keep depictions of women and couples within the bounds of conservative Afghan tradition.

A U.S. Troops Die, The Obama Regime Calls This Sewer Of Thieves A Government Worth Dying For:

Elaborate Ruse Behind Vast Kabul Bank Fraud: “Among The Major Recipients Was Mahmoud Karzai, The President’s Brother, Who Allegedly Received \$22 Million In Loans; Some Parliament Members, Warlords And Cabinet Ministers”

June 30 by Joshua Partlow. Washington Post [Excerpts]

The top two officials of Kabul Bank used fake names, forged documents, fictitious companies and secret records as part of an elaborate ruse to funnel hundreds of millions of dollars to shareholders and top Afghan officials, according to newly obtained documents and interviews.

The scheme overseen by Sherkhan Farnood, the bank’s former chairman, and Khaililullah Frouzi, the chief executive, helped to cover up a vast disbursement of funds to Afghanistan’s ruling elite, the documents and interviews with bank insiders as well as U.S. and Afghan officials show.

Among the major recipients was Mahmoud Karzai, the president’s brother, who allegedly received \$22 million in loans; some parliament members, warlords and cabinet ministers, including Mohammed Fahim, Afghanistan’s first vice president, are alleged to have received smaller sums.

The documents, from the Afghan government and from the bank, provide the most detailed account yet of how the fraud was carried out in the years before it was discovered in 2010, forcing the Afghan government to take over the bank, split it in two, dissolve the shareholders’ assets and spend more than \$800 million to bail it out.

After the crisis broke out last August, Kabul Bank’s employees combed through bank records in an effort to document who received Kabul Bank’s money.

Among the recipients, the documents show, was Mahmoud Karzai. The documents show that the \$22.2 million he borrowed was recorded as 10 separate loans under names such as Abdul Rahim, Dawood and Sultan Mohammad Hafizullah LTD.

Among other prominent Afghan officials listed in bank documents as having received loans is Fahim, who is the first vice president and is identified as “Marshal Fahim,” and is said to have received \$373,928. Others listed include Zalmay Rasoul, the foreign minister, \$105,190; and Younis Qanooni, the former parliament speaker, \$1.27 million.

"It's a ridiculous situation," said Mohammad Qasim Hashimzai, the deputy justice minister who is on a committee to look into Kabul Bank's problems. "You can't trust anybody."

A U.S. Troops Die, The Obama Regime Says This Sewer Of Military Contractors Worth Dying For: "Money That Is Spent On Roads That Will Not Ever Be Sustained And For Buildings And Electrical Power Facilities That...No One There Even Knows How To Use"

June 30, 2011 By Lydia Mulvany, McClatchy Newspapers [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — Inefficient and unsustainable construction projects in Afghanistan have swallowed billions in American taxpayer dollars, and may contribute little to defeating the Taliban, but no one's certain who's to blame.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., questioned representatives from the Department of Defense, the U.S. Agency for International Development and contracting companies at a subcommittee hearing Thursday about who makes decisions about infrastructure projects and spending.

No one knew.

McCaskill, a former prosecutor and state auditor in Missouri, said that while some progress has been made, she still had no one to blame for myriad instances of mismanagement and otherwise questionable decision-making about Afghan construction projects.

Adding urgency to the need for answers is the fact that around \$61 billion already has been spent, and President Barack Obama has requested \$17.3 billion for reconstruction contracts in Afghanistan in next year's budget.

The Defense Department has 90,800 contractors in Afghanistan.

"There's no one that I can really find that wants to say I'm responsible," she said. "It is time that somebody is responsible for money that is spent on roads that will

not ever be sustained and for buildings and electrical power facilities that...no one there even knows how to use."

Costs for a recently completed project, the 64-mile Gardez-Khost highway between Afghanistan and Pakistan, ballooned from \$69 million to \$176 million. Larry Walker, the president of the Louis Berger Group, a consulting firm hired to build the highway, said the high price tag was due to the security situation rapidly degrading mid-project. The project experienced 147 direct attacks, and around 150 encounters with explosive devices. Twenty-one employees have been killed and 51 wounded.

Despite out-of-control costs, the project continued. Walker said no one person was responsible for the decision, but that it was "incumbent on all of us."

"That means none of us," McCaskill interjected.

NO MISSION; POINTLESS WAR: ALL HOME NOW



US soldiers from Viper Company (Bravo), 1-26 Infantry hold a briefing prior to a patrol at Combat Outpost (COP) Sabari in Khost province in eastern Afghanistan early on June 19. (AFP/File/Ted Aljibe)

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

MILITARY NEWS

HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



The remains of Spc. Adam S. Hamilton May 31, 2011 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Hamilton, 22, of Kent, Ohio, died May 28, 2011 in Haji Ruf, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when insurgent forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

1,300 Kentucky National Guard Soldiers Off To Obama's Imperial Slaughterhouse

Jun 30, 2011 The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — More than 1,300 Kentucky National Guard soldiers are training to deploy to Iraq, where they will help U.S. troops withdraw from the country.

It will be the largest overseas deployment since World War II for the Kentucky guard.

Soldiers leave next month for a mission to help decommission hundreds of bases, guard convoys of troops and weapons and handle security at U.S. bases.

"It's a full circle for some of us and I really hope it's the last time," said Serdenis, of Louisville, who was preparing for his third tour to Iraq.

Most soldiers said they told families the deployment could last a year. Campbell said he expected it to be perilous. Attacks and other violence have made June the worst month for U.S. casualties in more than two years.

Belgium To Withdraw Half Of Its Afghan Contingent By 2012

July 3, 2011 PanARMENIAN Media LLC

Defense Minister Pieter De Crem said Sunday the pullout would be in line with President Barack Obama's announcement of the start of the U.S. withdrawal next month. Washington intends to cut a third of its 100,000 troops by next summer.

Belgium joins a growing number of nations intending to recall large numbers of troops from Afghanistan.

America's NATO European allies and several partner countries contribute about 40,000 troops to the force.

Half of the Belgian troops provide security for Kabul airport. The rest are based mainly in Kandahar in the south, where six Belgian F-16 fighters are deployed, according to The Associated Press.

**Corrupt DoDEA Chief Shit On
Veteran Job Applicants:
“Investigators Substantiated Six
Allegations Of Abuse Of Power In
Hiring Decisions And Wasteful
Spending Against Miles”
“One Employee Told Investigators
‘That She Could Not Believe Mr. Toth
Would Put In Writing Ways To**

Bypass Veterans,' The Report Stated"

"Federal Hiring Officials Have Come Up With Several 'Schemes' To Avoid Hiring Veterans"

Jun 30, 2011 By Karen Jowers - Staff writer, Army Times [Excerpts]

For years, veterans have complained that federal officials circumvent veterans hiring preference, but that's very difficult to prove.

The report of a recent Defense Department Inspector General investigation documents efforts by officials in the Department of Defense Education Activity to avoid hiring veterans in order to hire candidates favored by the former director, Shirley Miles.

The report, obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request and later published online, shows that at least in this agency's case, hiring officials made a conscious effort to avoid hiring veterans.

For example, according to the original complaint against Miles, the director pushed school officials in Okinawa to hire her daughter-in-law, Stephanie Ermel, as a kindergarten teacher in 2009.

According to the IG report, which has sections blacked out, Charlie Toth, principal deputy director for DoDEA, "sent an email to (redacted), a former colleague, requesting a 'favor,' and suggested a way to hire Dr. Miles' (redacted) and avoid applicants with veteran's preference."

One employee told investigators "that she could not believe Mr. Toth would put in writing ways to bypass veterans," the report stated. Investigators found that Miles "initiated, solicited or accepted" the assistance of her employees, to include Toth, in getting her daughter-in-law hired.

Investigators substantiated six allegations of abuse of power in hiring decisions and wasteful spending against Miles, who has been detailed to the office of the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness for the past year.

Defense officials had no comment on whether any actions will be taken as a result of the investigation, nor did they comment on the school officials' efforts to avoid hiring veterans.

In another instance, an Air Force veteran had applied for the position of superintendent of schools in Japan. He was a former teacher in the Defense Department schools as well as a retired public school district superintendent.

Even before the five-point veterans preference was applied, the veteran was rated higher than Clayton Fujie, the person who was ultimately selected. Fujie was friends with Miles.

IG investigators said this may be allowed as long as the selection is appropriately justified by the selecting official — specifically, Miles. But they found that neither Miles nor any other witness provided a “substantive explanation” for the grounds for bypassing the veteran.

“It’s a common complaint from veterans,” said Joe Violante, national legislative director of the Disabled American Veterans, adding that federal hiring officials have come up with several “schemes” to avoid hiring veterans. “I’m sure this is rampant throughout the government, and that’s the problem,” he said.

“With the unemployment rate what it is for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, the government needs to do something to make sure veteran’s preference is properly exercised. We keep pushing to put some teeth into veterans’ preference to ensure it’s working properly.”

Miles gave an unfair advantage to her friend for the competitive position, investigators found. The IG report states, “We found that Dr. Miles determined to select the (redacted) to fill the (redacted) vacancy even before she had considered any applications for the position.”

When Miles’ daughter-in-law was hired, more than 20 qualified applicants — including veterans, military spouses and former DoDEA employees — were on the referral list.

Kindergarten and elementary teaching vacancies in Okinawa are filled locally, but in this case Ermel was hired from the continental U.S., resulting in the government paying for her move to Okinawa, as well as a housing allowance and other monetary benefits that local hires don’t receive.

Nancy Bresell, who was the area director for DoDEA-Pacific at that time, was not involved in the hiring, but she testified in the IG investigation that one of her employees expressed concern that she was being asked to hire Ermel.

The employee later told her she was “receiving guidance from the Deputy (redacted) to circumvent other qualified candidates” and that she was being told to create a position for Ermel.

Troops Invited:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email to contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

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| <p>It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it. -- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers</p> |
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A Mother’s Regret

From: Dennis Serdel
To: Military Resistance
Sent: July 10, 2010
Subject: A Mother’s Regret

Written by Dennis Serdel, Military Resistance 2010; Vietnam 1967-68 (one tour) Light Infantry, Americal Div. 11th Brigade; United Auto Workers GM Retiree

A Mother's Regret

**“At least he doesn't have a wife and children,”
Mother said as her younger son listened
“I remember when he rushed home
to tell us he joined the Army
I patted him on the back and acted proud
but my inside was all blue and sad
How many bullets will miss him
before one takes my older son away ?
that is what I was thinking on that day
He was so young and knew so little about war,
maybe I should have stressed more
about how my uncle
died for nothing in the Vietnam War
but that war is a million miles away
flip flopping now in the war culture
War is good now, veterans walk around
with big hats that say Vietnam Veteran
but when asked, they say they were in the Navy
or in the rear somewhere
Yes, I was wrong, I should have fought
my son's thoughts, the propaganda
and say War is Not Freedom, War is
a Jail with bars to keep the War positive
in our daily living, War is false Pride.”**

1915: “If Perish We Must, Let Us Perish In The Struggle For Our Own Cause”

August 1915, V.I. Ulyanov, Pravda, No. 18 (3850) [The writer used the pen name “Lenin” to keep the government from terrorizing his family. Excerpts]

The war fills the pockets of the capitalists to whom an ocean of gold is flowing from the treasuries of the great powers.

The war is provoking an unreasoning bitterness against the enemy, and the bourgeoisie does its best to direct the dissatisfaction of the people into those channels, to divert their

attention from the main enemy, the government and the ruling classes of their own country.

The war, however, carrying with it untold miseries and horrors for the toiling masses, enlightens and steels the best representatives of the working class.

If perish we must, let us perish in the struggle for our own cause, for the cause of the workers, for the Socialist revolution and not for the interests of the capitalists, landowners, and Tsars - this is what every class-conscious worker sees and feels.

Revolutionary Social-Democratic work may be difficult at present, but it is possible.

It progresses in the whole world, and in this alone lies salvation.

LATE ANNIVERSARY

June 30, 1966: Three Fort Hood Soldiers Refuse Vietnam War Deployment: “Large Numbers Of Men In The Service Either Do Not Understand This War Or Are Against It”



Carl Bunin Peace History June 28 - July 4

The first GIs—known as the Fort Hood Three, U.S. Army Privates James Johnson, Dennis Mora and David Samas—refused to be sent to Vietnam.

All were members of the 142nd Signal Battalion, 2nd Armored Division stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. The three were from working-class families, and had denounced the war as “immoral, illegal and unjust.” They were arrested, court-martialed and imprisoned.

The Pentagon reported 503,926 “incidents of desertion” between 1966 and 1971.

From NIU.EDU

JOINT STATEMENT BY FORT HOOD THREE

The following statement was read to over 40 cameramen, reporters, and antiwar fighters at a press conference in New York on June 30th. The statement was prepared jointly and read by Pvt. Dennis Mora.

We are Pfc. James Johnson, Pvt. David Samas, and Pvt. Dennis Mora, three soldiers formerly stationed at Fort Hood, Texas in the same company of the 142 Signal Battalion, 2nd Armored Division. We have received orders to report on the 13th of July at Oakland Army Terminal in California for final processing and shipment to Vietnam.

We have decided to take a stand against this war, which we consider immoral, illegal and unjust. We are initiating today, through our attorneys, Stanley Faulkner of New York and Mrs. Selma Samols of Washington, D.C. an action in the courts to enjoin the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Army from sending us to Vietnam. We intend to report as ordered to the Oakland Army Terminal, but under no circumstances will we board ship for Vietnam.

We are prepared to face Court Martial if necessary.

We represent in our backgrounds a cross section of the Army and of America. James Johnson is a Negro, David Samas is of Lithuanian and Italian parents, Dennis Mora is a Puerto Rican. We speak as American soldiers.

We have been in the army long enough to know that we are not the only G.I.'s who feel as we do. Large numbers of men in the service either do not understand this war or are against it.

When we entered the army Vietnam was for us only a newspaper box score of G.I.'s and Viet Cong killed or wounded. We were all against it in one way or another, but we were willing to “go along with the program,” believing that we would not be sent to Vietnam.

We were told from the very first day of our induction that we were headed for Vietnam. During basic training it was repeated often by sergeants and officers, and soon it became another meaningless threat that was used to make us take our training seriously.

But later on Vietnam became a fact of life when some one you knew wondered how he could break the news to his girl, wife, or family that he was being sent there.

After he solved that problem, he had to find a reason that would satisfy him. The reasons were many-"Somebody's got to do it," "When your number's up, your number's up The pay is good," and "You've got to stop them someplace" were phrases heard in the barracks and mess hall, and used by soldiers to encourage each other to accept the war as their own. Besides, what could be done about it anyway? Orders are orders.

As we saw more and more of this, the war became the one thing we talked about most and the one point we all agreed upon. No one wanted to go and more than that, there was no reason for anyone to go.

The Viet Cong obviously had the moral and physical support of most of the peasantry who were fighting for their independence. We were told that you couldn't tell them apart- that they looked like any other skinny peasant.

Our man or our men in Saigon has and have always been brutal dictators, since Diem first violated the 1954 Geneva promise of free elections in 1956.

The Buddhist and military revolt in all the major cities proves that the people of the cities also want an end to Ky and U.S. support for him. The Saigon Army has become the advisor to American G.I.'s who have to take over the fighting.

No one used the word "winning" anymore because in Vietnam it has no meaning.

Our officers just talk about five and ten more years of war with at least ½ million of our boys thrown into the grinder.

We have been told that many times we may face a Vietnamese woman or child and that we will have to kill them. We will never go there-to do that for Ky.

We know that Negroes and Puerto Ricans are being drafted and end up in the worst of the fighting all out of proportion to their numbers in the population; and we have first hand knowledge that these are the ones who have been deprived of decent education and jobs at home.

The three of us, while stationed together, talked a lot and found we thought alike on one over-riding issue-the war in Vietnam must be stopped. It was all talk and we had no intentions of getting into trouble by making waves at that stage.

Once back in Texas we were told that we were on levy to Vietnam. All we had discussed and thought about now was real. It was time for us to quit talking and decide. Go to Vietnam and ignore the truth or stand and fight for what we know is right.

We have made our decision. We will not be a part of this unjust, immoral, and illegal war.

We want no part of a war of extermination. We oppose the criminal waste of American lives and resources.

We refuse to go to Vietnam!!

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THE STUPID REPORT

Disgusting Twisted Apologists For The Mass Murderer Kaddafi Lie And Lie And Lie

This is a typical example of the puke spread by Kaddafi vomit eaters desperately trying to portray a tyrant as some kind of progressive opponent of the U.S. Empire. Opposition to Imperial war on Libya is elementary, and has nothing to do with what the tyrant Kaddafi is or does. T

[From The Internet 7.1.2011:]

"It should be further noted that since Gaddafi came to power in 1969 there has virtually never been a sustained period when the United States has been prepared to treat him and the many positive changes he's instituted in Libya and Africa with any respect."

[Oops: Have Some Reality:]

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And North Korean Regimes,”**

Secretary Of State Condoleezza Rice Said” “Hers Was Just One Of Several Similar Statements On Monday From Senior Officials”

May 16, 2006 By JOEL BRINKLEY; The New York Times. Matthew L. Wald and Steven R. Weisman contributed reporting for this article.

The Bush administration announced Monday that it would re-establish full diplomatic ties with Libya because Libya had abandoned its nuclear and other unconventional weapons programs and helped in the campaign against terrorism.

The decision ends more than 25 years of hostility while sending a strong signal to Iran and North Korea to follow suit.

Along with the normalization of relations and the announced intention to open a new embassy in Tripoli, the administration removed Libya from the list of nations that are state sponsors of terrorism. The United States had reaffirmed Libya's place on that list as recently as March.

The announcements were a result of Libya's surprise decision in 2003 to renounce terrorism. At the time, senior American officials said they believed that Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi, the Libyan leader, had taken that step because he was chastened by the American invasion of Iraq. Since then, Libya has also destroyed its chemical weapons stockpiles and dismantled a secret nuclear weapons program.

"Libya is an important model as nations around the world press for changes in behavior by the Iranian and North Korean regimes," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said.

Hers was just one of several similar statements on Monday from senior officials who worked hard to turn Libya's change in behavior into a lesson for Iran as a resolution on Iran's nuclear development program remains stalled in the United Nations Security Council.

So far, however, Iran has ridiculed Libya for its reconciliation with the West. But on Monday, Libya accepted the news enthusiastically and even promised to cooperate with the United States in at least one area in which it is ill equipped to offer help.

"We encourage America on the path of cooperation and we hope we will cooperate together through cultural debate to spread democracy around the world together," said Mustapha Zaidi, who leads Libya's Revolutionary Committees -- an apparatus of Colonel Qaddafi's iron-fisted control of the country.

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



**“For Every Person Killed On
September 11, Another 73 Have Been
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**“The Final Bill Will Run At Least \$3.7
Trillion And Could Reach As High As
\$4.4 Trillion”**

Jun 29, 2011 By Daniel Trotta, Reuters [Excerpts]

When President Barack Obama cited cost as a reason to bring troops home from Afghanistan, he referred to a \$1 trillion price tag for America's wars.

Staggering as it is, that figure grossly underestimates the total cost of wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan to the U.S. Treasury and ignores more imposing costs yet to come, according to a study released on Wednesday.

The final bill will run at least \$3.7 trillion and could reach as high as \$4.4 trillion, according to the research project "Costs of War" by Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies.

In the 10 years since U.S. troops went into Afghanistan to root out the al Qaeda leaders behind the September 11, 2001, attacks, spending on the conflicts totaled \$2.3 trillion to \$2.7 trillion.

Those numbers will continue to soar when considering often overlooked costs such as long-term obligations to wounded veterans and projected war spending from 2012 through 2020. The estimates do not include at least \$1 trillion more in interest payments coming due and many billions more in expenses that cannot be counted, according to the study.

In one sense, the report measures the cost of 9/11, the American shorthand for the events of September 11, 2001.

Nineteen hijackers plus other al Qaeda plotters spent an estimated \$400,000 to \$500,000 on the plane attacks that killed 2,995 people and caused \$50 billion to \$100 billion in economic damages.

What followed were three wars in which \$50 billion amounts to a rounding error.

In human terms, 224,000 to 258,000 people have died directly from warfare, including 125,000 civilians in Iraq. An additional 365,000 have been wounded and 7.8 million people -- equal to the combined population of Connecticut and Kentucky -- have been displaced.

For every person killed on September 11, another 73 have been killed since.

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CLASS WAR REPORTS



Capitalists At Work:

“Median Pay For Top Executives At 200 Big Companies Last Year Was \$10.8 Million”

“That Works Out To A 23% Gain From 2009”

“Most Ordinary Americans Aren’t Getting Raises Anywhere Close To Those Of These Chief Executives”

“Many Aren’t Getting Raises At All — Or Even Regular Paychecks. After Inflation, Workers Were Actually Making Less”

And it’s not as if most workers are getting fat raises. The average American worker was taking home \$752 a week in late 2010, up a mere 0.5 percent from a year earlier. After inflation, workers were actually making less.

3 July 2011 by Pradnya Joshi, The New York Times Company [Excerpts]

It turns out that the good times are even better than we thought for American chief executives.

The final figures show that the median pay for top executives at 200 big companies last year was \$10.8 million. That works out to a 23 percent gain from 2009.

Pay skyrocketed last year because many companies brought back cash bonuses, says Aaron Boyd, head of research at Equilar.

Cash bonuses, as opposed to those awarded in stock options, jumped by an astounding 38 percent, the final numbers show.

Granted, many American corporations did well last year. Profits were up substantially. As a result, many companies are sharing the wealth, at least with their executives.

Most ordinary Americans aren’t getting raises anywhere close to those of these chief executives.

Many aren’t getting raises at all — or even regular paychecks. Unemployment is still stuck at more than 9 percent.

In some ways, chief executives seem to live in a world apart when it comes to pay.

As long as shareholders think that the top brass is doing a good job, executives tend to be well paid, whatever the state of the broader economy.

According to a report released by GovernanceMetrics in June, the good times for chief executives just keep getting better. Many executives received stock options that were granted in 2008 and 2009, when the stock market was sinking.

Now that the market has recovered from its lows of the financial crisis, many executives are sitting on windfall profits, at least on paper. In addition, cash bonuses for the highest-paid C.E.O.’s are at three times prerecession levels, the report said.

Of course, these sorts of pay figures invariably push the buttons of many ordinary Americans. And, of course, millions are out of work or trying to hold on to their homes — or both.

And it's not as if most workers are getting fat raises.

The average American worker was taking home \$752 a week in late 2010, up a mere 0.5 percent from a year earlier. After inflation, workers were actually making less.

On the flip side, some chief executives have consistently taken token salaries — sometimes, \$1 — choosing instead to rely on their ownership stakes for wealth.

These stock riches don't show up on the current pay lists, but they can be huge.

Warren E. Buffett, for instance, saw his stock holdings rise last year by 16 percent, to \$46 billion. Other longtime chief executives or founders who are sitting on billions of paper profits include Jeffrey P. Bezos of Amazon.com and Michael S. Dell, the founder of Dell.

Troops Invited:

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