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From: Stop The War Brigade: http://www.stopthewarbrigade.com/
"I'll fight until the day I die
to tell people the truth about you.
The more you cover-up
the more I'll uncover you." (PVT Tim Gray-US Army)

"Lives burned, reduced to ash.
Before you wage war,
check your reflection in a glass." (SP Quadlisha Cahir-US Army)

There is no question that we need to hear the stories of soldiers who do resist.
Those stories unfortunately remain, for the most part, untold.

There are thousands of them out there carrying on the struggle against this insane "War on Terror" where everyone is the "enemy" except those criminals who planned and then launched it.

The US Government sends soldiers out to slaughter and be slaughtered. They pump them up with a lot of patriotic nonsense, dumb them down, wind them up and then point them in the wrong direction.

Below is a true story about some truly remarkable young men. They are my heroes and we need many more.

They prove beyond a doubt the power of following your conscience, daring to speak out and take an uncompromising stand.

They are beacons in the fog of uncertainty that soldiers ultimately face when contemplating resistance.

An Abbreviated History Of "Hey Joe (George)"

The first time I really got turned on to Jimi Hendrix was in Viet Nam in 1968.

One of my buddies suggested that I check out his new Stereo Set which was in his Hootch just down the walkway from my Hootch. The scene was pretty lively and so just to break away for a minute I took him up on his offer and made the short walk.

I went into Hootch, turned on his box, selected a Jimi Hendrix tape and layed across my friend's cot. I closed my eyes and let the music just take me away, away from the hell I was living. My mind jumped from the frying pan into the fire. It was a strange contrast but the music fit my mood entirely.
I thought I was going to "relax" and just chill out but Jimi's music had me on edge, excited. It was then and there that I became a loyal fan.

Jimi Hendrix was a break away hero. He inspired a whole generation with his flamboyant style and attitude. He played a guitar upside-down, left handed and he made his instrument sing like it had never ever had sung before.

There's something to that because now as this corrupt and sinister Government, with all of its cowardly partners (allies) in tow, marches off to yet another war, the Anti-war Movement will have to cast off old ideas and habits and consequently brave new horizons. We have to kick it to the next level.

**Soldiers are just fellow citizens under arms wearing a military uniform.**

They are our Grandparents, Brothers and Sisters. Sons & Daughters, Mothers & Fathers, Uncles and Aunts, Cousins, Friends and Loved-Ones. As such they run the gamut of potential, weakness, strength, success and failure.

"Hey Joe" always had a certain appeal for me. It posed a very simple question in the context of war. "Hey Joe, Where ya going with that gun in your hands?"

Now that question demands an answer, plain and simple.

**As good work and planning would have it, just after 911, "The Stop The WAR Brigade" met with two angry soldiers, Quadlisha Cahir & Tim Gray.**

They were both up to the task of answering that question in the International Cultural Arena. I asked them if they'd like to write something with "Hey Joe" as the backdrop. They jumped on it, because they wanted take that opportunity to speak out and tell their story.

Their words ring so poignant, so true it boggles the imagination to know that Tim was barely 18 and Quadlisha was a mere 24 years of age.

**Quadlisha Cahir.** I had known Quadlisha Cahir a few years before 911 went down and we were always engaged in political discussion. I tried to convey to him the severity of his situation being a member of the US Military.

He was in for a quickie, trying to get money to pay for a college education, not realizing he was risking his life, not knowing that the Devil would come and ask at the most unexpected moment to call in his chips so to speak.

Shortly after 911 I got a call from Quadlisha and he asked me a simple question, "Bro, what should I do?" He already knew the answer but he just wanted to hear me say it and reconfirm what he was feeling.

I told him he should go public with his opposition to the War and that we would back him up with every resource at our disposal.
September 19th, 2001, eight days after 911, an article was published in a major German newspaper, The "Tageszeitung (TAZ)", with the headline "Ich will nicht in den Krieg (I do not want to go to War)".

Before the ink could dry on that publication he was summoned, that very day, to the CO's Office and interrogated and grilled, up one side and down the other, as to why he dared make the statement's that were being attributed to him in the newspaper article.

He stood his ground and didn't waver because he had faith in us and in himself.

They accused him of treason and threatened him with prison and a dishonorable discharge and still he didn't falter.

It was one of the boldest stands I have ever witnessed. It's very easy for people to suggest a course of action but quite another thing to carry it out alone, on your own, at that moment, in real time. We were not standing on the CO's Rug alongside him in a physical sense, but we had his back and we were very proud of him.

But it got better.

He went to the "Judge Advocate General (JAG)" and consulted with a lawyer there. His JAG lawyer asked if there was any material he could have which pertained to his case and that might help in his defense.

Quadlisha told him that the interview conducted by the reporter had been filmed by the "Stop The WAR Brigade (STWB)" so that there would be an irrefutable record. The lawyer asked for a copy of the interview and was given one shortly thereafter. Quadlisha's Lawyer arranged another appointment for the following week. A week came and went and Quadlisha again went to JAG.

The first thing that came out of the JAG Officer's mouth was, "I don't see anything wrong with what you had to say, in fact I agree with you!!". Now, that was sure encouraging and it showed that he was not alone and that he had support where he had least expected it.

The prospect of broad based opposition to the war inside the US Military was suddenly a distinct possibility and he was living it and he was at the forefront. He was soaring like an Eagle observing the struggle from a new perspective and fearless.

Now, understand that this news went all the way up the pipe.

The Brass heard about the Video and demanded to see it.

They marched into a messhall and cleared it out after Chow with only the cooks being allowed to remain. They hastily put the tape on and watched it there in a "private" setting.

Well, the word got back to us about what was going on in the messhall. One cook said, "Man, they were watching that video like it was a movie, damn. I never saw anything like that". We all had a big laugh, but this shit is serious.
They couldn't break Quadlisha.

The Brass eventually capitulated throwing up their hands in frustration and disgust. They just packed up and disappeared to regroup and find weaker prey.

Now that doesn't make us supermen or superheroes but it shows in some way how we have to deal with this terrible situation that confronts us all. Quadlisha had no illusions he followed his conscious and refused to be intimidated.

If you're isolated this story can be an inspiration but there is also strength in numbers and it is important to encourage soldiers to unite and do things in a big way. One thing is certain, you'll need people like Quadlisha.

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Tim Gray. I can't say enough about him. Smart as a whip. He's like a little brother or son to me.

I got a call that a GI had deserted and was seeking some assistance. We were to meet at busy and well frequented spot. He asked me how would he know who I was. I told him that I had Dreadlocks so there wouldn't be that many people fitting that description.

I was standing there waiting like I've done countless times before over the years, knowing that sometimes the soldiers change their minds all of sudden and never show, for whatever reason. Then suddenly there he was approaching me, coming right at me, smiling. I knew instinctively that he was for real.

It was written all over his face, "I'm in trouble, can you help me". It clicked between us from jumpstreet. You need to have the other person's trust in a situation like that. He confided in me and sought my advice on many subjects. He was barely 18 when I met him.

He had joined the US Army at the tender age of 17. His mother had to sign her son's life away.

The US Military would rob a cradle if they could get past the babysitter.

I know he was a handful for his parents, and yes he had some problems early on in his young life, but to this day I have the utmost respect for him and trust in him. He made a tremendous amount of progress in a very short period of time.

I asked him if he was willing to give an interview and he agreed. As a rule we like to video our soldiers for a number of reasons, but mainly for their own safety and for posterity. We want other soldiers to be able to check them out. Those interviews led to a lot of media and organizations being interested in his story.

In 2001 before "Hey Joe" was recorded, these two Soldiers stepped forward publicly to express their opposition to US War Plans.
Here is a video-interview of these two brave soldiers shortly after 911.

There's also Music Video featuring the two rappers after the interview. Although they never met they gave a wonderful performance. In fact, Tim Gray had never been in a studio before.

I find that remarkable.

I wish them both the best in life.

Special Thanks to Ras Abraham & Tonya Tarver Summers for their great contribution to "Hey Joe(George)". Their participation was crucial.

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HEY JOE

Quadlisha Cahir aka Carver Hill's Rap:

An entire lifetime of being used
you send me to war with no clues.
    make me the enemy
for simply voicing my views.
    We ain't all green.
It's flesh in-between these BDU's,
    I am what I choose,
Can't be controlled, conformed or confused.
    You want to fight terrorism,
    what about your boys in blue?
Do you plan to bomb the Klan too?
    I didn’t think so.
    If minorities mattered
you would have acted
after they bombed in Africa.
Lives burned, reduced to ash.
    Before you wage war,
check your reflection in a glass.
    Now we say it’s not about
Muslim religion, oh isn't it?
    If these cats was christian
would we mention it?
Dark-skinned men and women
stoned in the streets.
I’m only american when it’s convenient.
    Does God bless me
from sea to shining sea?
    You ain’t never seen
your relatives hung from a tree.
    That right there
is the reason we can't agree ! ! !

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Tim Gray’s Rap:

I've had Uncle Sam on my back
for telling him that's that.
I try to tell him what's right
but he doesn't listen.
He tries to beat and threaten me into submission.
But still I fight and I'm not going to give up
for what I think is right.

I'll fight until the day I die
to tell people the truth about you.
The more you cover-up
the more I'll uncover you.
Now its my turn to take a stand and I am.
I'm willing to fight for the rest of my life
to save a couple thousand lives.
I refuse to fight a fight
for something I believe is wrong
for some land, oil, or some uranium.

When you watch your T.V.,
you see what they want you to see.
The lies and untrue facts
they use to deceive.
But once we open our eyes
and quit being so blind
then we will see the truth
behind these lies.
I sing this song
for all the soldiers out there
Who fight a war for a government
that doesn't care.

If you live or die
it does not matter
as long as we keep
these warlords in power.
But once we stand and refuse to fight.
Maybe then people will see the light.
Peace is in the prophecies
but we must believe.
That we can make a difference
that we can succeed.
I repeat I will not fight
for something that is wrong.
Hopefully I save your child’s life
by writing this song.

Quadlisha Cahir aka Carver Hill's Rap part 2:

Children cry in the aftermath
of a witch-hunt.
From the ashes a new kingdom.
   Afghanistan.
Your president is a puppet
for my country’s "up and coming".
   Hypocrisy at its finest,
greed is timeless and I love it.
   ‘Cause these motherfuckers do spin a lie
to make Democracy twist.
Now you’re dealing with Saddam,
   Baby Bush blew these motherfuckers
straight to they crib
and still can't say if Bin Laden’s been alive,
   let alone where he live.
   I'm out the yard now
Story soon to be copy written,
published and digitally mastered.
   So while ya'll bastards
is dropping bombs in Iraq,
I'll be dropping dimes on ya'll asses.
   At home in my drawers
with a "blunt" in my jaws
   on the porch torching my BDU’s to ashes.
   Cause Uncle Sam like pointing fingers.
Here have this. Fuck you. Fuck you. Fuck you.
Carver Hill, the 40th’s favorite Nigger.
   You couldn’t kick me out the Army
Cause my ball’s was bigger.
   It’s funny what JAG and
an unedited interview can do.
Make the entire Chain of Command sit up.
   ooooh, that’s true.
Matter of fact, 40th Engineer Battalion,
   Screw You ! ! !

Tonya Tarver Summers' Refrain:
Caught up in the System, all God’s children.
Society’s victims trying to pull through.
Looking for a wayout, searching for some answers.
The clock is ticking faster towards a world disaster
   Praying to the master on a daily basis
Set us free, Set us free, Oh lord Set us free ! ! !
Carver Hill:
You throw your hands up,
I throw my hands up
and if you feel like me
then we'll all get down

Ras Abraham:
Just like Joe,
killing the People
in the Name of War.

Darnell Stephen Summers:
Where ya going
why ya killing and bombing
in Afghanistan?

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IRAQ WAR REPORTS

U.S. Soldier Killed, Another Wounded In Baghdad

Feb. 11, 2007 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE No. 20070211-08

BAQUBAH, Iraq – Coalition Forces from Task Force Lightning were conducting combat operations in Diyala province when they received small-arms fire from anti-Iraqi forces
A U.S. Soldier was shot and later died of wounds.

**Katy Marine Dies In Copter Crash Weeks Before Return From Iraq**

Feb. 11, 2007 By ANITA HASSAN, Houston Chronicle

A Marine from Katy died in a helicopter crash in Iraq on Wednesday.

Sgt. James Rodney Tijerina, 26, crew chief on a medical evacuation helicopter, died when his CH-46 Sea Knight caught fire, spun out of control and crashed. The fire was caused by a mechanical failure, military officials told his father, Peter Tijerina, when they came to his home to deliver the news of his son's death on Wednesday.

"I saw two Marines drive up and park," he said. "And I knew they were coming to see me. I knew they were looking for me."

Peter Tijerina said he told the two staff sergeants he wanted few details of the crash that killed his son and six others aboard the helicopter.

"I don't want to know how he died or how he suffered," he said.

James Tijerina was scheduled to return home to his station at Camp Pendleton in San Diego on March 20.

"He had no fear at all," said Peter Tijerina as he described his last conversation with his son in mid-January. "But he was tired and homesick."

James Tijerina decided to join the Marines in 2002 before the war in Iraq began.
"He told me, 'That's what I want to do, Dad,' " Peter Tijerina said. "I want to go and fight."

His father said Tijerina was very proud to be a Marine. As a crew chief, he helped pick up wounded troops and take them to safety.

"He was always expressing that he felt good about doing something good for all those people," he said.

This was James Tijerina's second tour in Iraq, his father said. The first time he was sent to Baghdad was only a year after he joined.

"He wanted to make a career out of it," Peter Tijerina said, adding that his son had enlisted for another five years.

Not only had James Tijerina found a career in the Marines, but it also enabled him to meet the woman who would become his wife, Clowie. His father said the two met after James was stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego.

"When he met her, he called to tell me he found his soul mate," Peter Tijerina said.

The couple married last summer shortly before Tijerina left for Iraq. Peter Tijerina said they had planned to have a bigger ceremony in June after his son came home from his tour.

"He had plans," he said. "Man, he had plans like crazy."

Graduating from Katy High School in 1997, Tijerina was part of the football team that won a state championship his senior year.

Last Christmas Eve, he ran in a 5-K race at Camp Taqaddum with 250 other troops where he won first place with a time of 18 minutes and 46 seconds.

"He was an athlete, but he also had a big heart," Peter Tijerina said.

His father described James Tijerina as a softspoken and caring man who loved the outdoors. His real passion, however, was for animals.

"It was a real nightmare in the house when the snakes got loose," he said, chuckling.

He remembered Tijerina finding wounded animals on the street and trying to nurse them back to health. "He had such a soft spot for animals," Peter Tijerina said. "Even the mean dogs he could handle because they could sense it."

Peter Tijerina said that he and his son were very close.

In addition to his father and wife, James Tijerina is survived by his mother, Lilia Carr, his sister, Lynn Ann and brother, Peter Tijerina II.
Former Duke Lacrosse Player Killed In Iraq At 26

2.11.07 The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. Jimmy Regan, a former member of the Duke lacrosse team who joined the U.S. Army Rangers, was killed in Iraq, the university said Sunday. He was 26.

Regan, a native of Manhasset, N.Y., was the second former Duke athlete to die in combat. Former swimmer and baseball player, Marine Lt. Matthew Lynch died in 2004 in Iraq.

Regan played lacrosse from 1999 to 2002 and ended his career with 22 goals and four assists. He played on two Atlantic Coast Conference championship team and in four NCAA tournaments.

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Clark Grad Killed In Iraq

01/31/2007 Sig Christenson, Express-News Military Writer

Timothy A. Swanson was always known as a happy child.

His sense of humor somehow remained intact even as a young man in Iraq’s bitter, bloody Sunni Triangle — perhaps to the end of his life this past weekend.

“One of our neighbors, when he heard about this, commented how much he loved Tim because he always had a smile on his face,” said his father, San Antonio attorney Keith Howard.

“He loved to joke.”

The news came Saturday night. Swanson, a 21-year-old Army corporal from San Antonio, had been killed earlier in the day after being struck by a roadside bomb in Taji, ending plans to go hunting and fishing with his dad later this year as they had for many years, since he was a boy.

Funeral services are pending.

A 2003 Clark High School graduate, he was killed with Pfc. Jon St. John II, 25, of Neenah, Wis., and Pfc. David Toomalatai, 19, of Long Beach, Calif.

The Army said they died after an improvised explosive device, or IED, detonated near their Humvee while on convoy operations in the area — a hotbed of the insurgency since the first months of the U.S. occupation.

Swanson is the 26th Bexar County GI to die in Iraq since the March 20, 2003 invasion.
The Web site iCasualties.org, which tracks troop casualties in Iraq, listed him as the 280th Texan to fall there.

“I think we were both numb,” Howard said of how he and his wife, Dana, reacted when told of their son’s death. “And since then the numbness has subsided into waves of grief, but always punctuated by tremendous pride in our son and his sacrifice.”

It was Swanson’s second tour in Iraq, one he neither shied from nor talked much about with his folks. After returning home from his first tour he didn’t discuss the violence that GIs in the Baghdad area face.

Rather than talk about the missions he went out on, Swanson preferred to dwell on how he and his buddies used their off time. They liked to exercise and play video games — both common activities at forward operating bases around Iraq.

The grandson of a World War II fighter pilot, Swanson had always thought about joining the military and possibly even making it a career. Howard said his son’s decision to join in 2003, though, was rooted more in a desire “to basically serve his country, to see the world, to get an education, to become a man.

“I’m very proud, very proud of him and his service and yes, he did meet his goals,” Howard, 49, said, noting that Swanson discovered a new culture during his first Iraq tour. “The Army turned him into a fine man.”

Posted to Fort Carson, Colo., he was an M-1 tank crewman and did just about everything in that job, working as a driver and ammunition loader before changing his Military Occupational Specialty, or MOS. While in Iraq, he received the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Army Service Ribbon.

Soon enough, he was back.

An ROTC student in high school, Swanson was working in the Baghdad area assigned to a personal security detail as a Humvee driver. There was no quibbling about another tour of the “sandbox,” as troops call Iraq, and no visible worries.

Occasionally he’d call home, still not talking much about the war. The one time he’d deviate from that practice was when a buddy lost his life. Then he’d ask his parents for a favor.

Would they say a prayer?

“He didn’t hesitate to go back, and he wasn’t scared,” Howard said, adding, “When you’re young, you’re bulletproof.”

U.S. Apache Helicopter Reported Shot Down Near Timayma
Feb 11, 2007 (Reuters)

Residents reported seeing a missile hit an Apache attack helicopter, which carries two crew, bringing it down in the Timayma area, near Taji, site of a major U.S. air base 20 km (12 miles) north of Baghdad.

Witnesses and police said the helicopter was shot down on Sunday, sending a plume of smoke into the air.

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UNREMITTING HELL ON EARTH;
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW

12.3.06  A US armored vehicle at the site where three car bombs detonated next to a crowded petrol station in southwest Baghdad. (AFP/Wisam Sami)

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

U.S. SERVICE MEMBER KILLED IN BALKH

2/11/2007 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND Release Number: 07-01-03C
Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan – A U.S. service member died of a gunshot wound today in Balkh province, Afghanistan.

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**Assorted Resistance Action**

11 February, 2007 Gulf Times Newspaper

Taliban ambushed a police patrol in Afghanistan’s southern province of Kandahar overnight yesterday, killing four police and wounding three more, a police chief said.

The police were on patrol late Friday in the insurgency-hit Panjwayi district when Taliban fighters opened fire, kicking off a gunbattle, provincial police chief General Asmatullah Alizay said.

Musa Qala, also in Helmand, has meanwhile been in Taliban hands for more than a week with the government able to call on NATO military support to oust the rebels but saying it wants a peaceful solution.

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**TROOP NEWS**

**THIS IS HOW BUSH BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME:**
**BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**

![Image of a funeral procession with a military honor guard and a covered casket]
The casket of U.S. Army Sgt. Alexander Fuller outside St. Francis Xavier Parish, in Hyannis, Mass. Feb. 6, 2007. Fuller, 21, of Centerville, Mass., died Jan. 25, when the Humvee he was riding in struck an improvised explosive device in Baghdad.  (AP Photo/Vincent DeWitt)

The New Weasel In Charge Of DoD Runs Rumsfeld A Close Race For Meaningless Slippery Bullshit

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Traveling Soldier, who sent this in.  He writes: THEY DITCHED GRAINY SATELLITE PHOTOS AND VAGUE GARbled PHONE CONVERSATIONS ALONG WITH COLIN POWELL, NOW THEY'RE ON SERIAL NUMBERS.]

Feb 10 By LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press Writer

Serial numbers and other markings on bombs suggest that Iranians are linked to deadly explosives used by Iraqi militants, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Friday in some of the administration's first public assertions on evidence the military has collected.

"I think there's some serial numbers, there may be some markings on some of the projectile fragments that we found" that point to Iran, he said.

While the Bush administration and military officials have repeatedly said Iranians have been tied to terrorist bombings in Iraq, they have said little about evidence to bolster such claims, including any documents and other items collected in recent raids in Iraq.

The assertions have been met with skepticism by some lawmakers still fuming over intelligence reports used by the administration to propel the country to war with Iraq in 2003.

Gates' remarks left unclear how the U.S. knows the serial numbers are traceable to Iran and whether such weapons would have been sent to Iraq by the Iranian government or by private arms dealers.

Last week, Gates said that U.S. military officers in Baghdad had been planning to brief reporters on what was known about Iranian involvement in Iraq but that he and other senior officials had delayed the briefing to assure the information was accurate.

On Friday, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said such information would come from U.S. officials in Iraq, though she did not say when.

Same Old Same Old;
WASHINGTON -- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today issued an update on the information potentially contained on a missing government-owned, portable hard drive used by a VA employee at a Department facility in Birmingham, Ala.

“Our investigation into this incident continues, but I believe it is important to provide the public additional details as quickly as we can,” said Jim Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. “I am concerned and will remain so until we have notified those potentially affected and get to the bottom of what happened.

“VA will continue working around the clock to determine every possible detail we can,” Nicholson said.

VA and VA’s Office of Inspector General have learned that data files the employee was working with may have included sensitive VA-related information on approximately 535,000 individuals.

Next week, VA will begin making notifications to individuals whose sensitive information may have been on the hard drive. VA is also making arrangements to provide one year of free credit monitoring to those whose information proves compromised.

On January 22, the employee, who works at the Birmingham ( Ala.) VA Medical Center, reported the external hard drive was missing. On January 23, VA’s IG was notified. The OIG opened a criminal investigation, sent special agents to the medical center, and notified the FBI. VA’s Office of Information & Technology in Washington, D.C. also dispatched an incident response team to investigate.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDPUP

Assorted Resistance Action

Feb 9 2007 & 10 Feb 2007 &11 Feb 2007 Reuters

A car bomber killed one Iraqi soldier and wounded two as it targeted an army checkpoint in the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar, police said.

A roadside bomb in Mosul wounded 10 policemen.
A car bomb exploded near the home of a police colonel, wounding five people, including the colonel and two members of his family, police said.

One policeman was wounded when a bomber exploded in the Ilaam district in southern Baghdad, police said.

Guerrillas killed Lieutenant Colonel Jamal Mohammad, the chief of serious crimes office in the oil refinery city of Baiji 180 km (112 miles) north of Baghdad and wounded two of his guards.

Police found the bodies of three policemen in different parts of Mosul, police said.

Guerrillas killed Hatam Abdul-Hussein, a colonel in Kerbala police headquarters, and wounded his son along with an aide on Saturday in the western Mansour district of Baghdad, police said.

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**Police Station In Dour Destroyed; Border Guards Ambushed; 38 Collaborators Killed**

A truck bomber destroyed the police station in Dour February 11, 2007. REUTERS/Nuhad Hussin

11 Feb 2007 Reuters & MSNBC TV

BAGHDAD, Iraq - A truck bomber slammed into a crowd of police lining up for duty Sunday near Tikrit, killing at least 30 people and wounding 50, police said. Police said the death toll could rise as they were still searching through the rubble.
The blast occurred about 8 a.m. as police were arriving for work at the Adwar police station, provincial police Capt. Abdel-Samad Mohammed said, giving the casualty toll. He said 21 of the 30 killed were policemen.

Police said they were caught off-guard by the bomber, who ignored the main gate to the station and instead rammed the poorly guarded entrance to an adjoining municipal building. He then drove across open ground and smashed his vehicle into the police station, which is in the town of Dour near Tikrit, 175 km (110 miles) north of Baghdad.

The bomber drove a small truck that was packed with explosives covered by hay and the force of the blast caused the building to collapse. Three houses close to the station, along with municipal offices and the post office, also were heavily damaged.

**Insurgents frequently target Iraqi security forces, accusing them of collaborating with the U.S.**

**Earlier, guerrillas shot dead eight men when they ambushed a vehicle northwest of Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, and raked it with machinegun fire, police said on Sunday.**

Police said Saturday's ambush took place on the main road between the towns of Sinjar and Rabiyaa.

**The men had been returning home after registering at a border guard recruitment center in Sinjar.**

It appeared they were deliberately targeted by gunmen who may have been watching them in Sinjar and then followed them out of town, police said.
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58,000 American soldiers were killed in Vietnam. Their average age was 19. From the senior prom to Vietnam.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71

Photo composite of Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and high school football team.

3,100 American soldiers killed in Iraq.

WAR (WEALTHY ARE RICHER)

From the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: hastiemike@earthlink.net)
The Pearl Among The Swine

From: Anita Job
To: GI Special
Sent: February 11, 2007 12:51 PM

Hard to believe, I know, but I’ve found the only honest, smart, and loyal member of the Bush administration today:

CIVILIAN FRIENDS
MILITARY FRIENDS

From: MD
To: Firebase Chat
Sent: February 11, 2007

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Get upset if you're too busy to talk to them for a week.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Are glad to see you after years, and will happily carry on the same conversation you were having last time you met.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Never ask for food.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Are the reason you have no food.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Call your parents Mr. And Mrs.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Call your parents mom and dad.
CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Bail you out of jail and tell you what you did was wrong.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Would be sitting next to you saying, "Damn...we screwed up...but man that was fun!"

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have never seen you cry.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Cry with you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Keep your stuff so long they forget it’s yours.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Know a few things about you.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Will kick the whole crowds ass that left you behind.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Would knock on your door.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Walk right in and say, "I'm home!"

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Are for a while.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Are for life.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have shared a few experiences...
MILITARY FRIENDS: Have shared a lifetime of experiences no civilian could ever dream of...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will take your drink away when they think you've had enough.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Will look at you stumbling all over the place and say, "You better drink the rest of that, you know we don't waste...that's alcohol abuse!!" Then carry you home safely and put you to bed...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will talk crap to the person who talks crap about you.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Will knock them the hell out for using your name in vain.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will ignore this.
MILITARY FRIENDS: Will forward this.

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**OCCUPATION REPORT**

*Good News For The Iraqi Resistance!!*
U.S. Occupation Commands’
Stupid Tactics Recruit Even More
Fighters To Kill U.S. Troops

Soldiers from C. Co., 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, second Infantry Division break into an auto repair garage in the Rusafa neighborhood in Baghdad Feb. 11, 2007. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

[Fair is fair. Let’s bring 150,000 Iraqi troops over here to the USA. They can kill people at checkpoints, bust into their houses with force and violence, butcher their families, overthrow the government, put a new one in office they like better and call it “sovereign,” and “detain” anybody who doesn’t like it in some prison without any charges being filed against them, or any trial.]

[Those Iraqis are sure a bunch of backward primitives. They actually resent this help, have the absurd notion that it’s bad their country is occupied by a foreign military dictatorship, and consider it their patriotic duty to fight and kill the soldiers sent to grab their country. What a bunch of silly people. How fortunate they are to live under a military dictatorship run by George Bush. Why, how could anybody not love that? You’d want that in your home town, right?]

“In the States, if police burst into your house, kicking down doors and swearing at you, you would call your lawyer and file a lawsuit,” said Wood, 42, from Iowa, who did not accompany Halladay’s Charlie Company, from his battalion, on Thursday’s raid. “Here, there are no lawyers. Their resources are limited, so they plant IEDs (improvised explosive devices) instead.”

OCCUPATION ISN’T LIBERATION
BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Traveling Soldier, who sent this in.]
U.S. Sends Surge Of Homicidal Astronauts To Iraq; Armed With Pepper Spray, Mallets, Tubing

February 11, 2007 The Borowitz Report

In its latest bid to shore up the security situation in Iraq's war-torn capital city, the United States today sent a surge of 20,000 love-spurned astronauts to Baghdad.

With President Bush's plan to send additional troops to Iraq coming under fire by both Democrats and Republicans in Congress, the decision to send thousands of homicidal space men and women to Baghdad seemed to be the best way to break the logjam, said Gen. David Petraeus.

"If those insurgents think they are winning the fight with us, wait until they see these homicidal astronauts coming over the horizon," said Gen. Petraeus, who took over responsibility for U.S. forces in Iraq on Saturday. “Hell hath no fury like an astronaut scorned.”

Gen. Petraeus said that the bloodthirsty astronauts would arrive in Baghdad armed with pepper spray, mallets, and rubber tubing, “and they’re not afraid to use them.”

Just hours after the announcement, Iraqi insurgents were reportedly panicking at the thought that 20,000 homicidal astronauts were on their way to Baghdad.

The insurgents were said to be pondering a number of measures to combat the surge, including stocking up on mallets and rubber tubing of their own.

According to one report on the Arabic language Al-Jazeera network, the insurgents were also considering obtaining a restraining order against the astronauts.

For his part, Gen. Petraeus was confident that the homicidal astronauts would outlast the insurgents: “We’ll be wearing diapers, and they won’t.”

CLASS WAR REPORTS

2005:
Luiz Inacio “Lula” Da Silva Cuts Brazil Prison Budget 50%
2007:
Massive Prison Insurrection Spreads Nationwide:
Includes Well Organized Armed Attacks On Police & Banks With Automatic Weapons And Grenades

[This is for mush-heads out there who still propagandize for the rat Da Silva. This is his true face, not the bullshit he spouts to reporters. T]

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By Gary Hunter, January 2007 Prison Legal News [Excerpt]

In May 2006, approximately 200 people were killed in Sao Paulo, Brazil as gang members of the Primerio Comando da Capital — the First Capital Command, known by its Portuguese initials, PCC — clashed with police in the streets and rioted in prisons.

The violence began after prison officials learned of a plot by the PCC to take control of several prison units on Mother’s Day. When 765 gang members were slated for transfers to more secure facilities in an effort to thwart the planned takeover, PCC leaders activated their members both inside and outside the prisons.

On May 12, 2006, prisoners took about 200 hostages, including visiting family members and guards. Communicating by cell phone, PCC leaders inside the prison then mobilized members on the outside, who launched attacks on the police.

Gang members used machine-guns, grenades and homemade bombs to attack police stations and police cars. Policemen were also killed in bars and at their homes. By the end of the day over 55 attacks had left 19 police dead.

“They have struck at the spinal cord of our security,” said Sao Paulo State Security Secretary Saulo de Castro Abreu Filho.

Fighting escalated on May 13 as PCC members began targeting banks, shopping malls and busses. Eleven banks were bombed and over 80 transit busses torched after the passengers were removed. The violence spread out of Sao Paulo proper and into the
suburbs of Carapicuiba, Guarujãos and Osasco, in addition to the costal cities of Cubatao and Gauruga.

Ten prisons rioted in the neighboring states of Mato Grosso do Sul and Parana in sympathetic response to the Sao Paulo uprising. More than 20 policemen were killed in the second day of violence.

Inside the prisons, the mass hostage-taking added anxiety and chaos to the already grossly-overcrowded prison system.

**Brazil’s prisons and jails are designed to hold about 250,000 prisoners. They currently house over 360,000 — the fourth largest prison population in the world.**

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Prosecutor Fernando Capez acknowledged the prisons’ problems. “Our facilities are really human warehouses, universities for crime, factories for revolt,” he stated.

Paulo Mesquita of Sao Paulo’s Human Rights Watch agrees. “The policy here is strongly oriented toward putting people in prison. Even if that is a good policy, the judiciary and the penitentiary system have to keep up. Police have a goal of putting people in prisons that are not prepared to handle them.”

Julita Lemgruber, a criminologist from Rio de Janeiro, stated that Sao Paulo’s prison problems go deeper than just overcrowding.

She attributes the violence to a combination of government corruption and a fatalistic outlook of prisoners.

“These guys know they are going to die. They are going to die at the hands of their enemies or at the hands of police.”

In spite of the obvious need for prison expansion to relieve chronic overcrowding, Brazil’s President, Luiz Inacio “Lula” da Silva, cut the annual prison budget by fifty percent in 2005.

Sentencing reform is not even an issue because a majority of Brazilian prisoners have not yet been convicted of a crime and are awaiting trial.

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**AMEN:**

“While there is a lower class, I am in it; while there is a criminal element, I am of it; and while there is a soul in prison, I am not free.” - Eugene V. Debs
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