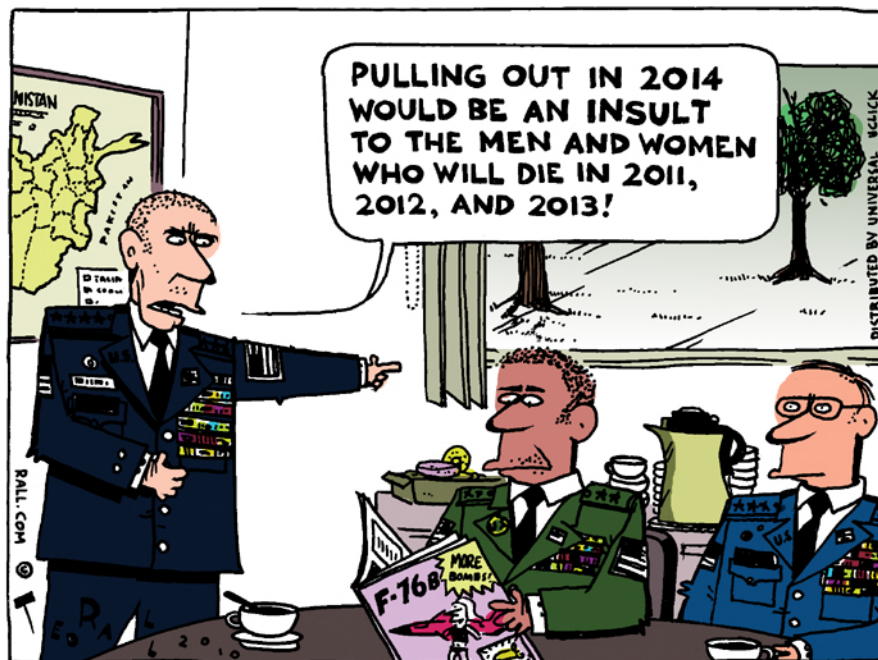


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**“They’ve Earned The Right To Wear Their Uniform At Protests As Far As I’m Concerned”**

**“If I Ever Return To The States, I’ll Be Joining These Guys And Sporting My Battle Dress Uniform”**

# **“I’m Glad They’re Out In Uniform Making Their Point While Giving Us More Of A Voice” “Congress Sure As Shit Doesn’t Care About Us”**

Army Times Forum  
11.18.11

[Re: “Occupy Wall Street’: Should veterans be rallying for the movement?” Army Times Forums, mid-November]

They’ve earned the right to wear their uniform at protests as far as I’m concerned.

It would be completely different if it were some paid actors or Hollywood making a mess of things; more people should find that offensive instead, but such is not the case.

I’m glad they’re out in uniform making their point while giving us more of a voice.

[A sergeant] said in his interview on television that so many vets are afraid to speak out since they’re still in the mindset of the UCMJ.

Who the hell cares?

The public now needs to be reminded who pays for their Whopper Value Meal and their hi-def TVs with blood, our blood. Congress sure as shit doesn’t care about us.

If I ever return to the states, I’ll be joining these guys and sporting my Battle Dress Uniform right along with all the other guys wearing whatever branch uniform they served in.

Hell, yeah.

— Machine666

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## The Future Confronts The Past



Oct 26th, 2011 Photo by hank jellyface

[Thanks to Fabian Bouthillette, Military Resistance Organization & Iraq Theatre Veteran U.S. Navy, who sent this in.]

Oct 26, 2011

This sailor was at Occupy Oakland. It's legit. On the footage from the news helicopter you can see him leaving with his flag after the tear gas starts firing.

He's holding a Veterans For Peace flag and the constitution.

We need to get him support. I am so ready.

**MORE:**

**National Guardsman Says “I Support This Movement 100%”  
“A Thinking Soldier, A Soldier With A Conscience, Is The 1%’s Worst Nightmare”**

# **“If The Rank And File Of The U.S. Military Become Aware Of The Fact That They Too Are The 99%, They Won’t Have Enough Cops In The Country To Stop Us”**

October 28th, 2011 by Pham Binh, Dissident Voice

**A black National Guardsman in uniform showed up in Liberty Plaza less than two days after Oakland police brutalized a U.S. marine Iraq war veteran in the crackdown on Occupy Oakland.**

**He allowed people to take his photo and quite a few people made it a point to personally thank him and shake his hand.**

**This is remarkable.**

It is against military regulations for troops to attend demonstrations in uniform, although standing in a park surrounded by dozens of tarps and tents in the middle of a cold rainy afternoon without a sign or banner in sight probably does not count.

During protests against the Afghan and/or Iraq wars, active-duty personnel who attended them usually made it a point not to appear in uniform because of these rules.

**“I support this movement 100%,” he told me.**

**He would have come down before today if he hadn’t been busy with National Guard training.**

He was bothered by what he described as the government’s “imbalanced” approach to fiscal issues; namely, massive tax cuts for the 1% while social services for the 99% saw their funding slashed to the bone.

Shelters for homeless teenagers faced cuts, and he feared what kind of trouble these kids would get into with nowhere to go and no one to turn to.

As we spoke, a young Hispanic guy asked him if the military would help him get his G.E.D. (the equivalent of a high school diploma) and how the training was.

I asked the Guardsman why he joined the military.

He said he chose the National Guard so that he could go to school part time (he committed to six years of part-time duty so that he could attend school at the same time).

When I asked him about the military's health care benefits he chuckled and told me that he had to pay into the system known as Tricare.

He noted the irony of being forced to pay into the military's health care system when it was his life and limb that would be at risk in a future military deployment.

Meanwhile Congress had no problem voting to give themselves raises every year.

**A thinking soldier, a soldier with a conscience, is the 1%'s worst nightmare.**

**If the rank and file of the U.S. military become aware of the fact that they too are the 99%, they won't have enough cops in the country to stop us.**

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## **Oklahoma City Soldier Killed In Afghanistan: “The 12th Soldier From The Oklahoma National Guard 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team To Die In Combat Since July 29 And The Fifth This Month”**



September 26, 2011 NewsOK [Exc

Another Oklahoma soldier has died while fighting in Afghanistan, the U.S. Department of Defense reported.

**Spc. Francisco J. Briseno-Alvarez Jr., 27, of Oklahoma City, is the 12th soldier from the Oklahoma National Guard 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team to die in combat since July 29 and the fifth this month.**

Briseno-Alvarez was killed Sunday in Laghman province when his unit was attacked with a roadside bomb, according to a Defense Department news release. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, based in Stillwater.

Three other soldiers also were injured in the attack, according to a news release from the Oklahoma National Guard. "He died doing the right thing. He died serving and protecting his country," said Briseno-Alvarez's cousin, Juan Cerano.

"He was like the brother I never had. His family would come and visit us, or we would go over and visit them. We played soccer, tag, just the things that kids would do," said Cerano, 30.

The two went to different schools and grew apart as they got older, but reconnected when they reached driving age, he said.

"It was like nothing had ever happened, like time had stood still. He'd come over, we'd watch movies or just hang out," Cerano said.

It was not uncommon for the two to see each other several times a month before he was deployed, and text or speak on the phone when their schedules conflicted, he said.

"I'm really going to miss him. I only have four sisters. I don't have an actual brother, so it's hard to lose somebody like that. There's always going to be part of him in our hearts," Cerano said.

"I just remember him as always smiling," said cousin Sarai Cerano, 21.

"He could lighten up a room. Just the sweetest, most caring guy ever. It's devastating for our family."

Briseno-Alvarez grew up in Oklahoma City and graduated from U.S. Grant High School in 2003. Sarai Cerano said her cousin had worked as a delivery driver for a soda company before he was deployed to Afghanistan.

"I actually just saw him this summer when he was in town for a week," Sarai Cerano said.

"He was a bundle of sunshine in every person's path that he crossed. He just had a fire that could ignite anyone's world," she said.

Briseno-Alvarez is survived by his father, Javier Briseno; mother, Lurdes Alvarez, and two siblings, brother, Adrian Briseno, 24, and sister, Diana Briseno, 18.

Briseno-Alvarez joined the Oklahoma National Guard on Sept. 11, 2010, the Guard release states. He attended advanced individual training to become a truck driver.

Briseno-Alvarez previously served with the 700th Brigade Support Battalion, based in Stillwater.

The Oklahoma National Guard's 45th Infantry Brigade began moving about 2,200 troops into Afghanistan in mid-June for a nine-month deployment. The Oklahoma Guard took over operational duties in Afghanistan in mid-July.

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## **NOT ANOTHER DAY NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



Aug. 27, 2011: A U.S. Marine, 3/4 Marines, after an exchange of fire with Taliban militants in the Gesresk Valley, Helmand province, southern Afghanistan. Militants regularly attack the base from multiple directions using launched grenades, sniper rifles, and AK-47s. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

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# Honorable Work For The National Guard:

**“This Is The Best Mission That I’ve Done Since I’ve Been In The Army”**  
**“There’s Nothing That Beats Helping Out The Local People In The United States”**



Soldiers from the Virginia National Guard's 189th Engineer Co. (MRBC), based at Bowling Green National Guard Armory, clear fallen trees and debris from roads in the wake of Hurricane Irene.

September 26, 2011 Army Times

The Minnesota National Guard sent helicopters Sept. 15 to help put out wildfires in Boundary Waters wilderness area — one of the latest in a recent string of natural disasters that brought calls for guardsmen around the country.

Guardsmen have gone in recent weeks to help local authorities fight fires, contain floods, evacuate residents and remove debris after heavy storms including Hurricane Irene.

In early September, more than 1,200 Pennsylvania National Guard members were mobilized to help with flooding along the Susquehanna River that followed Tropical Storm Lee.

On Sept. 9, guardsmen used a boat to rescue 11 people, including two young children, trapped on the second floor of a house in West Pittston, Pa.

Black Hawks from the Louisiana National Guard, hanging with 500-gallon buckets, put out the last of smoldering marsh fires in New Orleans on Sept. 10, reported Nola.com.

Days earlier, the Texas National Guard deployed Chinooks and Black Hawks, bulldozers and large trucks to help fight fires in the southeastern part of the state.



After Hurricane Irene blew through New England, Connecticut's 192nd Multi-Functional Engineer Battalion rescued residents in Hartford trapped by floodwaters, reported gas leaks and assessed damage, the National Guard reported.

More than 1,600 guardsmen from Maine, Vermont, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia remained on duty in New England into September. Staff Sgt. Jason Burnham, of the Maine National Guard's 262nd Engineers, a veteran of two overseas tours, left his home state ready to help.

"This is the best mission that I've done since I've been in the Army," he said.

"There's nothing that beats helping out the local people in the United States."

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**“There Is A Special Sense Of  
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Movement Because ‘We Have Offered  
To Put Our Lives On The Line For  
This Country Just To Come Home  
And See That Our Rights Are Being  
Blatantly Disrespected””**

# **“‘I Have Lost All Trust In The ‘Dignity And Integrity’ Of The Government And Their Police Forces”**

October 27, 2011Voiceshakes.wordpress.com [Excerpts]

Scott Olsen served two tours in Iraq with the United States Marine Corps before coming home to a country lacking in jobs but thriving with high-level corruption.

He “thought the banks pretty much run free and unregulated and are never held accountable for their actions,” his roommate and fellow veteran Keith Shannon told reporters.

Olsen was shot in the head Tuesday night with a tear-gas canister fired by Oakland police, fracturing his skull and causing his brain to swell. He had been marching with 2,000 others from Occupy Oakland after a brutal attack that morning ended with 100 arrests.

Unfortunately, Olsen is not the first Iraq veteran to sustain potentially life-threatening injuries from a police attack while peacefully demonstrating.

In 2008, former Sergeant Nick Morgan was crushed by a police horse in New York as veterans and allies protested the Iraq-war and the treatment of veterans outside of the presidential debates.

Morgan and Olsen are both members of Iraq Veterans Against the War, whose members have been participating in occupations around the country.

Morgan says that many veterans have been and will continue to participate in this movement because “we have offered to put our lives on the line for this country just to come home and see that our rights are being blatantly disrespected.”

Indeed, there is a special sense of betrayal that veterans experience when they realize that the political system they risked their life defending is prepared and willing to attack them for voicing opposition to its policies.

“I have lost all trust in the ‘dignity and integrity’ of the government and their police forces,” Morgan continues.

“I don’t feel safe in the presence of politicians or cops, I feel the opposite.”

In a press release sent out Wednesday, Iraq Veterans Against the War condemned the attack on Olsen and the Occupy Oakland march: “It’s ironic that days after Obama’s announcement of the end of the Iraq War, Scott faced a veritable war zone in the streets of Oakland last night.”

It’s not going to be an easy thing to deal with,” Morgan says of Olsen’s recovery. “The mental ramifications of this are difficult to deal with, I can attest to that.”

Morgan filed a lawsuit against the Nassau county police in 2009 for violations of his 1st, 4th, 5th, and 14th amendments rights, as well as a litany of New York State and civil rights, and he is currently awaiting a January conference to set a trial date. The Nassau County Police Department has refused to settle out of court.

“We need to hit them on as many fronts as we can, including in the courts,” he says of both his lawsuit and the current wave of “occupy” protests. “The only way these people will listen is when you start breaking down their modes of power.”

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**“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.”**

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

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