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Iwo Jima

The actual photograph of the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima was taken by Joe Rosenthal.

The flag raising photo caused an immediate sensation. Just two days after it was first seen in the US, Senators rose on the floor of the US Senate calling for a national monument modeled on the picture. The California State Legislature petitioned the Federal Government to build a grand monument. Thousands of ordinary Americans wrote the President appealing for a monument to immortalize the picture they loved.

Hundreds of artisans would work 8 years to create the Iwo Jima Monument. The Memorial was dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on November 10, 1954. Each figure is 32 feet high. The flagpole is 60 feet in length. It's the world's tallest bronze statue. It stands 78 feet high. A cloth flag flies from the pole.

The cost of the statue was \$850,000 (1954 Dollars.) No public funds were used. Private donations picked up the tab.

The inscription reads: "Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue."

The following is a Marine Corps combat dispatch Dated May 17, 1945 Submitted by Sergeant Dick Dashiell, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent:

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MARINE CORPS COMBAT CORRESPONDENT DISPATCH

By Sergeant Dick Dashiell of 5 Westwood Drive, Chapel Hill, N.C., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, formally of the Associated Press, Charlotte, N.C.

Iwo Jima (Delayed).—Using six flame throwers and dynamite, Hershel (willie) Williams, 21, a five-foot, five-inch Marine Corporal from Fairmont W. Va., wiped out seven Jap pillboxes, killing an uncounted number of Japs, to help clear the way for a Third Division company halted in its advance to the central airfield here.

Jap cross-fire had stopped the advance, and Jap riflemen popped out of by-passed spider trams to shoot at the backs of the well and wounded. The area was one the most bitterly defended and best fortified sectors of the island.

"The Japs were everywhere," said Sergeant Lyman D. Southwell, 1883 Race Street, Denver, Colo., a squad leader. "Fire came from sandpiles, ditches, tunnels, pillboxes— everywhere. I never thought I would get out alive."

Jap Bunkers and pillboxes on the high ground commanding the battlefield-plateau and the airfield couldn't be nullified by artillery because of the Marine positions, and the lattice-work of graveled hummocks and ditches made it impossible for the tanks to maneuver. It was a job for a foot trooper.

A volunteer was requested by Second Lieutenant Howard Chambers of 121 Gilpin Street, Punxsutawney, Pa., whose platoon had lost five men on the minute of the attack that morning, and had suffered several casualties during the next six hours.

Willie Williams, a veteran demolitions man of the Guam campaign, said he would "see what I can do".

He strapped on a flame thrower and grabbed a 12-pound pole charge filled with 15 blocks of TNT. Then he wormed his way towards the first of three Jap pillboxes which Private First Class Wesley Strickland of Route 4, Holly Springs, Miss., had spotted. They were from 50-60 yards away.

Covering Williams were Southwell, Corporals William Naro of 6072 Annunciation Street, New Orleans, La.; Allan Tripp of 2035 17th East, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Alex Schlager of 2509 East B Street, Torrington, Wyo.; and Private First Class George Schwartz of 212 Jefferson Heights, Jefferson Parish, La.; and Darol Lee of 253 W. Mill St., Winona, Minn.



"Willie moved right up to those pillboxes." Southwell said. "He got up to within a dozen yards of the first one, emptied his flame thrower and came back for another. He had cover, but we couldn't give him alot because we had had a hell of a day and were low on ammo. And everybody had to hug the ground, so we didn't have such good fighting."

Four times Willie threw pole charges through the narrow openings of the emplacements. When two faulty charges failed to explode, however, he worked his way back and squirted flame into the pillboxes.

Twice he weaved and bobbed over the sandy fissures until he was behind the foremost Jap defense lines. He crawled on top of one pillbox, inserted the nozzle through the air vent and killed the occupants.

"Willie had a hell of a time with one bunker," Schwartz said. "He used two or three flame throwers on it before he finished the job."

Willie's flame thrower stopped Japs who tried to get him with rifles, bayonets, and grenades. "I counted 21 of 'em," he said, "and I killed 'em all with flames."

In the meantime, Willie's buddies killed "20 or 35" Japs who made a break for the Jap lines from their by-pass trenches. Naro said some Japs, wielded sabers, turned and charged the Marines. Schlager hit one 20 feet away, but the Jap lurched and kept coming. Schlager hit him again in the chest and the Jap buckled, but staggered forward before a third bullet killed him. Two Japs jumped up near Chambers, who killed them with two rounds from his .45. Lee Killed 10 with his B.A.R. (Browning Automatic Rifle).

After four gruelling hours, Williams with seven pillboxes to his credit, rested. "Darned if I know why I didn't get bumped off that day," Williams said. "Didn't even get a scratch. Then a mortar shell fragment bounced off my leg while I was in a foxhole one night. Didn't hurt much and I stayed in action."

The Company, a unit of the 21st Regiment, dug in for the night in comparative safety. The next morning it moved out through the area that Williams had cleared and helped to spearhead the regiment's drive to the second airstrip.

Williams, whose mother, Mrs. Lurena Williams, lives on Route 4 Fairmont, attended Fairmont High School and worked with Civilian Conservation Corps. He enlisted in Charleston, W.Va., in May, 1943, attended "boot" camp in San Diego, Calif., and went overseas in December, 1943. He was promoted to Corporal last October, and is now acting demolition Sergeant.

(NOTE!, this document is a typed copy from a copy of the original News Release of MAY 17, 1945. Written by

Sergeant Dick Dashiell, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent).

Important Veteran Information

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Federal Register: April 21, 2005 (Volume 70, Number 76)

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS - Federal Register: April 21, 2005: Volume 70, Number 76 Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission; Notice of Meeting

Under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee), The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provided notice through the Federal Register that the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission will meet on May 9th and 10th (2005) at the Sofitel Lafayette Square Hotel, 806 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meetings will start at 8 A.M. and ends at 5 P.M.. each day. The meetings are open to the public.

The Commission is responsible for carrying out a study of the legal benefits provided to compensate and help veterans and their survivors for disabilities and deaths. The study will provide understanding of the programs managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other Federal departments and agencies for disabled veterans and their survivors. Testimony of interested stakeholders and the public will be taken by The Commission Stakeholder groups, which include veterans' service organizations and military associations.

The May 9th meeting will address an introduction of Commission members, a descriptive legislative history of the Veterans Affairs disability compensation program, responsibilities of the Commission, ethical requirements, other federal disability and survivor programs, and a review of literature that addresses disability issues.

The May 10th meeting will include testimony by panels made up of representatives from veterans' service organizations and military associations.

Anyone interested in attending the meetings may also present oral statements to the Commission. Interested parties can provide written comments for review by the Commission prior to the meetings. Statements should be submitted to:

Mr. Ray Wilburn
Acting Executive Director
Program Evaluation Service (008B2)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20420.

Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Wilburn at (202) 273-7509 or by e-mail at vetscommission@va.gov.

"Ask Not For Whom The Bell Tolls"

By Albert V. Burns

During the first World War, a British soldier, John McCrae, wrote in his poem, "*In Flander's Fields*":

"Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flander's fields."

Some time later, an American, R.W. Lilliard wrote in "*America's Answer*":

"Fear not that ye have died for naught.
The torch ye threw to us we caught.
Ten million hands will hold it high,
And Freedom's light shall never die!"

And, two decades later, over eight million young American men and several hundred thousand American women did take on the fight to see that freedom's light was kept burning brightly around the world. But even as they were sacrificing life and limb on the battle fields of the world, unknown to them, a long time cabal of conspirators was already plotting the destruction of freedom all over the world, especially in the United States.

What Tom Brokaw called "America's Greatest Generation" is now rapidly disappearing into the mists of time. That generation, my generation, is dying off at the rate of 1500 PER DAY, well over half a million a year. Statistically, we will all be gone in four years or less.

The American Legion was originally chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual aid organization for veterans of the World War. Stretching all the way back to its founding in 1919, the American Legion has contributed a tremendous, if largely unknown, amount of time, effort and money to the well-being of veterans and their dependents, and to the well being of local, state and national affairs. It would be difficult to overstate the importance of the contributions which the organization and members of the American Legion have made to this country; and those contributions are entirely after their service in time of war.

Today, the vast majority of the members of the American Legion are veterans of World War II. Because of our ages, we are dying at the rate of 45,000 per month. Visit any meeting of the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars and you'll see a small group of gray haired (or no haired) old men whose physical needs are supported by glasses, hearing aids, pacemakers, canes, walkers, and wheelchairs. The

younger veterans of Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and Desert Shield are conspicuous by their absence.

Because of our dwindling numbers and the short memories of the public, politicians and bureaucrats in Washington now believe the time is ripe to start eliminating health and other benefits which were promised to military personnel when they entered the service. This *must* be stopped. Not only is it betraying those who fought for this country, it is destroying the morale of those who are fighting now.

We desperately need new blood to fill our rapidly depleting ranks. If you know of any veterans of any of America's wars, male or female, please encourage them to join one of the veteran's groups: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc. Their aid is desperately needed.

Finally, I strongly recommend that all you take the time to acquire, either by purchase or from the library, "*The Greatest Generation*" by Tom Brokaw. It's a stirring tribute to the generation that fought and won the World War II, often at the cost of life or limb. Far too many people today have little or no knowledge of the sacrifice and dedication of that generation of Americans. They deserve to be acknowledged before they're all gone.

Laws Must Protect the Rights of the Military Dads

By Jeffrey Leving and Glenn Sacks

When the Iraq war began two years ago, tens of thousands of fathers who serve in the Armed Forces expected hardship and sacrifice. However, they never expected that their children might be taken from them while they were deployed, or that their own government might jail them upon their return.

Military service sometimes costs men their children. The Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act provides that if a parent moves a child to a new state, that new state becomes the child's presumptive residence after six months. With the long deployments necessitated by the war, a military spouse can move to another state while her spouse is deployed, divorce him, and then be virtually certain to gain custody through the divorce proceedings in the new state.

Given service personnel's limited ability to travel, the high cost of legal representation and travel, and the financial hardships created by child support and spousal support obligations, it is extremely difficult for fathers to fight for their parental rights in the new state. For many, their participation and meaningful role in their children's lives ends—often permanently—the day they were deployed.

In one highly-publicized case, Gary S., a San Diego-based US Navy SEAL, had his child permanently moved from California to the Middle East against his will while he was deployed in Afghanistan after the September 11 terrorist attacks. The 18-year Navy veteran with an unblemished military record has seen his son only three times since he returned from Afghanistan in April, 2002. Meanwhile he is nearly bankrupt from child support, spousal support, travel costs, and legal fees.

To solve the problem, the federal government must amend the Service members Civil Relief Act of 2003 (SCRA) (formerly known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act) to specifically prohibit the spouses of active duty military personnel from permanently moving children to another state without the permission of the active duty military spouse or of a court. In addition, the UCCJEA needs to be modified to state that the presumption of new residence does not apply if the children are taken in this wrongful fashion.

Also, states must do more to prevent custodial parents from moving children out of the lives of noncustodial parents, except in cases of abuse or dire economic need. For example, last year the California Supreme Court decided in LaMusga that courts should restrain moves that harm children by damaging the loving bonds they share with their noncustodial parents.

While some military fathers face the loss of their children, others face prosecution and jail for child support obligations which their service has rendered them unable to pay.

Support orders are based on civilian pay, which is generally higher than active duty pay. When reservists are called up to active duty they sometimes pay an impossibly high percentage of their income in child support.

For example, a California naval reservist who has three children and who takes home \$4,000 a month in his civilian job would have a child support obligation of about \$1,600 a month. If this father is a petty officer second class (E5) who has been in the reserves for six or seven years—a middle-ranked reservist—his active-duty pay would only be \$2,205 before taxes, in addition to a housing allowance. Under current California child support guidelines, the reservist's child support obligation should be \$550 a month, not \$1,600.

A reasonable reader unfamiliar with the wonders of the child support system would probably think "OK, but the courts would just straighten it out when the reservist gets back—certainly they wouldn't punish him for something that happened because he was serving. However, the federal Bradley Amendment prohibits judges from retroactively modifying child support beyond the date

which an obligor has applied for a modification. Reservists can be mobilized with as little as one day's notice. If a reservist didn't have time or didn't know he had to file for a downward modification, the arrearages stay, along with the interest and penalties charged on them.

When the arrearage reaches \$5,000—a common occurrence during long deployments—the father can become a felon who can be incarcerated or subject to a barrage of harsh civil penalties, including seizure of driver's licenses, business licenses and passports.

In addition, reservists who return from long-deployments often find that their civilian earning capacity is now diminished. This is particularly true for the 6% of reservists who are self-employed, and whose businesses are often destroyed by their absence. Family law courts are notoriously unforgiving of fathers who suffer wage drops. Many if not most will have their former incomes imputed to them, meaning that their child support will not change despite their drop in income. Saddled with mounting arrearages, some reservists will return to fight a long battle to stay out of jail.

Some reservists have their child support deducted automatically from their pay. Once deployed these fathers may lose 60% or 70% of their income and incur huge debts or face home foreclosures.

To date Missouri is the only state to adequately address the issue. During the first Gulf War it passed a law requiring that reservists' support obligations be automatically modified when they are called up for active duty. Other states, including California and Illinois, are currently considering legislation that would help reservists. However, tens of thousands of reservists were deployed before they could file for downward modifications. Only a repeal of the Bradley amendment—already widely seen as bad law within family law circles—can prevent them from facing years of debt, harassment, legal woes or even incarceration upon their return from active service.

Like many veterans, Gary says he was very naïve about the troubles military fathers face in family law.

"The failure of our leaders in Washington to protect military fathers is a national disgrace," he says. "Reservist fathers shouldn't be turned into dead-beats. And no father should ever, ever lose his son or daughter simply because he served his country."

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America Nukes Its Own Troops

By Virginia Brooks

My support of the Military and Veterans probably started with my husband being in the Military. Over the years I have heard horror stories especially when soldiers return injured from foreign wars. They go fight in a war, thinking they will be taken care of by their government, only to find out it ain't necessarily so. I worked at a fair booth in Knox Co. in Mt. Vernon, Ohio with "The Silver Rose" organization.

(www.silverrose.org) While talking with veterans who have served in Vietnam and many of them suffering still today with the effects of Agent Orange, unable to get any help from our government, many of them ignorant of the reason for their illness found out by checking on the web site that indeed their many illnesses over the years are indeed from Agent Orange, still our government continues to deny any effects from Agent Orange, while denying them benefits for the carnage it plays on their bodies. To see these grown men cry before our eyes that we indeed took the time to give them hope asking them to get checked for the effects Agent Orange was still playing on their bodies. Now even today that same government is playing the same game only worse when they indeed know what they are doing to our military Men & Women by using Depleted Uranium in all the ammunition during the past three wars, including the current one. DU remains in the soil for millions of years, and has already killed some of our military, and will kill many in the years to come.

In an article by Amy Worthington called "Death by Slow Burn: How America Nukes Its Own Troops" Worthington says Bush-Cheney have delivered upon 17 million Iraqis tons of depleted uranium (DU) weapons, a "liberation" gift that will keep on giving, giving, and giving to all those who come in contact with the toxic waste, possible death, at least a good case of cancer, or many other effects as our troops slowly succumb to radiation poisoning. A single particle of DU can cause kidney failure within 8 days of exposure. Worthington also says any soldier now in Iraq who has not inhaled lethal radioactive dust is not breathing. In the first two weeks of combat, 700 Tomahawks, at a cost of \$1.3 million each, blasted Iraqi real estate into radioactive mushroom clouds. Millions of DU tank rounds litter the terrain. Cleanup is impossible because there is no place on the planet to put so much contaminated debris. Gulf War I was also a nuclear war. 320 tons of depleted uranium was used against Iraq in 1991 thus the Gulf War Syndrome that our government denied any help to those who suffered, saying it was not related to their tour of duty. 62 % of those veterans

tested had uranium isotopes in their organs, bones, brains, urine, and some even tested with it in their semen, even wives ended up with serious illnesses with mates passing the contamination to their wives, many babies born with hideous deformities, neurological damage and /or blood and respiratory disorders. This of course will effect Iraqis with the same problems, only worse, because they will remain living with this horrible disaster for years to come. (The worst part is, the U.S. claims they do not have equipment to do this testing, and must be done overseas to see if you have contamination in your body, isn't that convenient?)

All while our government claims the Iraqis had Weapons of Mass Destruction, well I ask you what do you call Depleted Uranium if it isn't A Weapon of Mass Destruction.

For Amy Worthington's complete article, please click onto the following site: <http://proliberty.com/observer/20030401.htm>. The article has so many more facts than I could possibly write here, please copy it off, it is 15 pages long but well worth copying to get the information out.

It is a great horror to me that our Veterans are treated in such a manner, we should do everything in our power to make sure they are given the best treatment available and it should not cost them a dime! Vote the criminals out of office, elect only independent candidates!

Depleted Uranium Toll Tops 11,000

Nationwide Media Blackout Keeps U.S. Public Ignorant About This Important Story

By James P. Tucker Jr.

The death toll from the highly toxic weapons component known as depleted uranium (DU) has reached 11,000 soldiers and the growing scandal may be the reason behind Anthony Principi's departure as secretary of the Veterans Affairs Department.

This view was expressed by Arthur Bernklau, executive director of Veterans for Constitutional Law in New York, writing in PreventivePsychiatry E-Newsletter.

"The real reason for Mr. Principi's departure was really never given,"

Bernklau said. "However, a special report published by eminent scientist Leuren Moret naming depleted uranium as the definitive cause of 'Gulf War Syndrome' has fed a growing scandal about the continued use of uranium munitions by the U.S. military."

The "malady [from DU] that thousands of our military have suffered and died from has finally been identified as the cause of this sickness, eliminating the guessing. The terrible truth is now being revealed," Bernklau said.

Of the 580,400 soldiers who served in Gulf War I, 11,000 are now dead, he said. By the year 2000, there were 325,000 on permanent medical disability. More than a decade later, more than half (56 percent) who served in Gulf War I have permanent medical problems. The disability rate for veterans of the world wars of the last century was 5 percent, rising to 10 percent in Vietnam.

"The VA secretary was aware of this fact as far back as 2000," Bernklau said. "He and the Bush administration have been hiding these facts, but now, thanks to Moret's report, it is far too big to hide or to cover up."

Terry Johnson, public affairs specialist at the VA, recently report that veterans of both Persian Gulf wars now on disability total 518,739, Bernklau said.

"The long-term effect of DU is a virtual death sentence," Bernklau said. "Marion Fulk, a nuclear chemist, who retired from the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab, and was also involved in the Manhattan Project, interprets the new and rapid malignancies in the soldiers [from the second war] as 'spectacular'—and a matter of concern."

While this important story appeared in a Washington newspaper and the wire services, it did not receive national exposure—a compelling sign that the American public is being kept in the dark about the terrible effects of this toxic weapon. (Veterans for Constitutional Law can be reached at (516) 474-4261.)

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To My Fellow Veterans, and To All Americans.

By Warren "Bones" Bonesteel

There comes a time in each generation, where men of valor and courage are forced to stand up for what they know to be right, and true, and just. Such a time is now upon this generation. It is a time where division and strife among us will surely lead to our own certain destruction. It is now, once again, a period in our history when individual self-interest, and personal ambition, must take a back seat for a time. This time is today.

Veterans, you have polarized yourselves; not along political party lines, but along ideologies concerning which among you is more deserving...or less deserving...of compensation from the government. It is now time to forgo such selfish considerations. There are peoples, groups, and organizations, that even now seek to destroy all that you have sacrificed so dearly for. Freedom is no longer freedom. Liberty is taken as license.

Personal responsibility is a concept that is no longer considered. Individuals in America even now use the law in order to make other Americans responsible for what they, themselves, have said and done. The courage of a man's convictions is long gone from use in public debate. All that matters among today's Americans seems to be thoughtless, and self-destructive, ad hominem attacks upon one another. Logic, critical thinking, common courtesy, and mutual respect, have become the lost arts of our civilization. Such things are now missing from among us as a people. Ethics has been forsaken, and morality is the subject of punch lines. Honor is a curiosity. Courage has been exchanged for fear. The founding religion of this nation has been legally forced to the fringes, and Islam, Buddhism, Wicca's, and other pagan religions, are set above it, by law. The American government controls more and more of what a man may say, as well as what he might do. Dreams and plans for his future, the future of his children, and of his grandchildren, are predicated upon what the government will or won't do to disrupt those dreams.

Politicians, local, state, and federal governments, cause division among you by what they offer to one Veteran, or group of Veterans, over the real and perceived needs, wants, and mere desires of another. Additionally, there are many among you who desire nothing else but more of the government's income, thereby allowing more of its influence over your own lives, as well as over the lives of your children, your wives, and your husbands, merely for the price of a few more dollars from government coffers. In such a way have you allowed the government to divide and conquer you, so that you are without real, unified, and present voice among the people of this once mighty nation. These things must end. Such behavior does not become you. It denies the real and ready sacrifice that you have made for yourself, your families, and for all Americans. For the cause of freedom's sake in America, it is time to stand up, and to be men and women of valor, honor, and integrity, once again. This nation needs you now as it has never needed you more. This nation needs you standing together, united, and speaking as one voice, for one America.

With your combined skills, leadership, and management abilities; with your knowledge and experience; with your honor, courage, and commitment; with the professionalism and dedication of purpose that only Veterans can call upon; it is left to you, once again, to correct this nation's course through history.

Foreign nations buy influence in our legislatures that is guaranteed only to American citizens through legal elections. The government beggars its

citizens through high taxes and unjust laws, as well as through the unjust and inequitable application of its laws. The government borrows what it cannot hope to repay, and has no intention of repaying. Meanwhile, it punishes its citizens for merely doing business and earning a living. No one in government leads by example. None in government are among the last to eat, nor are they among the first to lead. Their only sacrifice is for personal gain. The government presently borrows money that it cannot repay, in order to give that same money as an offering to other nations, in order to secure their co-operation in its drive for power, and for survival among the nations. Our treaties with other nations have continually entangled us in their internal problems, to our own detriment. Foreign nations curse us if we help them, and the same nations curse us again when we do not. America is presently upon such a course that nations throughout history have followed, each to its own eventual, and certain, destruction.

The culture of America has been shattered by our own goodness, and because of our goodness, our unwillingness to defend ourselves from the deprivations of many and several nations, who openly and illegally encourage all of their poor, weak, helpless, and criminal, to cross our borders. Those people, used by their own governments in order to purposely endanger our economy, destroy our culture, and further weaken us in many and sundry ways, now claim citizen's rights among us without having any knowledge of our language, customs, culture, or laws, and without any intention of becoming American citizens. When detained, they often make false claims of torture and mistreatment, and ask for the services of a tax-paid lawyer...and of a reporter.

They make a false claim upon our lands, upon our sovereignty, and upon our peace. They claim rights that you have sacrificed your lives, health, families, and careers in order to protect. They claim citizen's rights in our courts of law. They even now claim the same money from the government that you have claimed for yourselves; this Veteran's group for one group of Veterans, that Veteran's group for others. You fight and argue among yourselves for money from the government. You use the government to your own ends, and the illegal alien has only taken his cue from you. You wonder why all of these things happen in America, the country that you've fought, bled, and cried for, and the answer is that you are divided among yourselves. This should not be so among you. It is time to be united as men of action once more. Men and women with a single purpose: The restoration of liberty and freedom in America, for Americans.

The government ignores The Consti-

tution for its own purposes, and when it is convenient for it to do so. The Judicial Branch takes its cue, not from The Constitution of the United States of America, but from case law in other nations. The government has increased its laws repeatedly, and each time told of how such laws will increase convenience and security, but only Americans are subject to its close examinations and penalties. Americans, old women, and even Veterans and the disabled, are subject to random strip searches, searches of their homes, constitutionally illegal phone taps, and investigations unfounded by any evidence. In such cases, most Americans are often without the benefit of legal representation, or of any recourse for redress of grievances.

The government itself violates the very Constitution that you took an Oath to defend and to protect. Your contract ended, and while you may no longer be subject to the orders of superior officers, the rest of the Oath still stands. It is still valid, for it is an Oath that was taken before both man and God. Are you an Oath breaker?

What will you do, this day, to defend your rights, your freedoms, your liberties, your honor, your country, and your Constitution? Will you speak with one voice? ...or will you continue to be divided over mere pieces of paper, and which among you receives how many of those pieces of paper from the government? A government that only seeks to keep you divided, that it might be free to do as it wishes with your freedom, and the freedoms, liberties, prosperity, and happiness, of your children and your grandchildren.

This day, this very day, you have a choice to make. What will you do with that choice? Will you stand, merely for what you can get when you can get it? Or will you stand, and speak out, as men of action, and men of valor, and men of freedom and principle, for freedom's sake?

It is your decision to make. No one else can make it for you. No one else can save this nation from itself but you. Each and every one of you bears responsibility for the tomorrows that this nation will have. Whether those tomorrows are good or ill, it is now your choice and your responsibility. It is time for this generation of free men and women to make themselves known. How will history judge you? As men who seek only your own desires? Or will you be known as being among the greatest of the Patriots of our nation's great history? I know that as Veterans, unified as one voice that you can return this nation to its course, a course that is destined for glory. A glory that is predicated upon individual freedom, and personal liberty.

May you be true Patriots, and may you decide once again to stand in the breach, brother next to brother...as one.

As Americans standing together, for America.

When Law and Honor Collide

By John Turner

Parents should probably send this article about Michael New to all their youngsters who are now serving in the military. Print it and send it to them via U.S. mail, or email it . . . whatever works. Most of the young adults who recently started serving in the military were probably in elementary or junior high school when Mr. New was court martialled. They probably don't know about him and his situation. The article below tells Mr. New's story and includes information about a free book detailing the issues.

Remember when the Nazi's tried to rationalize and justify the things they did that were wrong. They took the easy way out by claiming, "I was just following orders." Look at the reasoning of an American judge. He accused President Clinton of breaking the law and faulted Congress for letting him do it. Then he said it's not the job of an individual soldier to do anything about it. Would it have been the job of ten soldiers? How about a hundred soldiers? No? Soldiers know they cannot engage in political speech that's critical of the Commander in Chief. They know they cannot file a lawsuit while on active duty in order to object to the very issue encountered by Mr. New. If an individual soldier determines that he's being required to do something illegal, should he just "follow orders?" Is that the meaning here?

There are really only two options: 1) Obey an order that's known to be immoral and/or illegal, or 2) Disobey an illegal order and be prepared for the consequences. Following orders, or obeying leaders and being submissive to authority, is generally a good thing; but what if following those orders conflicts with the laws of the land or God's laws? Then what? If you follow those orders, you've told the world that you can be bought, that the oath you took is meaningless, that you would rather be part of the problem instead of the solution. Your decision to follow orders enables and perpetuates more of the same evil.

The purpose of government is to protect against lawbreaking and punish those who engage in it. That's a biblical concept, by the way. But what if the government is the lawbreaker? Are people supposed to look the other way when the government breaks the law? Since when is this acceptable? If it's not the people themselves, even if only a lone soldier, who then is responsible for dealing with the tyrannical or illegal acts of government? If not you, then who? If not now, when? As Michael New said,

"Right is right, and wrong is wrong."

The judge was wrong, our legal system is in a shambles, and the moral standards of the American people have denigrated to the point where few seem to recognize right from wrong. Fewer still, have the willingness to put their principles before expedience and confront wrong when they see it.

I don't know Michael New, but I would be extremely surprised if he is not terribly burdened by his legal problems, which started the day he decided to confront wrong by disobeying an illegal military order. This is the telling part of this article below: "New is the first and only American ever convicted of the crime of wanting to serve his own country exclusively.

Ironically, the fate of every other person in military, now and in the future, hangs on whether he wins this case." I believe that's why the courts have continued to rule against him. There's a lot on the line for the government. You see, it's not about justice; it's about maintaining power and control. The judge already admitted the law was broken. The problem is, Mr. New, rather than the real lawbreaker, is being punished.

"The instrument by which it [government] must act are either the AUTHORITY of the laws or FORCE. If the first be destroyed, the last must be substituted; and where this becomes the ordinary instrument of government there is an end to liberty!"—Alexander Hamilton

"They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."—Benjamin Franklin

Soldier takes U.N. challenge to Court of Appeals

January 26, 2005

(District of Columbia) - Attorneys for former Army Specialist Michael New have filed notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals on Monday, 24 January—exactly nine years to the day since he was court-martialed for refusing to wear a United Nations uniform and report to a commanding officer from Finland, on a deployment to Macedonia.

New's case was turned out of District Court by Judge Paul Friedman on 22 December, when a government motion to dismiss was granted.

In 1996, Judge Friedman invited New and his attorneys to return to his court, "after the military remedy is exhausted." That took over eight years to go through the military court system, where New lost at every court. At that time, Friedman said, "Plaintiff has raised serious questions . . . which have never been answered in a court of law." But in December he ruled that it was the fault of Congress that President Clinton broke the law, and not the job of an individual soldier to hold his Commander in Chief accountable.

"I only have to win the last one," says Michael New. "Right is right, and wrong is wrong. You cannot force American soldiers to serve in a foreign military, under foreign commanders. If the courts rule that the government can get away with that, then there is no end to it, but there IS an end to American sovereignty. If I had wanted to be a mercenary, I would have joined the French Foreign Legion."

New is the first and only American who has ever been convicted for the crime of wanting to serve his own country, exclusively. Ironically, the fate of every other person in military, now and in the future, hangs on whether he wins this case.

According to lead attorney, Dean Herb Titus, "Michael New is continuing his fight for justice not just for himself, but for all the men and women in American uniforms around the world who swore an oath 'so help me God' to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, not the United Nations Charter. At stake in this appeal is American sovereignty and independence. We ask Michael New's fellow patriots to pray that the court of appeals will reverse his court-martial conviction and, in so doing, send a message to the White House and Congress that American military personnel need not become U.N. mercenaries."

Daniel New, father to Michael and Project Manager of his legal defense, points out that the average 18 year old recruit today was a mere nine year old fourth-grade student when this event took place, and says, "There is a whole new generation of soldiers out there who need to hear this story. For that reason, any military person on active or reserve duty who wishes to receive a copy of the book can get one free by requesting it at the website, www.MikeNew.com/<http://www.mikenew.com/>. We're not trying to sell books, we're trying to educate a generation of Americans about their Liberty."

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Real Americans don't wear U.N.blue!

Veterans Find Some Things Hard To 'Chu'

By Thomas D. Segel

Anyone wishing to stir up the anger of veterans and members of the retired military community need only mention the Under Secretary of Defense for

Personnel and Readiness, Dr. David Chu. From that point onward, outrage will take the place of polite conversation.

What causes all this veteran anger? According to Colonel Harry Riley, U S Army (Ret) it is because "Mr. Chu, without rational justification, makes broad and sweeping statements identifying military retiree benefits as the enemy of our active force."

Chu has made comments like "Benefits that apply mainly to retirees and their families are making it harder for the Pentagon to afford financial incentives for today's military," He has continued on that theme saying, "Congress has gone too far in expanding military retiree benefits." His claim is the benefits are now a heavy burden. "They are starting to crowd out two things: First, our ability to reward the person who is bearing the burden right now in Iraq or Afghanistan. Second, they are undercutting our ability to finance the new gear that is going to make that military person successful five, ten 15 years from now."

Colonel Riley muses, "I wonder if Mr. Chu ever considered how 'hard' it was at Normandy, in the jungles of the South Pacific, or the freezing battlefields of Korea as he sits in his office and denigrates these old warriors seeking benefits they earned?"

Some readers may not be familiar with the workings of Dr. David S. C. Chu. or his role within the Department of Defense (DoD). He is a product of the Ivy League, earning his Doctorate in Economics from Yale in 1972. He was commissioned and served two years in the Army, including a tour of duty with the Office of the Comptroller, Headquarters, and 1st Logistical Command, in Vietnam. From that point on he has been in and out of government, accruing more than 18 years of federal service. He was named to his current position on June 1, 2001.

Since taking his DoD post, David Chu has served as the designated "attack dog" for the administration. He has testified before Congress, given speeches and written articles for the media on numerous occasions. If the topic relates to veterans issues, retired military personnel or military dependents benefits his approach has repeatedly been negative. In fact, some of his public comments have actually displayed disdain for those who, in the past, served their country with honor. He has been particularly vicious in arguing against expenditures for veteran and retiree health care. At the same time it should be noted he will receive a federal pension and medical benefits when he retires from federal service. Some say these are even more generous benefits than are awarded to military retirees.

Major General Earl G. Peck, USAF (Ret) has some serious observations about Dr. Chu's conduct. He says, "The

point Dr. Chu misses is that honoring the solemn obligations of our nation to veterans makes a direct contribution to national security even if he chooses to ignore the moral strictures that bind us to promises. Having served more than 36 years on active duty and with 6 sons who have served or are serving in the armed forces, I can testify that every failure to honor those obligations diminishes the value of a military career to those who are serving and those who might serve in the future. If through misguided parsimony we are no longer able to attract the right people, we can't provide for the security of the nation."

Those unfamiliar with the workings of Washington might feel Chu was just a loose cannon running off at the mouth. This is anything but the case. The Under Secretary of Defense has only two bosses. He answers directly to the Secretary of Defense and by extension to the President. This means that anything he places in testimony, writes in press releases or utters by mouth has been completely staffed and awarded official blessing. At the same time, Chu understands by not attributing his remarks to any other individual he gives the senior leadership a degree of deniability, should the heat build up to an unbearable degree.

Another Air Force retiree agrees with that observation. Brigadier General Robert Clements writes from his California home, "Mr. Chu's remarks appearing in the Associated Press and in papers all over the country didn't happen by accident. Chu, who has been on the Washington scene as a bureaucrat since the Carter administration, knows through years of experience and spouting off the same rhetoric, that traditionally military retirees, up until recent times, were very weak in demanding and protecting those benefits they were promised and given by law. He also knows from previous experience, they are very slow to band together in protecting those benefits. He is the willing lip-syncer for the Secretary of Defense and the President. Both the President and the Secretary of Defense know this and use him as a valuable tool."

Why attack veterans and military retirees? The answer can be found in knowing how Washington operates. Congress must appropriate all monies and decide who and what are granted funds. Senators and Representatives believe their primary function is getting reelected, and that process starts the day members take their first oath of office. They win reelection by buying votes with tax dollars. Those dollars are dispensed to constituencies, which pledge to help keep the incumbent in office.

Thus, money flows freely to farmers, teacher groups, unions, minority groups, the poor, senior citizens, etc., etc. It should be noted however, that most

money flows in the direction of those who yell the loudest. Until very recent times veterans and military retirees have not had a very loud voice in the battle for tax dollars. In fact, they have been reluctant to speak out in their own interest. Many remain quiet, even today, even though their only desire is to receive those things promised to them by their own government.

This brings us back to Dr. David Chu. He has been assigned the task of framing all who served in uniform as whining, greedy individuals who feel the government owes them ever-increasing bounty. He has even hinted at their disloyalty, by demanding tax dollars be spent on their personal needs, while at the same time denying the needs of those on active duty.

Historically the end game of DoD is to delay, deny, or cast doubt on any and all veteran or retiree claims. According to Charles Clark, Director of Communications for the National Association of Atomic Veterans, Chu was party to the work of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and a group titled Nuclear Test Personnel Review. Though charged with determining which veterans had been exposed to radiation and honoring their claims for treatment, the end result has been quite different.

"My claim has been batted around since 1995", reports Clark. "I still await the truth. Others and I have watched Chu and Dennis Schaeffer of the Nuclear Test Group for a long time, wondering if our government is attempting to cover up this type of problem. Imagine 450,000 exposed veterans and only 50 claims decided. What a waste of tax payer monies."

As Congress was debating the issue of rescinding a 100 plus year rule that denied disabled military retirees disability compensation without a dollar per dollar offset from their military pension, Chu often overestimated the cost of such legislation. Again he claimed it would drain DoD resources.

When the Class Act Group, led by Medal of Honor recipient Colonel "Bud" Day was fighting for the earned medical care promised military retirees, all the voices of the Department of Defense, including David Chu, first denied there was any such promise made to service personnel and then claimed the cost drained funding from active duty forces.

Cries of funding drain still continue with Chu lamenting the cost of the military retiree Medicare supplement Tricare for Life.

Says Gary Garavaglia, a World War II and Korean War veteran and military retiree, "We find Dr. Chu's comments to be unconscionable. After surviving WWII and Korea my wife and I have been forced to pay for our health care until Tricare For Life was finally passed. Now we need the rest of the promises

that were made and not kept.”

What he is referring to is a comment made in a pre-inaugural address, January 19, 2001 by President-elect George W. Bush. He said “In order to make sure that morale is high with those who wear the uniform today, we must keep our commitment to those who wore the uniform in the past... We will make sure promises made to our veterans will be promises kept.”

It should be noted that David Chu has also directed his attacks at support for Veterans Administration care. Retired Navy Chief Finis McComas lives in Grayville, Illinois. “Were Dr. Chu to come to this area he would see long lines at the Evansville VA Clinic. I can hardly stand on my feet. The other day I went to the clinic. It was crammed and every chair was taken. There was no place to sit. I had to leave and get my local doctor to take care of the problem.”

Today we have hundreds of new wounded and disabled veterans returning from war. They are going to these same clinics and VA hospitals. They too are standing in long lines, if able to stand. These warriors, who just months ago were championed by Chu and the Administration have now joined the ranks of those who are among the veterans, which ‘drain’ DoD funding.

Retired Army Sergeant First Class Francis Sementilli of Sebring, Florida along with Master Sergeant David Estrovitz, USMC (Ret) of St George, Utah; Senior Master Sergeant Jim Berrey, USAF (Ret) of Panama city, Florida, Master Sergeant Floyd M. Baird, USAF (Ret) of Flint, Michigan and Lieutenant Colonel Charles Revie, USA (Ret) of Las Cruces, New Mexico are among more than 20,000 veterans and retirees who have written to Congress and the President in recent days. Many express their rage at the utterings of Dr. David Chu. All express their pain about the denial of promised benefits. To date they have received few replies from Washington.

Lieutenant Colonel Revie closes most of his correspondence with a quote from the father of our country, General George Washington. “The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their Nation.”

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NFC Illegal Immigration Committee

By Robert Williams, IIC Chair

Thursday, 04-28-05, has marked the official start-up of the NFC’s committee on Illegal Immigration. IIC is a multi-purposed committee formed for such tasks as the creating of a “position statement” for the NFC... that is, a recommend statement declaring the NFC position concerning illegal immigration in the US, as well as an organized plan to counter this growing problem. We are undertaking “hands-on” solutions, such as the creation and publication of an American Citizen’s handbook on how and what the individual citizen can do to effectively counter illegal immigration in their community. This handbook will be printed for distribution and will also be able to be downloaded from the Internet.

The IIC has journalistic capacity to reach close to half-million people, so knowledge of what we are doing will be widespread (we will also be contacting other media sources that are favorable to a solution to this problem).

In the name and spirit of our coalition, we are pre-planning an “organized meeting” with the leaders of other third-party organizations. In this meeting we will be discussing one, and only one issue... “How we can best unite for the purpose of solving illegal immigration in the US”. At this meeting we will stress the importance of putting egos and differences aside, and working together as allies on this one issue. It is important that we make a large enough noise in American politics to make a difference in Washington.

Many third-party activities are filled with good intention, but have little substance. As a part of the NFC, the IIC intends to be heard, felt, and respected as a patriotic group of “movers-and-shakers”.

ON THE NEW FRONTIER IN THIS NEW CENTURY

“What is essential in war is victory, not prolonged operations.”

From *The Art of War* — by the ancient Chinese scholar, Sun Tzu.

Normal, patriotic Citizens *suffer in confused agony* as they watch the battle-field reports from an Undeclared War, a war of “prolonged operations” that has wasted much blood, and much treasure. A war *promoted by both Democratic and Republican political leaders.*

The New Frontier Coalition is a new political organization. It was founded for the purpose of uniting Patriot groups, established “Third Party groups,” and all Citizens who are tired of seeing their

basic freedoms slipping away, *and their basic rights trampled*, by the actions of the corporate Leviathan called the federal government.

Democratic and Republican *political leaders* have held a total monopoly on political power in elections, for more than sixty years.

They are always finding new ways to give away the jobs, and the very livelihoods of our Citizens, to Most-Favored foreign countries. They have embroiled the U.S. in an endless parade of no-win foreign wars *and despicable foreign entanglements*. Their hired hands and their professional pundits tell the Citizens *that everything will be all right*. Meanwhile both parties are guilty of undercutting our tool industry and making basic industrial and factory jobs vanish from our towns. They are guilty of writing laws *which specifically reward those all of the corporations* who are outsourcing good, high-salary I.T. jobs to India.

We know that corporate lobbyists play this cruel game according to the rules that these *political leaders* write and enforce. We are very *determined to return our country* to the organic principles of the U.S. Constitution: the New Frontier Coalition will not act as a Citizens’ Lobby. We intend to remove these hustlers, shills *and the foreign-dominated agents* of “Corporate America” from Washington, by winning races in the States and in the House of Representatives.

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