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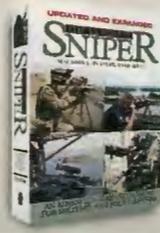
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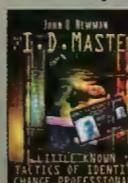


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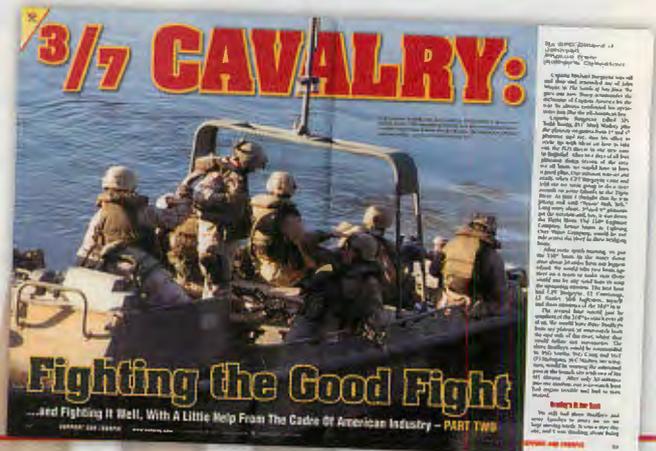
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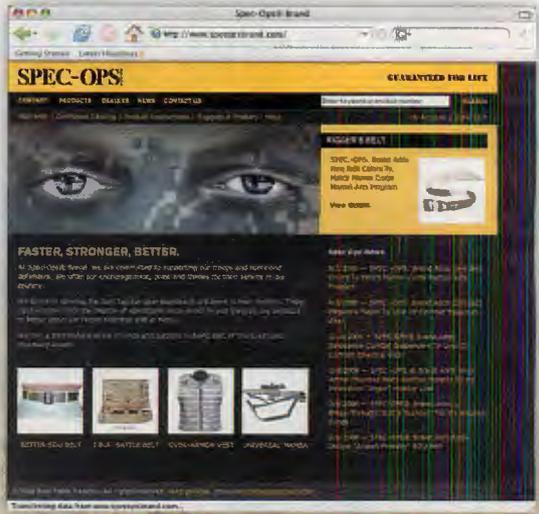
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President Bush has signed into law a bill that would bar condominium and homeowner associations from restricting how the American flag can be displayed. Sponsored by Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, R-Md., it would prohibit those groups from preventing residents from displaying an American flag on their own property. It was passed unanimously by both the House and the Senate.

"Americans have long flown our flag as an expression of their appreciation for our freedoms and their pride in our nation," Bush said in a statement. "As our brave men and women continue to fight to protect our country overseas, Congress has passed an important measure to protect our citizens' right to express their patriotism here at home without burdensome restrictions."

## BOHICA: Another VA Computer Missing...

Hot on the heels of the safe recovery of the stolen laptop containing veterans' personal information, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that a computer was missing from the "secure" Reston, Va., offices of the subcontractor Unisys Corporation, hired to assist in insurance collections for VA's medical centers in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

The VA's Inspector General, the FBI and local law enforcement are conducting a "thorough investigation of this matter," including just what information the computer may have held. VA believes the records involved are limited to people who received treatment at the two Pennsylvania medical centers during the past four years. It is believed the desktop computer may have contained patients' names, addresses, Social Security numbers, dates of birth, insurance carriers and billing information, dates of military service, and claims data that may include some medical information.

Initial estimates indicate the desktop contained information on approximately 5,000 patients treated at Philadelphia, approximately 11,000 patients treated at Pittsburgh, and approximately 2,000 deceased patients. VA is also investigating the possibility the computer may have contained information on approximately another 20,000 people who received care through the Pittsburgh medical center. ✕



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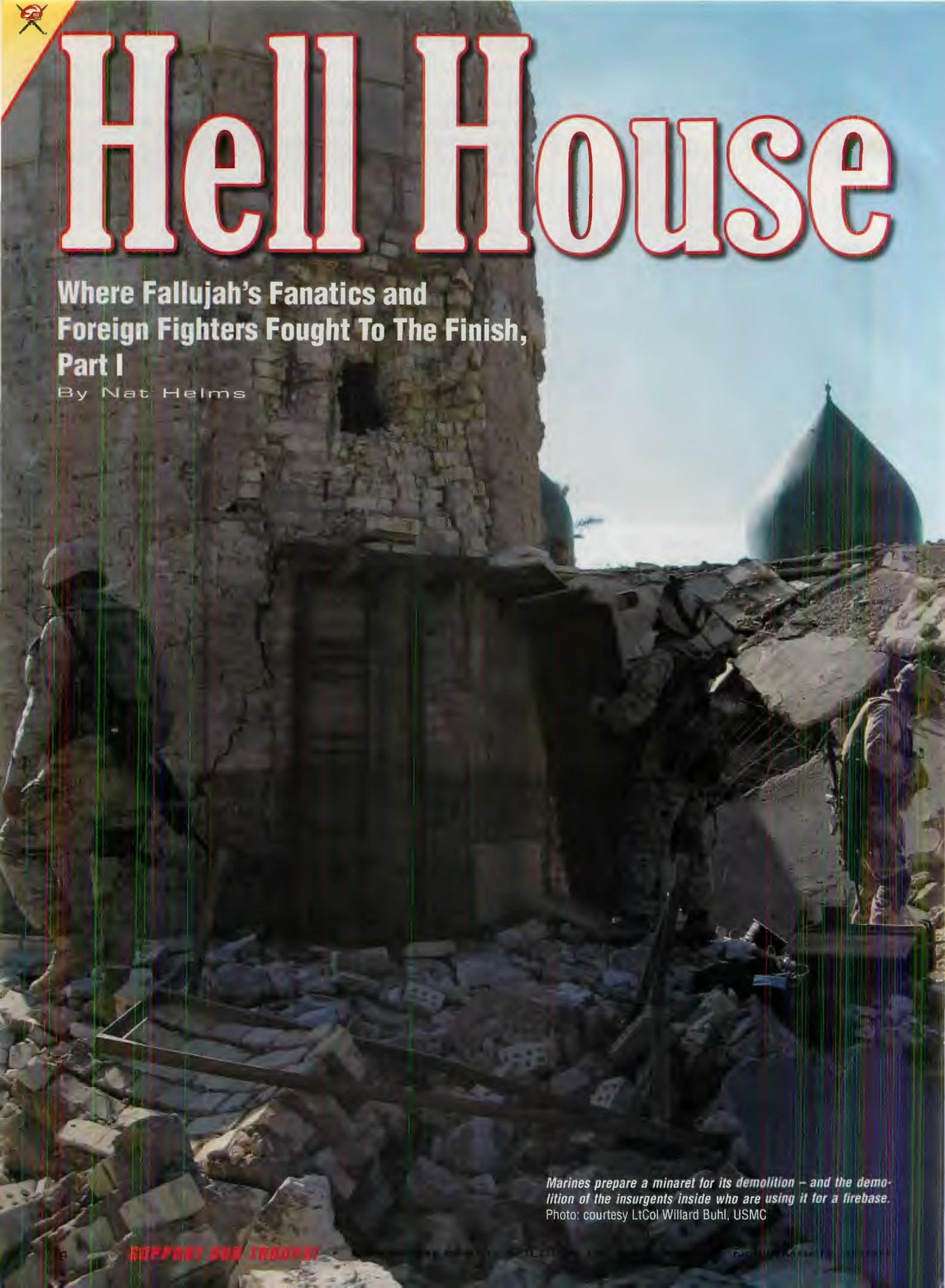
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# Hell House

Where Fallujah's Fanatics and Foreign Fighters Fought To The Finish, Part I

By Nat Helms



*Marines prepare a minaret for its demolition – and the demolition of the insurgents inside who are using it for a firebase.*  
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The 3rd squad from Lt. Jesse Grapes' 3rd Platoon, Kilo Company, ready to roll from their firm base in early November, to attack insurgents in Fallujah. Photo: R. J. Mitchell

**A**l Fajr means "New Dawn" in Arabic. At Fallujah, Iraq in November of '04 it also meant death to more than 3,000 Iraqi insurgents and foreign fighters who dared take on the

► The saga of First Sergeant Brad Kasal and men of the Thundering Third was first told in the May, 2005 SOF. Now here's the rest of the story of heroism in that knock-down, drag-out battle that resulted in more than one participant receiving the Marine Corps' second-highest medal for valor.

1st Marine Division in a toe-to-toe, no-quarter contest historians consider to be the fiercest battle the United States Marine Corps has fought since its epic struggle for Hue, South Vietnam in 1968. Central to that battle is the growing legend of "Hell House," the still-emerging story of an unlikely chanel house where three Marines fought together to carry the day.

The most famous of the trio at Fallujah on 13 November 2004 was 38-year old 1st Sergeant Bradley Kasal, an iconoclastic Marine thanks to a photographer named Lucian Read. Read caught him on film being helped out of the infamous building still brandishing his M9 pistol, after being shredded by grenade fragments and shot full of holes saving other Marines. With him at the Hell House was a tightly wrapped



24-year-old former Lance Corporal named Robert Joseph "R.J." Mitchell and former Lance Corporal Alex Nicoll, an absolutely irrepressible 22-year-old Marine who got his kicks walking point and engaging hajji up close and personal.

At Fallujah, Alex and R.J. were in



The Thundering Third advances into Fallujah, not knowing just what they would find – but ready for it. Photo: courtesy LtCol Willard Buhl, USMC

the same squad in 3rd Platoon, Kilo Company, Third Battalion, 1st Marines, generally known as the "Thundering Third." Kasal was the First Sergeant of Weapons Company, 3/1, a position that allowed him to be in the rear with the gear. That, however, was never Kasal's way. On 15 May 2006 Sergeant Major Kasal received the Navy Cross for his incredible heroism at Fallujah.

Despite Kasal's well-deserved fame, he was not the only hero of that fight, he says. He claims Mitchell, among many others, was the real hero at Hell House.

"I did what I had to do because it is called survival and the right thing to do. And I had no choice in the matter. Sergeant Mitchell, however, voluntarily ran through enemy fire and joined us in a room that was sealed off from rescue and covered by enemy fire, to try and help us. He is the true hero," Kasal insists.

The Marine Corps agreed. Before he left the Marine Corps, Mitchell was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant. On 28 July 2006, Mitchell received the Navy Cross at Camp Pendleton, California for his heroic actions in the same fight that Kasal earned his award. The lives of the three Marines are so intertwined that their stories are actually one brave tale, a remarkable saga that one day will undoubtedly be a chapter in the Great Book of Marine Corps heroes, legends, and lore.

Their unique relationship was cemented in March, 2002 when Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was deployed to Iraq as part of "Operation Iraqi Freedom." Mitchell was a lance corporal and future squad leader of 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon of Kilo Company and Nicoll was a wild young rifleman who would one day be in Mitchell's squad. At the time Kasal was the First Sergeant of Kilo Company and well known as a tough, uncompromising professional infantryman with 18 years humping rucks and pushing troops.

When Operation Iraqi Freedom kicked off, Kilo Company, 3/1 drove up Highway 8, helped open "Ambush Alley" during the vicious bridge fights at An Nasiriyah, ran the deadly roads to Baghdad, and concluded the war sitting it out in the capital city savoring the notion they were saviors and liberators. By the end of the first six-month combat deployment Kasal knew both men were particularly fine fighting Marines, he says.

Sixteen months later it was June, 2004 and 3/1 was on its second deployment to Iraq. A lot of things had changed, Mitchell says. Kasal was now the First Sergeant of Weapons Company, 3/1, Mitchell was a corporal

*Marines prep their target in Fallujah with mortar fire, before an assault.* Photo: courtesy LtCol Willard Buhl, USMC



and 2nd Squad leader in 3rd Platoon, and Nicoll was in his squad. For more than five months the Thundering Third was stuck in al Anbar Province, the epicenter of the Sunni rebellion where foreign fighters flocking into Iraq from Syria and Jordan were controlled. Before 3/1 was finished with its second deployment in March, 2005 it would fight foreign fighters from 18 countries in the bleak confines of al Anbar, Mitchell says.

### **Waiting for War**

By all accounts al Anbar province is a tough place to be: 3/1's Marines would suffer more than 100 casualties in the five months before they at-

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tacked Fallujah. It was an ugly war, Mitchell says.

3/1's Marines fought it out with the insurgents and always-dangerous foreign fighters in a daily grind

of patrols, ambushes and guard duty. The occasional firefights were small, quick affairs, and the real terror came from Improvised Explosive Devices, mortars, rockets, suicide bombers,

snipers, and diabolical ambushes that left the Marines punching empty air, Nicoll says.

In the 130-degree heat the Marines were getting down right hostile, Mitchell concluded. "They either wanted to go home or fight, but this stuff in [al] Anbar Province was getting everybody's morale down."

"I wanted to fight something," Nicoll added. "We all wanted to fight something. They gave us no rules of engagement in [An] Nasiriya and every dog, chicken, and moving object we saw was likely to be engaged."

To pump up morale for the upcoming fight, its dynamic battalion commander Lt. Col. Willie Buhl organized a festival of sorts two days before the looming battle to loosen the men up a bit, he said. The theme was Ben Hur and the showpiece entertainment was a chariot race using captured Iraqi horses. Nicoll was chosen by Buhl to dress up like a barbarian and stir up the crowd. Nicoll gave an impromptu speech he modeled after Mel Gibson's roaring tome of defiance in the movie Braveheart. It all came together when Nicoll raised his arms and displayed his tattoo urging "Bring the Violence"

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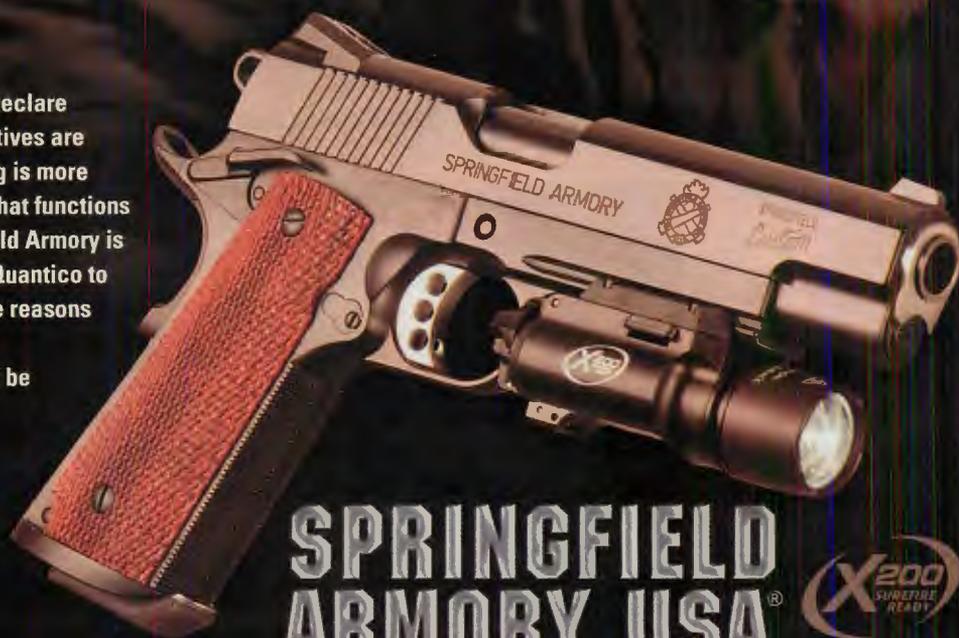
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that called out in giant black letters from across both his triceps. In one hand Nicoll held a massive war club made from an aluminum baseball bat and spikes and in the other was a huge sword cut from the armor of some unlucky doggie's Humvee. The

Marines went wild, Buhl says.

"Some Army guy was running around complaining he didn't have any armor on his Humvee," Nicoll remembered. "I needed it for my sword. I had to look good for the Marines. My guys worked hard getting my costume

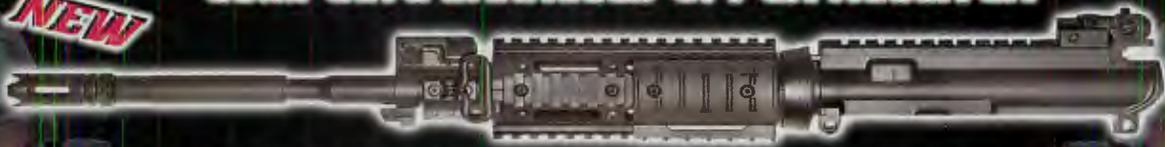
together. When we started out I just had a sheet."

All too soon the frivolity was over and it was time for war. On 7 November 2004, 3/1 joined about 22,000 Marines and soldiers attacking Fal-lujah, which before the conflict was



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a predominantly Sunni city of almost 140,000 structures that needed to be cleared of al Qaeda, al Zarqawi and all the other murderous jihadists looking for martyrdom.

The attack officially began 7 November on so-called "D-Day," but 3/1 with a few exceptions sat it out on the north end of Fallujah waiting for the big play to start 36 hours later. For 24 hours Mitchell said he watched red phosphorus rain on the city like red sparklers turning everything beneath it the color of thin blood. It was an ominous, exciting beginning, he said.

"They were firing 120mm Army mortars, 155mm guns, eighty-ones, everything. They fired for 24 hours straight. They fired a lot of red phosphorus; it looked like red sparklers falling from the sky," Mitchell recalled.

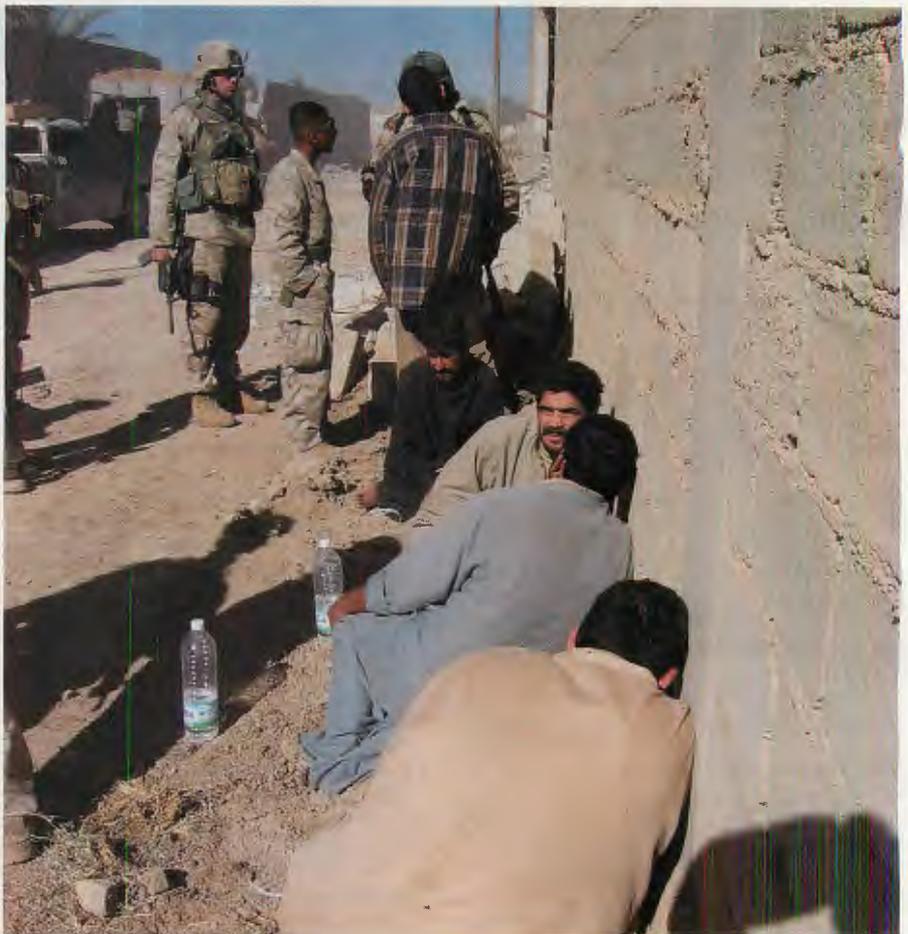
### Finally Getting It On

On D+3 the bulk of the Thundering Third finally moved out. It was 0500 and false dawn was upon the city. In the dim light of the waning darkness Kilo Company moved south into the city using lanes breached through Iraqi obstacles by Marine engineers. Behind them was the hulking Fallujah train station, captured the night before by 2nd Lt. Zachary Iscol and about 50 Weapons Company, 3/1 Marines advising a company of Iraqi National Guard troops chosen to make the attack. They were supported by Lima Co, 3/1, who stayed behind.

"I remember getting into the city with relative ease," Mitchell recalls. "Regardless of who was doing what or where, from the attack position it was one hell of a sound and light show," Mitchell says.

It was early morning on the 9th of November when Kilo crossed into the city proper. About 30 minutes later Mitchell's squad began taking fire from a bunker on a rooftop of a house to the west. Although one of Weapon's Company's Combined Armor Anti-tank Team sections (CAAT) teams was with their squad, the buildings were too densely spaced for them to take a shot with a TOW, Mitchell recalls.

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LtCol Willard "Willie" Buhl, right, former CO of 3/1 Marines at Fallujah, and CO of 1st Sergeant Kasal, Lance Corporals Mitchell and Nicoll, poses by rocket holes in wall. Photo: courtesy LtCol Willard Buhl, USMC

us covered by fire. That was when Lance Cpl. Steve Segura got killed. I still don't know exactly how it happened, but I guess his squad started flanking, but got hit from the flank as they did. From what I heard Steve got hit between his [SAPI] plates as he was trying to kill the fucker that shot him," Mitchell remembers.

"As soon as that happened we all started in earnest. No one cared from then on. If you were a military-aged male in the city, you were a threat, and threats don't live," Mitchell said.

"With me personally... these guys were trying to kill me, [so] I wanted to kill them."

Nicholl took it even more personally, he says. "Every sonofabitch I shot was standing right in front of me."

How they fought remained the same for the next four days, Mitchell says. During the day they cleared buildings and fought short duels with Iraqi insurgents who didn't have a lot of stomach for fighting Marines. Nobody surrendered; it wasn't in the cards, Nicoll agrees.

Although Kasal was now in Weapons Company he was always close by, Mitchell says. The situation pleased 3rd Platoon, especially Third Platoon leader 1st Lt. Jesse Grapes, he says. Kasal had been his first sergeant for a long time and the two meshed the way true warriors will. Kasal didn't plan it that way, he said, but circumstances prevented him from linking up with his other CAAT sections.

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The day before they encountered Hell House the fighting was particularly intense. The Marines took to firing their SMAWs (Shoulder-Launched Multipurpose Assault Weapon) with the new thermobaric warheads called the SMAW-NE for "Novel Explosive" to clear buildings before they went inside. They used a technique called "key holing" that began with a conventional SMAW to blow a hole in the thick walls of the target structure, then a SMAW-NE to incinerate anyone inside. It was part of Kilo's unofficial policy to never enter into a building

without throwing in something that exploded, Grapes said.

"The day before we got hurt was probably crazier than the day we got hurt. Any time there would be something First Sergeant would be there," Nicoll says. "He was the only one [senior NCO] I ever saw out there. For the last two days we had been walking side by side. First Sergeant called me up and wanted me to go point for him."

That fight began when Mitchell, Kasal, Nicoll, Cpl. Francis Wolf, and Lance Cpl. Samuel Severtsgard teamed up to clear a house full of insurgents. It occupied a location that was impossible to approach without being seen. Mitchell was in charge, Nicoll said.

The Marines ended up pinned down. Mitchell took a round through the fleshy part of his right arm. Mitchell called it the "perfect wound" because it went through so fast it didn't even hurt and the heat cauterized it so it didn't bleed, Mitchell says. He

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# WE FEW

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**...In Which A Perfectly Good Second Tour Is Compromised By A Couple Of Irish Hooligans And Topped By A Bunch of Cherries...**

By Nick Brokhausen

At the time of the Vietnam War, MACV-SOG (Military Assistance Command Vietnam - Studies and Observations Group), was one of the lesser-known of the many open secrets associated with that conflict. It was also one of the most effective fighting units ever assembled, with a kill ratio exceedingly high - and a life expectancy exceedingly low. Many books have been written chronicling SOG's exploits, and many more are sure to come. The excellent new volume *We Few* by Nick Brokhausen, however, does not remind us that these men were heroes, as that is a given. It reminds us they

were human, and as Brokhausen notes, "I hope it will convey the incredible strength and macabre sense of humor that one needs in order to survive." This volume, from which we are pleased to publish four excerpts, does this very well, indeed. Enjoy. -Ed.

After an afternoon of in-processing, we are assigned a barracks and the time is ours. I am lying on the bunk in the transient barracks as Bernie comes bustling through the door with a pleased look on his face and a net bag full of tepid Ba Mi Ba beers in the heavy gauge 14 oz. glass bottles. You get an extra two ounces of beer

with the added bonus that the bottle, empty or full, is the perfect tool for adjusting the headspace on the odd marine or sailor who wants to get froggy.

He plops down in the bunk opposite from me and grins that lopsided, wiseass grin that the Irish have perfected over the centuries. He pulls out two bottles from the bag, hands me one, then pulls out a CO2 fire extinguisher that is obviously missing from someone's wall bracket and sprays the beers liberally. Voila! Instant, chilled beer. I take a long slow pull, relishing the sharp tang of the beer and the ambience of brewing that uses formalde-



*They were indeed "We Few," with few companies having more than 30 U.S. soldiers, accompanied by Hmong, Chinese Nung, and Vietnamese mercs - and yet they provided the bulk of the good ground intelligence from behind enemy lines. Photo: Author's collection*

hyde in the aging process. It gives you a heady hangover, but it is still better than that swill, Black Label.

"I went over to see if we got orders yet," Bernie starts and then smiles. I smell the conspiracy coming. "The Infantry guys managed to poach a couple of the new kids and they had us on orders to go to the Big Red One."

I know tragedy hasn't overcome us because he is in a really good mood. The Big Red One is the 1st Infantry Division. With our ranks, had we been shanghaied, we would end up as platoon sergeants. The proud members of this division put the emphasis on the last word in their nickname; those of us who never want to set foot in it put the emphasis on the second word, "red." I'm waiting patiently for him to lay out the masterful stroke of wheedling and scheming that he has accomplished in order to save us from a fate worse than death.

## NEVER VOLUNTEER

He takes a long pull on his beer, belches, and then continues. "I ran into one of the E-8s that run the admin section. He was in Germany with me in '58. I was his platoon sergeant and he was a Davy Crockett crewman.

"Anyway, he owes me a few favors, so he tells me that the only way to get up to Nha Trang, to Group Headquarters is either know God and have him protect you from the press gangs from the infantry or take a voluntary to an outfit called CCN."

I am beginning to feel queasy about this. For sure the guy he is talking to is another Mick and there is only one group that can outdo them in messing each other over and that's attorneys. And if I remember rightly, the Davy Crockett System was a jeep-mounted device that fired a huge projectile, like a foot in diameter, which was a nuclear warhead. In fact, the manual said to put the jeep in gear, fire, and accelerate away keeping a ridgeline between you and the target. How quaint, Bernie's E-8 is not only some fellow traveler, but is obviously not too bright.

On top of that, wherever or whatever CCN is, it is obviously something someone wants to keep quiet or they would have spelled it out. A simple rule in the Army is that if it is called by its initials, it's a bad start. You should worry even more if the initials are real short, because it indicates the speed at which your ass gets blown away.

Now, I had specifically sent Bernie over to the S-1 to arrange that we get orders assigning us to the 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA (Special Forces Group, Airborne), which is what we had on our original orders and to use their phone to call Nha Trang and tell them we were at the depot. If he wasn't able to do that he was to call House 39 and get someone to come over and rescue us from the clutches of the legs. These were pretty simple instructions, after all. Even a Mick could follow them. I knew we could get assigned to the Mike Force. They always needed bodies in the Mike Force because it wandered around out there where all the bad people were and picked fights with them. Besides, I knew a number of the guys and I wanted to go where there were people that I could trust.

I'm beginning to sweat because he says, "I got us both on orders to go up to Da Nang and," he pauses, "I was able to get all those cherries freed from their infantry assignment as well. They are going with us."

## LIFE IS A BOWL FULL OF CHERRIES

Suddenly I am fully alarmed. My warning bells are ringing and my memory banks are starting to wind up. This is starting to smell like bad, bad news. It's obvious that this is an SF assignment, because anything that will get you away from the Division press gangs has to have some heavy priority on it. Add to that the fact that the cherries were able to get on the list, and the little voice in the back of my head is screaming, "Uh-oh," in big red letters.

Bernie is obviously pleased with himself and doesn't want to hear that if the assignment can spring guys right out of the infantry press gangs, it's got to have some major priority. With priority come bad operations, lots of people shooting at you, helicopters and jets falling out of the air, and lots of folks going home with missing parts or in body bags. This is not good. I reach over and liberate another beer from the bag and lower its body temperature with the fire extinguisher. Bernie is still rattling on about how lucky we are. This will be a real combat assignment, nothing but SF brothers, blah, blah, blah. I'm beginning to suspect that the O'Reilly in S-1 had some sort of grudge against Bernie. Maybe Bernie was slapping leather to the guy's wife in the distant past and now it was payback time. I

can see him grinning like a shark as he types up our orders. Hail Caesar, we who are about to die....

I come back from nightmare land with Bernie saying, "Geez, you look a little pale, brother. Maybe you need to take a cold shower, get acclimated..." I'm spinning in a vortex of bad vibes and suddenly realizing why the Irish end up in every front line outfit since King Henry beat the snot out of the French nobility at Agincourt. It's obviously a genetic thing that attracts them toward loud noises and screaming. They probably think it's a wake in progress, ergo plenty of free booze, so let's get involved.

It's so hot that I am starting to melt, but the beer is giving me a mellow feeling. Well, mellow enough that I don't throttle Bernie. I look at him and make sure I enunciate the words carefully.

## NEVER, NEVER VOLUNTEER

"ARE YOU BLOODY CRAZY?" He looks at me with the hurt expression that only your family and ex-girl-friends who show up at your wedding seem to be able to pull off.

"What are you pissed about? We ain't going to some leg infantry outfit; I tried to call the number you gave me but no one answered. Then Kevin suggested that we could guarantee not going if we wanted to volunteer for this MACV-SOG thing."

I am trying to comprehend why my spine feels like I just pissed on an electric fence. Then it hits me, CCN, Chuckle Chuckle North, Command and Control North. Shiva, Destroyer of Worlds! Chaos! Oh yeah, now, I remember.

Bernie can't know what he is in for, so I smile my brightest scamming smile, finish my beer, pull another one out and frost it down. Then I lean back against the wall and fix him with my most sincere look.

"I'm sorry Bernie, I must still be affected by the drop in pressure from the long flight. Great! You got us a SF assignment. What the hell, I didn't want to go to the Mike Force. I would just as soon play this tour out in some cushy job. It's probably one of those show camps. You know, where all the bunkers are covered with cement and whitewashed, complete with a stencil of the unit crest on each one. Yes, that's it, probably right outside, where'd you say it was? Da Nang? Yeah, great place. All you do is let visiting Congressmen

and reporters and Donut Dollies fly in and you give them the grand tour of a real SF A Camp. Probably has its own laundry with starched tiger stripes for the uniform of the day. We'll probably be able to drive into Da Nang, every night we aren't being interviewed by Huntley and Brinkley, that is."

He is trying to get that Gaelic mush that he calls a brain around the fact that apparently I am no longer mad, but I can see that he is nervous about the flash of panic and terror that had been me a mere thirty seconds before. He gets into the swing of it, though, and spills what "good ol' Kevin" had told him.

### GOOD OL' KEVIN...

"Yeah, uh maybe. Uh, I don't know. Kevin said that they run combat missions out from bases they call launch sites, so, uh, I guess we will get a chance to go in the field sometimes. It can't be too bad, 'cause Kevin says that he has a waiting list of guys that want to go there."

Yeah, I'm thinking about good ol' Kevin. I'm going to find good ol' Kevin and shove a good ol' fragmentation grenade up his ass as soon as I can get him isolated. Bernie is still pleased as punch. Should I tell him that there isn't any place in this bloody country that has a waiting list, unless it is the airport, and has to do with a flight out of here?

I drift back from my thoughts and Bernie is asking about whether I've ever heard about CCN. Oh yes, I think to myself, and if I share it with you, you're going to mess yourself, you dumb Mick. But I have a sweeter disposition than that. I look at him and give him my best "dealing with a lieutenant" look and tell him blandly, "I've heard a few things. I think Hardy's brother was in CCN or something." I look at him innocently. He cocks his head as he tries to connect the name with a face and history.

"Do you mean that guy in the Seventh that's all messed up with wounds and is half crazy?" You can see that the thought of wounds and insanity are bringing back bad memories from Korea.

"Yeah, that's him, but I think he got all screwed up on his second tour in some A Camp, like up North. I'm sure he wasn't in CCN when all that bad shit happened." Maybe I will go find this Kevin O'Psycho and kidnap him.

I dream about making him get out of the chopper dressed in a bright orange jumpsuit and run around with a boom box playing very loud soul music, deep inside Laos. At gun point. That will drive the little pissers into a murderous rage. And he won't be hard to find or miss 'cause I'm personally going to set fire to the bamboo so they know exactly where he is.

About the time I am finalizing the great "sell Kevin to a cannibal tribe" scenario in my head, our pastoral respite is interrupted by the loud entry of eight or so of the shining faced liberators of the oppressed, graduating class. They are resplendent in their Tropical Worsted and berets screwed on their heads, like little molded green hero toppers. They are a bit hesitant about interrupting at first, probably because we are in conference, but I flash them the same ether smile that has the Mick under control.

### CHERRY TREAT

Bernie talks to them and comes back. "Hey, those new guys right out of training group want to go downtown tonight. They said they'd treat if we showed them where to go. They're real happy to be going with us up to Da Nang and all."

Our aircraft will be in tomorrow. We are restricted to the reception billets until then. To any red-blooded American fighting man worth his salt that is an open invitation to find the nearest hole in the fence and get himself downtown. After all, we are here in "the Nam" up to our eyebrows with all you've ever heard about in Far East exotica. We are separated by a measly wire barrier and a legion or two of MPs. What the hell are they going to do if they catch you? Send you to Nam?

I'm mulling this new possibility over in my mind, one last little fling before they march us out into the arena with the big cats, and at the same time, fighting the inclination to operate on that plan to do something particularly nasty to Kevin. I decide that the idea of being paid for howling, and the prospect of being next to something that doesn't smell like Aqua



Velva is better. We will have to borrow heavily from the new guys. Hell, in a month, half of them will be either dead or shot up, so it's pretty good odds on the pay back.

Bernie and I sozzle our way to the shower with a cold one retrieved from the diminishing supply of beer in the sack. I stand under the spray reflecting on the situation and figuring out some sort of scheme to get out of it without demonstrating to all and sundry that I am more interested in breathing than in furthering the myth of *The Green Berets*. I already have all the medals I want. In fact, if I can give a couple back and pretend that I am in danger, that will be just fine with me.

The water is hot and the pressure blasts most of the angst from me so that by the time I emerge I am actually feeling quite smug and happy. What the Hell? I might as well have some fun. Saigon is one of those cities where it is a perpetual Friday night. With every possible vice you could imagine and thrills, good food, and ambience to boot. I'm in the place that has shaped my adulthood. The place grows on you.

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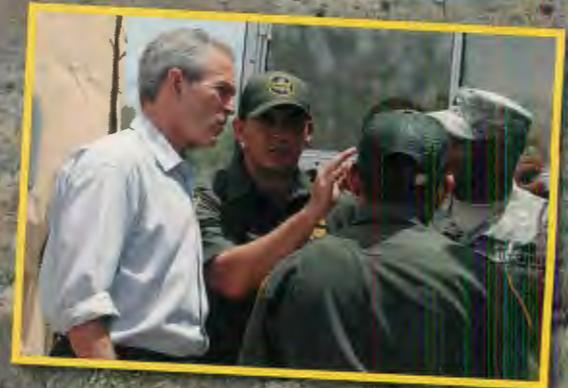
By Dr. Martin Brass

In May, President Bush announced that he was going to deploy 6,000 National Guard Troops to the U.S. Mexico border to help the unmanned, under equipped Border Patrol.

He made it clear that he was not going to militarize the border. His counterparts south of the border, from Mexico to the

tip of South America were already outraged. Mexican President Vicente Fox called talk of a barrier, high-tech or otherwise "disgraceful and shameful" and his Foreign Secretary said Mexico would not allow a 'stupid' wall. Latin economies would be devastated by the loss of the approximately fifty billion U. S. dollars filtering down south.

Like a limp U.N. Peacekeeping force, the Guardsmen were to be armed only for self defense. The troops would man border surveillance and communication equipment, answer



*National Guard members on an entry-identification team man their post on Johnson Mountain in New Mexico. The team gathers intelligence about possible undocumented aliens attempting to enter the United States from Mexico and relays it to Border Patrol agents. Mexico is south of the ridge. The skybox provides Soldiers with a higher vantage point and contains equipment that enhances their ability to see people by day and night. Photo by SGT Jim Greenhill (inset) President Bush addresses CBP Border Patrol agents and National Guard troops in McAllen, Texas. Photo by Gerald L. Nino*



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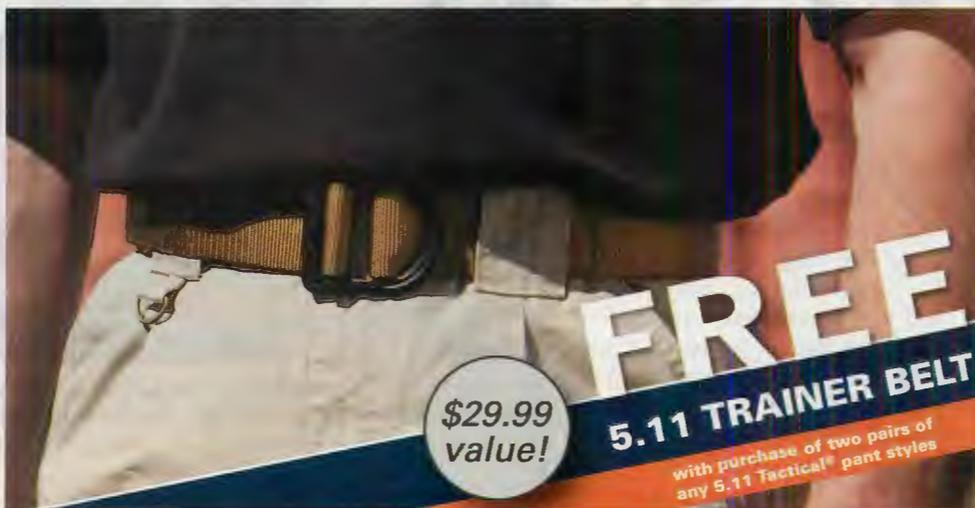
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*A National Guard Soldier from the 29th Brigade Combat Team, assisting the U.S. Border Patrol, stands watch on a ridge above Nogales, Ariz., at the Mexico border. (inset) Arizona Army National Guard Soldiers stand watch on the U.S. border with Mexico at Nogales, Ariz. The Citizen-Soldiers are members of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 158th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team participating in Operation Jump Start, the National Guard's assistance to the U.S. Border Patrol. National Guard troops who carry weapons are armed for self-defense purposes only.*  
www.army.mil photos by Sgt. Jim Greenhill.



telephones, and maintain Border Patrol vehicles. They would build roads, help erect a controversial fence, and provide intel and training in use of force and desert survival techniques.

Critics scoffed at the idea that a few thousand troops could even begin to control the mass illegal immigration across the border. Never mind the forty tunnels that illegals use to transport guns, drugs, and their human booty.

### **Kudos to the National Guard**

The National Guard took their commission seriously, and to the surprise of probably even the administration, had their 6,000 troopers in place by the deadline, August 1, 2006

Illegal migrants were scared off and detentions were cut by nearly a quarter in the first part of June, when the first deployment of troops took their positions.



*Pfc. Jacob Ellington, from the Arizona Army National Guard, monitors video screens at the U.S. Border Patrol's Communications Center near Yuma, Ariz. The Guard is supporting the Border Patrol in the Southwest. www.army.mil photo by Sgt. Jim Greenhill.*

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A Texas National Guard Soldier and Border Patrol Senior Agent Chad Wamsley accompany Ricky I, a Belgian Malinois, as the detection dog checks a tractor-trailer truck for drugs or concealed people at the Border Patrol's Interstate-35 checkpoint north of Laredo, Texas. The Soldier, who is not named, for security reasons, volunteered to serve one year on Operation Jump Start, the National Guard's assistance to the Border Patrol securing the U.S. border with Mexico. www.army.mil photo by Sgt. Jim Greenhill.

The proud President, who had already increased funding for border security by 66 percent, and expanded the border patrol from about 9,000 to 12,000 agents, recommitted to doubling the size of the BP—up to 18,000.

### Not Exactly the Great Wall of China

The House of Representatives had approved a \$2.2 billion fence along one third of the southern border in December, 2005. In May, the Senate stamped their approval on a 370 mile

triple layering fence and 500 miles vehicle barriers to reinforce some dilapidated sections of fence already scattered along the border. Urban areas were to be protected for at least two miles on each side.

A small scale model was already in place. California had executed Operation Gatekeeper in the early 1990s, which sealed 14 miles of the San Diego border with ten foot steel reinforced fence.

Homeland Security Secretary Mi-  
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## Anyone Listening?

### Farnam's Gunslinger Diary

By John Farnam



News from a friend in the Federal Air Marshall (FAM) Program:

"We're had bad publicity lately, as you probably know. We FAMs desperately want to remain in deep cover, blending in seamlessly with the general, traveling public. We don't 'activate' except in the event of a skyjacking attempt. Our job is to precipitously shoot to death skyjackers before they can jeopardize the aircraft. Until then, it is critical that we remain invisible. We're not there to make arrests! No one, not even crewmembers, know our identity, and that is exactly the way we want it. That is also the way we want to keep it! Unfortunately, our weak-knee 'management,' unwilling to stand up to pressure from airline industry executives and others, is trying to turn us into semi-uniformed, 'courtesy police!'"

Airline executives want us all in coat and tie, even when it causes us to stand out on many flights. They also want us to routinely break cover and get involved with unruly-passenger incidents. They even want to issue us batons! They call it 'semi-covert,' a ridiculous contradiction of terms on its face.

AQ's current plan for airline takeover is to first identify FAMs, which will be no problem now. Four terrorists will be assigned to each FAM. Once airborne, they will suddenly and simultaneously rush the FAMs, pin them in their seats, immobilizing arms and legs, take their pistols, shoot them, and then take over the aircraft at their leisure. None of the foregoing is classified. It is all common knowledge, available from dozens of sources.

We FAMs are concerned with this current, dangerous trend. We want Congress to can our current gaggle of so-called 'managers,' replacing them with people who actually have a clue as to what we're supposed to be doing. Our program, and its mission, are in real trouble!"

#### More New Stuff

Steyr is marketing its original AUG (with the addition of rails), now made in the USA! This American-made AUG was introduced at the NRA convention in Milwaukee. Complete with its inte-

gral, optical sight, for which it has been so well known, this new rifle will be a welcome addition to the current mix of .223, military rifles.

DSA's wonderful American-made FAL now features an AR-15 rear sight.

SIG is now marketing a cocked-and-locked version of its 220! Featuring a two-position, manual safety lever, similar to the one found on the 1911, this version of the 220 is designed to be carried with the hammer cocked. For all practical purposes, my preference for a carry pistol is SIG's wonderful DAK trigger system. Manual decocking levers have fallen out of style, but SIG is now offering this additional option, at least on the 220. Interesting!

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In its latest "study," the Pentagon has, once again, assured us of what they have been insisting all along: the 5.56mm M855 rifle round is adequate" for military purposes. This comical charade is the Pentagon's jittery response to chronic complaints from the field about the round's well-known lack of range, poor penetration, and second-rate fight-ending ability. They're trying to assure the latest generation of exasperated combat veterans that they're just "shooting too low," and maybe not often enough! We heard all this same sorry crap forty years ago!

The message is clear: "We want input from the field, so long as it makes us all look like geniuses. Bad news, on the other hand, will not be tolerated. When equipment doesn't work, it must be your imagination!"

The Pentagon's credibility receives yet another self-inflicted wound! I wonder whom they think they're kidding.

#### Chamber Problems

*"John: I have been shooting a Colt Python .357 Mag revolver I recently picked up, used, but in nice condition. Unfortunately, the extractor rod cannot push spent casings out without a good deal of pounding. Casings (Winchester white-box .357 Mag) keep sticking in chambers. I love the pistol, but lack the confidence that I will be able to fire more than six rounds! Do you know what is causing this dilemma?"*

My Reply: The problem with your Python is probably the same one endemic to all .357 Mag revolvers that have had a lot of .38 Special rounds fired through them.

A revolver chambered for the .357 Magnum cartridge will also chamber and fire the shorter .38 Special cartridge. The same is true for .44 Magnum and .44 Special cartridges. This is claimed by many to be a great advantage of the .357 Magnum revolver, since .38 Special ammunition is less expensive than .357 Magnum ammunition. However, there are some problems with this practice. Hot gases associated with bullet launch eventually cause spalling on the walls of the chamber. The chamber will gradually be ringed with tiny spall marks where the bullet comes off the .38 Special case. When the longer .357 Magnums are then fired in the same chambers, the brass will expand into the spall ring, making rapid case extraction difficult and eventually impossible, as you noted.

What all this means is that shooting a lot of .38 Specials in a .357 Magnum revolver will eventually ruin the weapon for .357 Magnum rounds. As a solution to the problem you can do one of two things:

(1) Simply dedicate the weapon to .38 Special and do not bother with .357 Magnum rounds at all.

(2) Shoot only .357 Magnum rounds in it, both for practice and for duty, forsaking .38 Special ammunition altogether. This solution only applies, of course, to new guns.

With your revolver as it is, solution one will make the most sense. ☒

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**Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew R. Campanano (right) and Cpl. Angel S. Villalobos, both former Magnificent Bastards of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, hold the M40A1 sniper rifle recovered by Marines of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. Both Campanano and Villalobos were in Ramadi when a four-man sniper team was killed on a rooftop June 21, 2004. This rifle was among the weapons taken by terrorists.** USMC Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva



Approximately 1145 hours on 16 June 06, Sniper Section 4 observed a black Opel with tinted windows, sitting in front of a storefront. In back right corner window, snipers observed silver video camera, partially covered with cloth, being manipulated to observe AAVs that were patrolling in the area. Snipers also observed the stock of a weapon. Unable to see body or head of individual through tinted window, sniper estimated his location and put three rounds of 7.62mm in back right corner window. Photo: DoD

# Return of the Renegade Rifle

USMC M40A1, Once Spoils of War, Comes Home  
By Cpl. Mark Sixbey,  
Regimental Combat Team 5

CAMP HABBANIYAH, Iraq -- Scout snipers from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment killed an enemy sniper and recovered a Marine sniper rifle lost nearly two years ago during a mission near Habbaniyah on 16 June.

The rifle was the one formerly used by four Marines of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment who were killed on a rooftop in Ramadi 21 June 2004.

Sniper Section Four was in a hide when the spotter observed a military-aged male inside a car parked nearby, videotaping a passing patrol of amphibious assault vehicles. The Marines saw a rifle stock by the insurgent's side.

"We were in the right place at the right time," said Sgt. Kevin Homestead, an infantryman from K Company serving as a spotter for the sniper team that day.

They first radioed the passing Marines and told them they were being watched by an enemy sniper and to stay low. The insurgent then sealed

his own fate by preparing the weapon. The 21-year-old Marine sniper, who declined to be interviewed, aimed in at the gunman's head behind the rear-side window.

He recited a mantra in his head. "Breathe, relax, aim, squeeze, surprise."

The enemy sniper died with the gun in his lap.

They dialed K Company -- or Samurai 6 -- and reported the target was dead.

"We then saw another military-aged male ... enter the passenger side door," said Homestead, 26, from Ontario, Ore. "He was surprised to see the other shooter was killed."

The second insurgent scurried around the car and jumped in the driver's seat. With the sniper now spotting for him, Homestead aimed in with his M4 carbine and put three rounds in the driver before he could start the car.

A squad of K Company Marines

came to the position and saw the sniper dead and the driver shot three times. The driver died as the squad arrived on scene.

They pulled out the sniper rifle and immediately recognized that it was an M40A1, the same used by the snipers of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment in 2004.

The trunk of the car contained a pistol, a hand grenade, dozens of 7.62 mm rounds, multiple license plates and several camcorder tapes.

"When we saw the scope and stock, we knew what it was," Homestead said. The rifle was missing for nearly two years – almost to the day. Marines believed the insurgent they killed, or those closely associated with him, had it all along. It is unknown how many times it was used against U.S. and Iraqi forces.

"He was a very good sniper," Homestead said. "But he got cocky and slipped up and it was our time to catch that."

The weapon came full circle, having originally belonged to the Darkhorse battalion in Operation Iraqi Freedom I, who turned it over to the

"Magnificent Bastards" of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

Coincidentally, a Darkhorse sniper killed the insurgent sniper, and a former Magnificent Bastard killed the spotter.

Darkhorse battalion has been dealing with sporadic sniper attacks since arriving in Iraq in January. Now, Marines have one less sniper to worry about.

"It's very rewarding to take them out the way we did," said Lt. Col. Patrick G. Looney, the battalion commander. "Doubly rewarding that it's a 2/4 sniper rifle, even though it won't bring back the four Marines who were killed that day."

Triple rewarding that it won't be used on another Marine or soldier, he added.

### Credit Where Due

"The credit has to go to Sgt. Homestead and the Sniper Section leader who made the kill," said 1st Lt. J. H. Cusack, Sniper Platoon commander. "It was more than being in the right place at the right time.

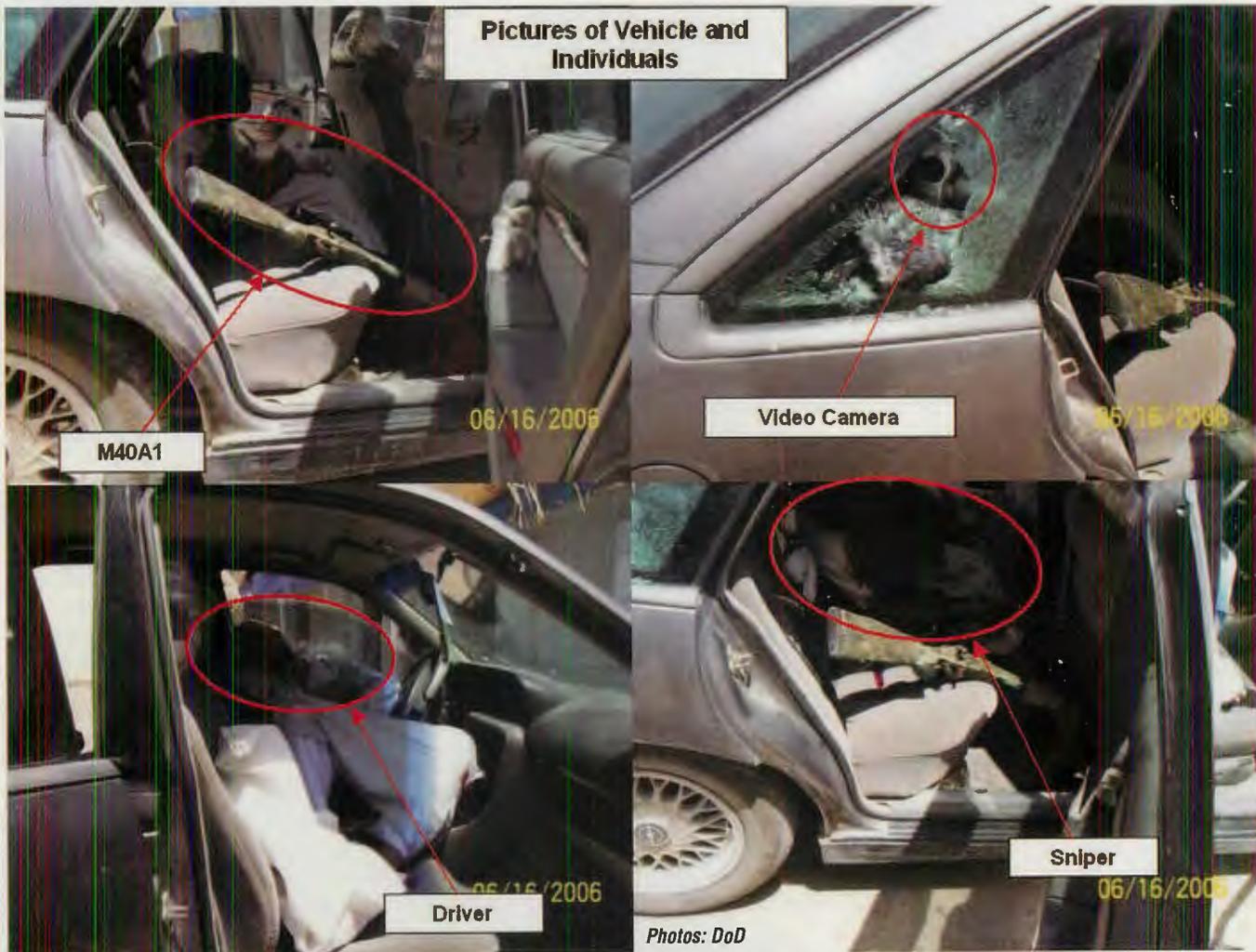
"It was the culmination of all of the

training and planning the section leader had done up until that moment," Cusack noted. "Being absolutely alert and focused to detect a small clue during a period of apparent inactivity and a perfectly executed shot."

Darkhorse snipers have since removed the powder and primer from the last 7.62 mm round chambered in the recaptured rifle. They will mount it on a plaque and present it to the Magnificent Bastards' snipers to honor their lost Marines.

Looney said the ability to give some retribution for their loss makes the day a "grand-slam home run for sniper ops." He credited the snipers' professionalism and attitude in accomplishing the mission throughout their area of operations.

"I would say that the guys who shot are typical of the Darkhorse snipers," said Looney, 43, from Oceanside, Calif. "They're very proficient, very modest, very busy. They're out there almost daily doing great things in this AO and our old AO. The fact that they're taking a back seat and letting the battalion reap the benefits is typical of the kind of Marines they are." ✕



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# Former "Magnificent Bastards" React To Sniper Rifle Recovery

By Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva,  
Public Affairs Chief Regional Combat Team 5

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — Call it a little bit of justice. Marine snipers from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment shot and killed an insurgent sniper and spotter preparing to shoot at passing Marines, June 16. And the insurgents were going to use a stolen Marine sniper rifle for the attack.

That rifle — an M40A1 — belonged to the "Magnificent Bastards" of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, a battalion within the Regimental Combat Team 5 family. It was taken by insurgents when a team of four Marines were killed in a rooftop outpost 21 June 2004, in Ramadi.

Nearly two years to the day, Sgt. Maj. James E. Booker, the Battalion's sergeant major during their tour in Ramadi, said the news "sends a chill down my spine."

"It makes me feel real good to know a brother sniper got final revenge," said Booker, in a phone interview from his post as the Marine detachment sergeant major at Fort Sill, Okla. "I really respect those young studs to do what they did."

Booker should know. Aside from

leading his Marines through Ramadi, he's a 20-year sniper himself, first acquiring the skill in 1986. He later led 1st Marine Division School's Scout-Sniper School.

And Booker knew the four Marines killed on the rooftop that day as well. Lance Cpl. Deshon Otey was the sole survivor of an ambush that killed his entire squad in April 2004. Lance Cpl. Juan Lopez was a combat replacement, pulled in to beef up the ranks.

Lance Cpl. Pedro Contreras "was a good doggone kid," Booker said. "He and I got in a gunfight together."

The final member was Cpl. Tommy Parker Jr., the team's only trained sniper.

"I can see it like the day I walked up there," said Booker, a 44-year-old from Waco, Texas. He said they believed the team was killed around 10:40 a.m. After missing radio checks, a quick reaction force was dispatched.

"We were there within an hour of [insurgents] filming it," he said. The video of the dead Marines was already

playing across Arabic-language news channels.

A lot of confusion has surrounded that day. What is known is radio checks were logged from the time the team left their forward operating base around 0100 hours until 0730 the next day, the last time indicated in the logbook found in Contreras' hand. They were found dead, blood pooled on the flat rooftop. A short wall surrounded the entire roof and a single staircase led to the top. They were found stripped of their weapons — two sniper rifles, four M-16A4s and a radio and thermal sight.

The rifle that was the extension of Parker was gone. He and his team were killed and there were no clear answers as to who killed them or what happened to their weapons.

"That's sacred, the relationship you have with that thing," Booker explained. "Parker shot thousands of rounds through that rifle."

Cpl. Angel S. Villalobos, a 23-year-old from Taft, Texas, with RCT-5's Personnel Security Detachment, was a Magnificent Bastard in Ramadi in 2004. He remembered the day clearly. It was the day before he himself was wounded.

## Rifle: POW, or Turncoat?

"I wondered if it was this rifle that did it," Villalobos said. "We were going through Ramadi, knocking down every door trying to find it."

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew R. Campanano, a 26-year-old from Allentown, Pa., is serving with RCT-5 and saw the four Marines often. They lined up — scout snipers and the aid station's hospital corpsmen — alongside each other in formations.

"The guys who got this back, they're great," Campanano said. "These are the guys fighting this war out here."

Villalobos held the rifle in his hands and fell silent. He held it low, cradling it and examined the chipped paint jobs applied by Marines over the years. The Unertl scope was missing, replaced by a Tasco, but otherwise, the rifle was in good working order.

"It means a lot knowing we got our rifle back because now they can't use it against us," Villalobos said. "I'm glad to know they got it back, but it brings up a lot of questions. It makes

*Master Sgt. Rod B. Schlosser, a former Magnificent Bastard of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment and now assigned to Regimental Combat Team 5, holds the M40A1 sniper rifle recovered by Marines of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. Schlosser said he often thought about the missing weapon, knowing the effect a sniper has on the battlefield. He also knew the insurgents had one of the finest rifles in their hands — and it was a Marine rifle, his Marines' rifle. USMC Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva*





Hidden compartment between trunk and rear seat of vehicle. Homemade locking lugs (picture on left) allowed compartment to be internally locked. cursory search of the vehicle would not reveal this compartment. Photos: DoD

you wonder if they're the ones who might have taken it."

The rifle's long journey back into the hands of Marines from 5th Marine Regiment wasn't forgotten by any of the former Magnificent Bastards, including Master Sgt. Rod B. Schlosser, the regiment's assistant operations chief. He was the company gunnery sergeant for Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment in Ramadi.

The rifle was on his inventory and he cared for the four Marines. "It's bittersweet," said Schlosser, a 38-year-

old from Steubenville, Ohio. "You're first thought is on the loss of the Marines. But you're reminded to be thankful for the skills of the Marines today to bring closure to this."

Schlosser said he often thought about the missing weapon, knowing the effect a sniper has on the battlefield. He also knew the insurgents had one of the finest rifles in their hands – and it was a Marine rifle, his Marines' rifle.

"It gets under your skin," he explained. "The most important thing is knowing it's not in the hands of the

enemy. There's gratitude for the 3/5 Marines, for the lives they've saved taking it out of the enemy's hands."

Lt. Col. Paul J. Kennedy was the battalion's commander in Ramadi. He now serves at the Office of Legislative Affairs and was told right away about the rifle's recovery. "I was very pleased," Kennedy said by phone. "It's justice being carried out. The guys who perpetrated this crime should be rotting in hell and 3/5 allowed that to occur."

Kennedy has a hunch that the Darkhorse snipers of 3rd Battalion,

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5th Marine Regiment got those who killed, or at least had a part in killing, his Marines.

"I don't believe that weapon passed hands," he said. "I think it was at least probably part of that cell. The very fact it was one of our snipers that killed theirs trying to use our rifle is poetic justice."

## No Closure On Loss

Kennedy said the news wasn't so much closure on the loss of his four Marines. They can't be replaced and the rifle is never a replacement for the Marines. Still, it was fitting that another 5th Marine Regiment battalion recovered a rifle stolen from his Marines. It's

a family matter, one battalion supporting another from the same regiment.

What will happen to the rifle is a question still to be answered. Marines from RCT-5 are tracking down which unit should own it, according to how weapons sets were passed among deploying battalions. And the M40A1s are being phased out for M40A3s, a newer version used by Marines now.

Booker said he'd hate to see the weapon go back into use, knowing insurgents used it to try, and possibly did, kill Marines. "There are evil spirits on it," Booker said. Instead, he thinks it should be preserved.

"I would like to see it sit in a place of honor," he added.

Kennedy said his battalion never brought home any war trophies. There was a memorial service to honor their 35 killed in action, but no lasting memorial exists at the battalion's headquarters.

Kennedy said this rifle might be the appropriate memorial to all his Marines killed.

"Maybe if it was hung in the battalion area," he said, "it would be a fitting memory to those four and the rest." ❧



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Text & Photos by Sgt. Dillard J. Johnson

The M16 fought its way through the evolutionary process to become an excellent infantry rifle – a battle-proven design that will be well judged by history. But not all who do battle are infantry and even for infantry, their CQB needs may not be best served by a conventional rifle.

On many SpecOps missions, for example, operators often carry MP5 submachine guns, for the compact size and controllable firepower.

But the undependable lethality of the 9mm NATO round has given rise to the phenomenon of the “Personal Defense Weapon” to fill the void between pistol and rifle, primarily for use by personnel whose primary mission may not be engaging the enemy in a small-arms contest, not unlike the bailout-weapon designs being investigated by the Air Force back in the early 70s. To increase the range and lethality of such a “pistol caliber” weapon, FN developed the 5.7 x 28mm round, and has even scaled it up to a civilian rifle version.

But the best work sometimes is continuing behind the scenes, by dy-

amic, newer companies. Having been out of the news while they shipped GI orders for 10,000 rail systems a month, Knight's Armament Company was recently awarded the contract for the new M110 sniper rifle, and that is news – but the *big* news for this innovative company is a whole new weapons system, the KAC PDW.

Colonel David A. Lutz, USMC (Ret.), Knight Armament Company's VP for military sales, invited me down to their expansive new facility for some trigger time on this new weapon with a new mission.

## The KAC 6x35mm PDW (Personal Defense Weapon)

What has separated the Good Gun Companies from the Great Gun Companies has always been the ability to anticipate the need, and be ready with a leading edge

product slightly before the need is realized. A good example is the KAC 6x35mm PDW, which has been an intense three-year developmental project. Trying to make a new CQB weapon to replace the MP5 is no small task, but Knight has done it with a weapon that is lighter, smaller, more powerful, and with far greater range than the MP5. As a bonus, it has next to no recoil – it was like shooting a .22 rifle with a 30-round magazine.

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(above) Markings at the magazine well show the KAC logo – an ensign the ordnance community will no doubt be seeing with increasing regularity as they ramp up production to match their innovations. (left) In the quest for an adequate round that is dimensionally smaller than the 5.56 NATO, which may well have begun with Col. Melvin Johnson's 5.56MMJ, KAC worked with Hornady to design a mission-specific round for their personal defense weapon. (below) With a case considerably shorter than the 5.56 NATO round, but with lethality potential in the same arena, the 6x35 offers new design possibilities.

how smoothly this weapon/ammo combination fired. It was very easy to control on rapid fire, and keep your rounds on target.

Hornady Ammunition Company ([www.hornady.com](http://www.hornady.com)) designed the new 6x35mm cartridge.

the trigger [www.crimsontrace.com](http://www.crimsontrace.com)).

### Light, Handy, Deadly

The KAC PDW weighs in at 4.5 pounds empty – that's just a pound more than a Glock 17 with three loaded magazines. Overall length is 28" and a compact 19.5" with the stock folded. It is available in two barrel-lengths, 10" and 8". With the new round you can feel no difference in recoil when firing the KAC PDW with its stock folded. The muzzle velocity is the same as an M4 rifle at 2,425 fps, and this new round carries more kinetic energy with the 10" barrel than does an M4. The PDW can penetrate body armor at 300 meters with a 65-grain bullet. I was surprised at





KAC honchos David Lutz VP for military sales, left, and model maker Marvin Pitts, center, with author at the Knight's facilities in Titusville, Florida. Lutz holds one of the 30-round synthetic magazines for the PDW.

I can see this new cartridge causing some major competition for any similar round. Having fired just about every weapon in the U.S. military's arsenal, to include the MP5, I can tell you that there is not another weapon like the KAC PDW. With its compact dimensions and extended range, this weapon will no doubt replace one or more existing weapons – in addition to being a new weapon of choice for operators with very specific missions.

The current situation at KAC is that of an innovative company that has been working two shifts for the past three years just to keep up with military contracts. Reed Knight took the entrepreneurial chance and moved his factory into a larger compound and ploughed millions of dollars of his own money back into the company (KAC is privately held). As a result, 98% of all weapon parts are made at Knight's own factory where he can control quality, and he has plans ultimately to make every part of every weapon and accessory with his name on it, in his own facility.

For those with a preference that their weapon or their accessory is made in the good old USA by American labor, then consider KAC/KMC. The new facilities still have a lot of room for KAC and KMC to expand, and before long Knight will be making his barrels as well. Now able to catch their breath a little, Reed and David would be pleased for interested parties to stop by and see them this

year at the SHOT Show in Orlando, where KAC will have more associates available to answer any question.

There is not a civilian version yet, but KAC is looking into the best way to make one, whether it be going with a longer-barrel, civilian-legal rifle, or making it as a pistol – or both. We will just have to wait and see. For the folks out there who want all the cool accessories like rail systems and folding front and rear sights from Knight Manufacturing Company (KMC), but had a hard time finding it on the shelf of their local gun store, call KMC sales department at 1-321-607-9900 ext. 1330 ([www.knightarmco.com](http://www.knightarmco.com)). ☒

Recently retired from 3/7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry after multiple tours in the sandbox, Dillard J. Johnson has been a frequent contributor to SOF.

(Next issue, a technical critique of the PDW as a tool for public safety and security use, by Gary Paul Johnston)

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## GREAT WALL?

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chael Chertoff nixed the idea of a fence along the entire 2000 mile border when he realized that the San Diego wall had cost four times more than estimated. At an estimate of a minimum of \$2 billion dollars for a partial fence, a total fence could well cost up to \$10 billion dollars.

Part of the barrier plan is to consist of a "virtual fence", components of which would include unmanned aerial vehicles (to add to the one Predator UAV currently in service), radar equipped aircraft, motion and sound sensors, infrared cameras, and portable radars and sensors, among other sophisticated electronics.

The idea of a virtual fence is hardly

*Special "belly" mounted radar gives this C-12 aircraft the ability to see great distances across airspace. Photo by James Tourtellotte.*



new. In the 1970s and 1980 cameras and electronic sensors were deployed. By the late 1990s, seismic and infrared motion and heat sensors were used.

Unfortunately only a small percentage of the border was covered

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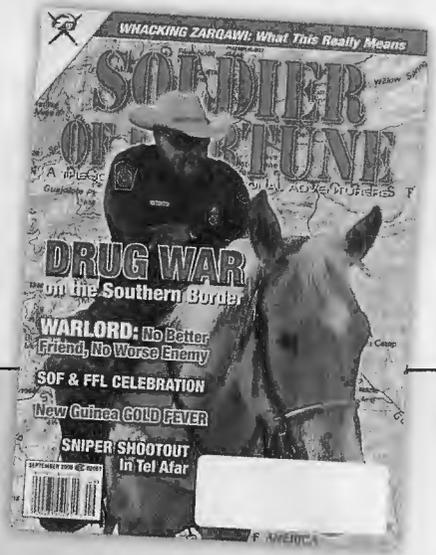
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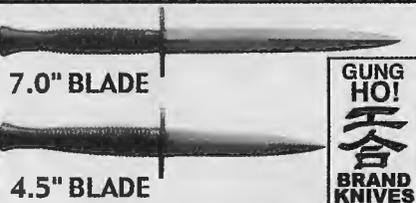
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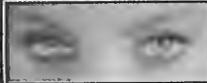
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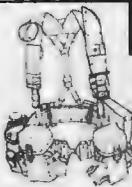
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 **1. NORTH KOREA** UNDERGROUND MISSILE LAUNCHING SITES built: Missiles aimed at Japan.

 **2. PHILIPPINES** ISLAMIC TERRORISTS flee to Jolo Island. Counter terrorism forces launch operation to search for the two fugitives.

 **3. INDONESIA** TRIBAL WARRIORS IN PAPUA use arrows and spears. THREE ISLAMIC TERRORISTS arrested for planning to bomb gold mining facility. EAST TIMOR SPLINTERING as cops feud.

 **4. UNITED STATES** WWII, according to Newt Gingrich. WAR ON TERROR LOOSES GROUND as Iraq continues to shatter. Jihadists and Hezbollah are supported by locals who perceive that U.S. and Israel committed grave atrocities against civilians in Iraq and Lebanon. ON THE HOME FRONT forgers make billions selling phony SS cards, drivers licenses and other forged documents. Castorena Family MAFIOSOS, Mexican immigrants who rake in bucks, targeted by Immigration Officials.

 **5. COLOMBIA** FARC THUG CAPTURED: Victor Manuel Murcia who kidnapped three American defense contractors in 2003. WAR BRUTAL ON COPS: SCF has trained and operated with some of these very brave cops... Colombia has lost more than 6,000 police in the line of duty since 1988.

 **6. VENEZUELA** STRONGMAN PRESIDENT Hugo Chavez linked to FARC. Senator Bob Burton accuses him of allowing illicit narcotics trafficking to run rampant. An increase in corruption and criminal activity in Venezuela has become a growing threat to regional security, stability and peace. HALF OF COCAINE TRAFFIC INTO U.S. passes through Venezuela since Chavez broke all ties to DEA.

 **7. UNITED KINGDOM** MULTIPLE IN-FLIGHT PLANE BOMBINGS thwarted by on-the-ball intel agents. **GOVERNMENT WARNED** that Iran may be planning to attack nuclear power plants: **IRANIAN-BACKED SLEEPER CELLS** scope out nuclear sites.

 **8. LEBANON** **HEZBOLLAH DECLARES VICTORY** over Israel. U.S. stepchild Israel makes same fatal mistake in Lebanon that U.S. made in Iraq -- underestimating the opposition. **ONE MILLION REFUGEES** flee homes after devastating bombing campaign.

 **8. SYRIA** U.S.—**SYRIA SILENT "ALLIES"** as they cozy up to Sunni Arabs—Syria to object to Shia domination, and the U.S. to gain vital information about terrorists in Sunni territory.

 **9. "KURDISTAN"** **KURDISH ARMY** openly being formed in case **TURKEY** invades Northern Iraq, territory to threaten the de facto Kurdish government. **KURDISTAN WORKERS' PARTY (PKK)** makes incursions into Turkey.

 **10. ISRAEL** **OUTRAGED ISRAELIS** demand resignation of Chief of Staff Dan Halutz who sold his stock portfolio while soldiers were being killed in Lebanon and others were attempting to rescue wounded the day Hezbollah kidnapped two soldiers in a cross-border attack.

 **11. IRAQ** **JULY DEATHS TOP RECORDS** as fighting continues to escalate and attacks against civilians and U.S. troops increase.

 **12. IRAN** **IRANIAN SUPPORT OF HEZBOLLAH MAKES WAR WITH ISRAEL INEVITABLE**, retired Israeli Defense minister Maj. Gen Efraim Sneh told *Newsmax*. When Israeli commanders chose to get out of the Lebanon mud six years ago, Gen. Sneh warned that "The mud will run after you." **NUCLEAR WAR?** War with Iran was fought in Lebanon this round, next round may be in Iran, Gen. Sneh predicts. **IRAN** sold Zelzal-2 missiles to Hezbollah.

 **13. PAKISTAN** **FORMER CHIEF OF INTER-SERVICE INTELLIGENCE** warns that the United States would attack Iran, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Pakistan to avenge their inaction to Israel's military campaign in Lebanon.

 **14. NEPAL** **MAOIST REBELS EX-TORT** money from fat cats to arm rebels.

 **15. INDIA** **MUSLIM SOLDERS LINKED TO TERRORISTS.**

 **16. ERITREA** **U.S. DEMANDS** that military stop arming Islamic militants in Somalia. Diplomats accuse Ethiopia and Eritrea of extending their border troop into Somalia, whose transitional government is impotent.

 **17. ETHIOPIA** **U.S. ORDERS GOVERNMENT** not to interfere in Somalia, accusing military of sending troops to aid Islamic insurgency against helpless Somalia government.

 **18. SOMALIA** **ASSASSINATED:** Cabinet minister outside a mosque, the second lawmaker to be shot in one week. **HUNDREDS RIOT** and commit arson. 18 top ministers resign to protest takeover of weak government by Islamic militants. **DÉJÀ VU:** U.S. **BUTTS IN**, supporting warlords, turning local support to Islamic insurgency, according to *Reuters*.

 **19. KENYA** **NIROBI ANALYST** told *cnsnews.com* that Hezbollah is using illegal diamond trade to fund its operations.

 **20. CONGO** **HIROSHIMA BOMB INGREDIENT, URANIUM 238**, mined from the Lubumbashi mines and sold to Iran, confiscated, according to U.N. report.

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# New Tools for the Glo



Among several new innovative weapons General Dynamics displayed was its .50 caliber XM307/312 Machinegun. Gas operated, the system uses a sprocket feed and can mount a wide range of optics and other accessories. For info, contact General Dynamics ([www.gdalp.com](http://www.gdalp.com))

## NDIA 2006

Text & Photos by Gary Paul Johnston

You can pronounce it “endia” if you want to, but there’s no acronym for the National Defense Industries Association. Founded in 1997, the NDIA traces its history to the American Defense Preparedness Association (ADPA) founded in 1919 and the National Security Industrial Association (NSIA) founded in 1944. A non-partisan, non-profit educational association, the NDIA is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, and is dedicated to keeping America strong, free and safe. For information, contact the NDIA at: 703-522-1820 ([www.ndia.org](http://www.ndia.org)).

Held each year at different locations around the U.S. is the NDIA Show, but don’t count on attending it, as the NDIA Show is closed to the public and the association has strict and controlled membership. Many members are

military personnel, as are those who work in the industries that support them.

In the summer of 2006, the NDIA Show, awards ceremony and lectures were held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I was invited to attend and was one of only three writers present.

The first two days included what can be described as a SHOT Show of products with either exclusive or special military application. These products included everything from accessories and uniforms to small and not so small arms, at some of which SOF got a first look. Speaking at looks, as I’m fond of saying, a picture is worth a thousand words, so let’s have at it. (Next month, we’ll treat you to a live-fire of the new tools at NDIA.) ☒



▲ By popular request, SAVIT Corporation developed a new handy Combat Ammunition Pack (CAP) for the M240B LMG. Holding a 50-round belt, the CAP attaches to the gun’s feed tray, and keeps it clean and out of the way. It is seen here in the new Army ACU camouflage pattern. For info, contact SAVIT ([www.savitcorporation.com](http://www.savitcorporation.com)).

▼ H&K’s Wayne Weber presided over H&K’s impressive display, which included their new HK417 rifle seen here. Based on the 5.56mm NATO HK416, the 417 is chambered for the 7.62mm NATO round and is seen here in a sniper version. For info, contact Heckler & Koch ([www.hecklerkoch-usa.com](http://www.hecklerkoch-usa.com)).



# Global War on Terrorism



▲ A cooperative project by AAI, ARES, Inc., ATK, Battelle, Omega and St. Marks Powder, the Lightweight Small Arms Technologies (LSAT) program has developed a new belt-fed light machine gun firing a new caseless and telescoped 5.56mm round. Made largely of synthetics, the goal of LSAT is a 38% weight reduction from the 38.3-pound M249 with 600 rounds, for a total weight of just 23.8-pounds. For info, contact [www.aaicorp.com](http://www.aaicorp.com).

▼ One of the highlights of the NOIA show is the Awards Ceremony, namely the Carlos Hathcock Award for excellence in precision shooting contributions and the Col. George M. Chinn Award for outstanding contributions made to the Military in weapons and other materiel. The 2006 Carlos Hathcock Award went to Major Allen Boothby, USMC, and the Col. George Chinn award went to Mr. Richard Swan, of A.R.M.S.



▲ MILKOR, USA, Inc. had a major presence with its 6-round 40mm MGL-140 Revolving Grenade Launcher. Adopted by the United States Marine Corps, the MGL-140 will fire both standard and intermediate-range 40mm grenades, the latter having an accurate range of 800 meters. Equipped with an M1913 quad rail system and a top rail, the MGL-140 will accommodate virtually all compatible optics and equipment. For information, contact MILKOR, USA, Inc. ([www.milkor.com](http://www.milkor.com)).

▼ Making its debut at NDIA 2006 was FN's new 5.56mm NATO SCAR-Light Sniper Rifle. Based on the standard SCAR-L, the sniper version uses a long barrel and a sound suppressor. Originally named the Special Operations Forces Combat Assault Rifle (SofCAR or SCAR) by 5th Group (ABN) personnel, the acronym has recently been simplified to Special Combat Assault Rifle, due to increased interest in the system by the USMC. For info, contact FNH-USA ([www.fnhusa.com](http://www.fnhusa.com)).



▼ A new innovation in instant camouflage is Camo Form from McNett Corp. Consisting of a strong, self-adhering rubberized material, Camo Form comes in easy-to-use rolls, and is available in virtually all popular camouflage patterns including ACU. Just wrap Camo Form around the equipment, or body part you wish to hide and you're done until you want to remove it for later use. For information, contact McNett Corp. ([www.mcnett.com](http://www.mcnett.com)).



▲ Combined Tactical Systems (CTS) came to Albuquerque with a boatload of less-lethal weapons, including chemical, impact and pyrotechnic. CTS makes one of the best Flash-Bang's in the world, as well as launched munitions from 12 ga. to 40mm. The company also makes a wide range of components for other munitions. For info, contact ([www.less-lethal.com](http://www.less-lethal.com)).



▲ Former SF operator Don Alexander, and Taurus Govt. Sales Manger Matt Joyner brought a prototype of Taurus' new P45 submission for the new pistol trials scheduled for later this year. Made in .45 ACP caliber, the new Taurus Tactical Pistol holds 13-rounds and can be carried cocked-n-locked single action, or used as a first-round double-action pistol, with a vertical decocker on the thumb safety. It is now in production with a polymer frame in Flat Dark Earth. For info, contact Taurus ([www.taurususa.com](http://www.taurususa.com)).



▼ Mr. Howard Cooper, of Night Vision Systems, displayed a host of NVD's this company offers, including the fabulous 4X Raptor (a 6X version is also offered). One of the finest night vision devices I have ever used, the Raptor turns midnight into high noon as far as the eye can see. For info, contact Night Vision Systems ([www.nightvisionsystems.com](http://www.nightvisionsystems.com)).



▼ Mr. C. Reed Knight, Jr. and his son, Trey, of Knight Armament Corp., not only brought KAC's newly adopted SASS winner, the M110 Sniper Rifle, but also KAC's brand new and closely guarded secret 6x35mm Personal Defense Weapon (PDW). Although much smaller and lighter, the PDW resembles a reduced-size MAA1 Carbine with a gas-piston-operated AK-style bolt. The KAC/PDW has taken the PDW concept to such heights that it should require oxygen. For info, contact Knight's Armament Company ([www.knightarmco.com](http://www.knightarmco.com)).



▲ I remember years ago when a "know-it-all" told Rich Fitzpatrick (right), of Magpul Ind., that he would never sell his products. Boy was he wrong. Rich has designed some of the finest aftermarket M16 products ever and many special units in the United States Military agree. For info, contact Magpul Industries Corp. ([www.magpul.com](http://www.magpul.com)).



## EXCLUSIVE: Colt's New M16 LMG

A closely guarded secret has been the development of an exciting new M16 Light Machinegun by Colt's Manufacturing. Based on Colt's new piston-driven M16 system, this LMG is like no other Colt had designed, as this one has a true quick-change barrel.

Like Colt's new Model 1020 LE piston-operated 5.56mm carbine, the LMG uses a monolithic handguard/rail system, but unlike the carbine, that of the LMG is one-piece, without the bottom section being removable. The rear section of this handguard is quite thick, especially on the bottom, and it is here that a barrel-locking lever is located.

Not unlike quick-change barrel levers found on many light machineguns, this one pivots ninety degrees to lock and unlock the barrel, after the bolt is first locked to the rear.

The new LMG uses any magazine compatible with the M16 including, the 100-round C-MAG from BETA. Look for my complete report on the Colt LMG soon in SOF. — GPJ





**“I Gave Up Weight Training to follow a top secret 15-minutes per day routine of bodyweight exercises and...**

# **I Got Into The Best Shape of My Life in Record Time... You Can, Too”**

By Matt Furey

Best-selling author of *Combat Conditioning*

I was the total skeptic. Not only had I lifted weights and run long distance for years, but I had major success under my belt, including a world kung fu championship and a national collegiate wrestling title.

So I just didn't want to believe what Karl, a 76-year old man told me about exercising WITHOUT weights... and WITHOUT long-distance running.

Most importantly, I didn't want to hear that a good exercise program only took a few minutes. Hate to admit it, but I was addicted to the “hard work or nothing” mentality and refused to believe you could get into the best shape of your life by doing LESS... not more.

Let me tell you, when I looked at this so-called “old man's” physique and watched him demonstrate his exercises, I could not look the other way. I had to check them out for myself, even if it meant saying, “Okay, I've wasted a lot of time doing it the wrong way.”

### **What I discovered shocked me from head to toe!**

Before I met Karl I THOUGHT I was strong. I thought I was tough. But the exercises he gave me exploited every weakness that weights and running could not cover. In a matter of minutes, I knew Karl “had me.”

So I gave up the weights and began a routine of bodyweight calisthenics called *Combat Conditioning*. Afterall, when a man of 76 can do things that a 36-year old cannot do, that tells you that “Yes, there's gold in them there hills.”

The exercises I learned had such a profound and dramatic effect on me, that for six years I have been introducing men and women of all ages and of all backgrounds to this extraordinary program – and the results are shocking, awe-inspiring and PROOF that this system works, and works FAST.

### **Who is Combat Conditioning for?**

**It's for** the hard-working man or woman who often finds it difficult to squeeze in a quick workout.

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**It's for** athletes, martial artists and the military.

And .. **IT'S FOR** the man or woman who hasn't done a lick of exercise in decades.

### **Even One Minute a Day Brings Results!**

Unlike other exercise program where you are told you MUST do 30 minutes of cardio per day and an hour of weights, to get results, *Combat Conditioning* is totally different. 15 minutes is all it takes to whoop the hard-core trainee. But for the total beginner, he or she can get results starting with ONLY one minute a day. And no, this is not a joke.

**Time is not the issue!**



### **Matt Furey**

won a national collegiate wrestling title in 1985 and a world shuai-chiao kung fu championship in 1997. Furey has a knack for taking the average and ordinary person and transforming him with his powerful programs. Furey was inducted into the Edinboro University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998 and spends much time each year traveling throughout the world, searching for the very best information available to his world-wide audience. His website, [www.mattfurey.com](http://www.mattfurey.com), is one of the finest in the world, giving valuable information that changes lives.

Forget all those workouts that take all day. With *Combat Conditioning*, all that's required is your own body and a tiny “get started NOW” decision to DO a little something each day.

The key to your success is in the magical, transformative power of these exercises – not in your belief system about hard work. For many people, just one rep is all they can do at first, and they're shaking like a leaf on a windy day in Chicago. And so, that's all that person should do at first. Even if you think you're not doing enough – the exercises work their magic anyway. Your body has it's own intelligence and will work FOR YOU if you'll simply get out of the way and let it.

When you do, pretty soon you'll be the type of person who can do 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 or 128 repetitions and feel no fatigue. Instead of tiredness you'll feel exhilaration and ENERGY. You're building strength and endurance from the INSIDE-OUT. And believe me, once you can do more than a few reps, inches of unsightly fat and pounds of excess flab will fly off your body at break-neck speed.

### **New Results from Forgotten Exercises**

Are the exercises in *Combat Conditioning* NEW? Well, not really. They go back about 5,000 years – but for the most part, they got lost in the shuffle when weights, gadgets and gyms came around. So although they aren't NEW, they're “New to YOU!”

Before I learned these exercises, I read about the Great Gama of India, a wrestler who followed this program and was unbeaten in 5,000 matches. I also read that the legendary Bruce Lee did these exercises, too. And we all know about Lee's incredible martial arts skills. Then there was the All-Pro NFL running back, Hershell Walker, who did bodyweight exercises each day. The list goes on and on. The key is in having a proven program with a track record, and *Combat Conditioning* is just that.

### **Puts You into the Old Clothes You Dream of Wearing Again!**

The main reason why *Combat Conditioning* works is because it targets all the weak links in your body. And when all those weak links are given a little attention, your entire body gets stronger, faster, more powerful and more energetic. Spend time each day doing a few functional exercises and the payoff is HUGE.

You get functional strength, endurance and flexibility – all at the same time. Not to mention seeing the excess inches flying off your body, making it easy for you to fit into the clothes you dream of wearing again. Stop dreaming. Start DOING. And get results.

### **12 Ways Combat Conditioning Will Change Your Life!**

Follow this program and your body is going to change big time. In fact, I've made a list of 12 of the most powerful benefits that hundreds of thousands of others all over the world have gotten from the *Combat Conditioning* program. Let's take a look:

1. Cranks up your metabolism so you burn excess body fat a lot, lot faster. This means fitting into the clothes you WANT to wear.
2. Packs attractive and healthy functional muscles (not grotesque) onto your entire body
3. Simultaneously doubles your strength and flexibility – and does so without needing separate workouts for each.
4. Quadruples your endurance inside of 30 days. Never get tired again.
5. Within a couple weeks, it often eliminates chronic back and shoulder pain from years of heavy squats, deadlifts and bench pressing – or other forms of abuse.
6. Sleep like a log. Eight hours of deep sleep is no longer a goal. It's automatic. As soon as you hit the rack you're out like a light.
7. Your self-confidence will have no bounds. Especially when you get compliments from people who hardly paid attention to you before.
8. You can train anywhere. You don't need more than a few square feet of carpet or pavement and you're all set. You don't need equipment. Just your own bodyweight.
9. You get a kick-butt workout done in 15 minutes or less.
10. You'll turn back the clock. Friends may tell you that you look 5-10 years younger.
11. You'll have an explosive type of strength that weights cannot give you. Your every movement will be lively and full of vigor.
12. Your muscles will be pliable and powerful, like a tiger's.

### **Here's How to Order**

*Combat Conditioning: Functional Exercises for Fitness* has 48 super effective bodyweight exercises along with seven different programs that will get you into kick-butt shape fast. Order NOW and you'll receive 3 free Special Reports on how to eliminate knee, back and shoulder pain. Your total investment in this no-nonsense book is only \$29.95 plus \$6 S&H U.S. (foreign orders add \$12). Order online at [www.mattfurey.com](http://www.mattfurey.com).

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▼ Among Falcon Industries many state-of-the-art M16 innovations, such as the ERGO Grip, are the company's new M1913 rail panels that are perforated with holes to tie on virtually any camouflage materials an operator desires. Masters of the KISS (Keep It Super Simple) principle, Falcon Industries can be contacted at [www.ergogrips.net](http://www.ergogrips.net).

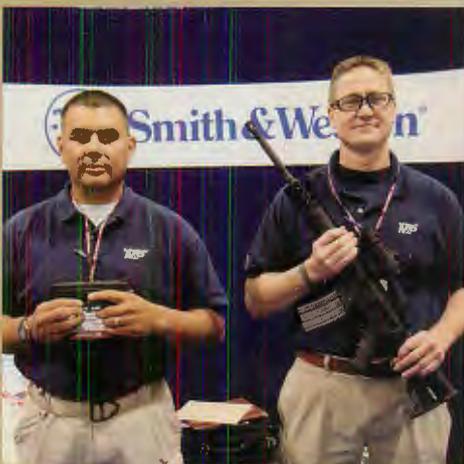


▲ The BETA Company not only brought its improved 100-round C-Mag for all M16 variants, but also the company's new 50-round magazine for the M14/M1A rifle. A solution to sustained fire capability for magazine-fed M16 type weapons, the C-Mag holds more than three times the ammunition as one so-called 30-round box magazine. For information, contact the BETA Company ([www.betaco.com](http://www.betaco.com)).



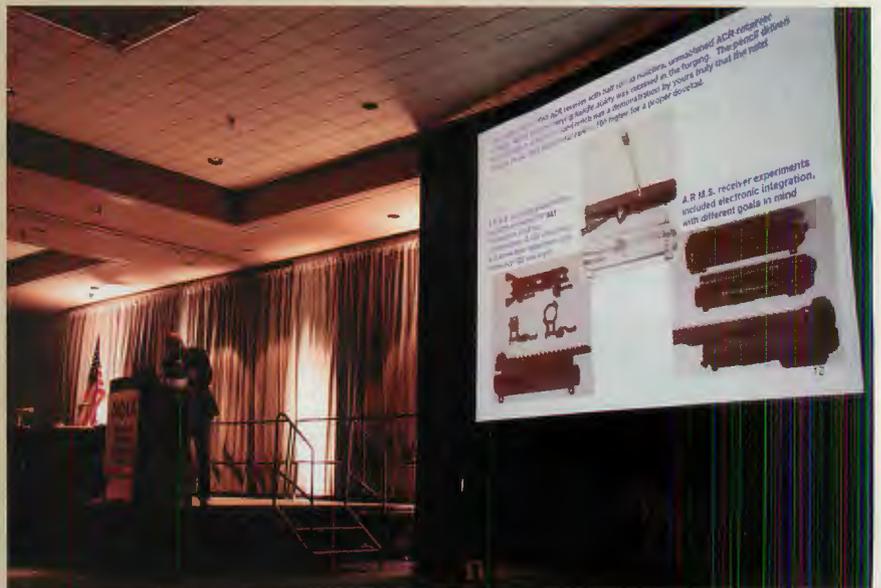
▲ Gemtech came to NDIA with dozens of sound suppressors including a brand new one for the Springfield SOCOM-16 M1A Carbine seen here in a Mk14 Mod 0 EBR stock from Sage International. For info on all their sound suppressors, contact Gemtech ([www.gem-tech.com](http://www.gem-tech.com)).

▼ Two giants in small arms national defense are friendly competitors, Mr. C. Reed Knight, Jr., of Knight Armament Company (left) and Mr. Richard Swan, of A.R.M.S., Inc., seen here discussing the U.S. Military's new M1913 rail system for the M4A1 Carbine.



▲ Smith & Wesson's John Sanchez (left) and Chris Corino displayed S&W's new M&P family consisting of the .40 S&W caliber (and 9mm) DAO pistol and S&W's AR-15 style .233 caliber M&P Carbine. The M&P pistol is being developed in .45 ACP for the Military's new pistol competition. For info, contact Smith & Wesson ([www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com)).

▶ In conjunction with his receiving the Col. George Chinn Award for Excellence, Mr. Richard Swan, founder of A.R.M.S., Inc., gave a power point presentation called "Sermon on the Mount." In it, Swan provided a synopsis of his development of a standardization of the Weaver-style rail, which was later type classed as the M1913 by the U.S. Military. The story of A.R.M.S. is worthy of a book. ✕



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# THE WAR ON THE STREETS

by Officer James J. Fotis (Ret.), Executive Director, LEAA

## The Truth Behind the "Crime Emergency" in Washington, D.C.

July in our Nation's Capitol is known for hot, humid weather and beautiful fireworks. This July was also a month of murder and mayhem, with 14 murders in the first 11 days. Several high profile crimes against tourists led to Washington D.C. Police Chief Charles Ramsey declaring a "crime emergency." Robbery and murder rates are up and Washington D.C. is once again on its way to winning the title of "Murder Capital of America."

Why is the capital of the free world one of the most dangerous cities in America? According to the *Washington Post*, it's because the police aren't able to confiscate all the guns and knives in Washington D.C. and that the criminals released from prison into the community can't read well. Apparently if guns and knives disappeared tomorrow and hard time was replaced with *Hooked on Phonics*, the city's legions of criminals would turn away from mayhem and dedicate their time to reading the *Washington Post*.

The *Post* has no problem suggesting that citizens should be pro-active in fighting crime by reporting "suspicious people" to the police. Here's a crazy idea, how about giving the people of the District the means to protect themselves from those "suspicious people" when they are being raped, robbed or murdered in their own homes? Local political leaders complain loudly about the second-class citizenship afforded to residents who have no right to vote for a U.S. Senator? Yet apparently the second class citizenship of being denied Second Amendment rights is no problem to these political leaders.

The nation's capital doesn't have a crime emergency – it has a self-defense emergency. The law-abiding residents of Washington D.C. deserve the right and the means to protect themselves, in their homes and in public. If Chief Charles Ramsey is really serious about fighting crime, he should stand up and fight for the

rights of law abiding citizens to protect themselves. Chief Ramsey should take a good hard look at the District's failed experiment with gun control.

This latest cry for help is Chief Ramsey's third declaration of a crime emergency. Clearly, his tactics aren't working. *The Washington Post* quoted Chief Ramsey's reaction to the wave of violence, "You can't make sense of it because it doesn't make any sense." Sadly, Chief Ramsey can't make sense out of the obvious – if you disarm law abiding citizens, you are empowering and encouraging the criminal element of your community. And while the city's license plates complain of 'taxation without representation' – the 'crime emergency' is proof positive that the law abiding people of Washington D.C. need the Second Amendment a lot more than they need two more politicians. ☒

LEAA is a national, non-profit association of over 75,000 members and supporters. Unlike other police-based groups LEAA's membership is open equally to law enforcement, crime victims AND pro-law enforcement citizens who support the Second Amendment. For more information, or to join in the fight, please go to [www.leaa.org](http://www.leaa.org)



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Barney

*Back in the 50s and 60s there was a program for East European refugees to gain accelerated citizenship via military service. They were some of the best troops we had, as they understood what it meant to defend against oppression.*

## In Regards to Contractors

Over the last year or two I have followed the comments certain individuals have related to SOF. And as usual the same type of comment has come through from them pertaining to Contractors/Security teams etc. Although SOF has let them know in no uncertain terms how and where, they are still not convinced. Now if I may:

Civilian contractors in Iraq for 99% of the time are ex soldiers/policemen and other dedicated professionals who have already been there and done that. They do not have to prove to anyone that they still have to be in the military. These professional people, American, South African, British, Swedish or from where ever, are the ones standing on the front line protecting the civilian engineers at remote locations where the military have no mandate/token force/personnel in place to help.

We work hand in hand with the military. We all hear the thought expressed, "You guys are overpaid." For those individuals, consider this: You and your platoon/section have a reaction force of thousands standing behind you. The security team has a compliment of 6-10 guys plus unarmed civilians. If the dirt starts flying that is it, you are alone. Remember, we bleed and die the same as you and when we die there are no parades. We still have KIA's whose bodies could not be recovered.

Our medics have to scrounge for most of our equipment to make sure they can adequately look after casualties. My hat goes off to the U.S. military who try their utmost to help where they can with supplies but they are also strapped. When in contact we are not extracted - we run, and if you have ever tried to effectively treat casualties in a vehicle designed to carry four and you have nine I shall personally congratulate you.

As to our armoured vehicles - gentlemen, we can not shoot out of them so they are coffins for those inside until they can get out. At least your military has up-armoured units that they can defend themselves from. IED's take the toll on all of us, whether you are fully armoured or up armoured - we all die.

So in all fairness, please think about it before you start slagging/berating/condemning security/civilian contractors. I have yet to meet the so-called cowboys.

Thank you for your time and excellent magazine, sir.

Johannes B  
Iraq (via New Zealand) ✉



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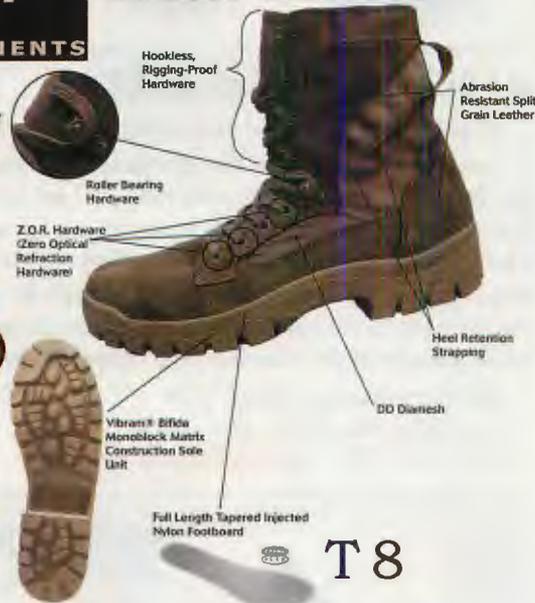
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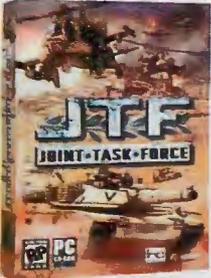
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men jumped over an adjacent wall just in time to avoid the blasts.

"There was about two feet between the houses. We jumped over the fence. Kasal and me were the only ones who had gotten over. We were taking fire, we were wide open. I got shot in the shin, barely broke the skin," Nicoll says.

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was the toughest fight they had been in at Fallujah, Kasal says.

Almost immediately after their intense personal duel, Kilo was ambushed from both the east and west flanks near a place called Phase Line Henry, by foreign fighters. It took multiple close-in air strikes from Marine Corps F/A-18s using 500-hundred pound bombs, and artillery and tank fire for Kilo to extricate itself, Buhl said.

That night Kilo holed up in a former government building. All night there was movement around their firm base. Kilo's Forward Air Controller coordinated 14 AC-130 "Spectre" aerial attacks on insurgents moving around Kilo's position. The activity promised November 13th was going to be a bad one. Despite the aerial activity, Mitchell remembers the night being relatively quiet.

About 0800 the next morning Kilo moved onto the street. Kasal, along with one CAAT vehicle, went with Mitchell's squad. Nicoll was up front on point. The air was smoky and stunk of old fires and old death.

About 1030 3rd Platoon halted in place when word came down that 1st

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Where the other squad was searching at the end of the block, several unarmored Humvees Kilo's Marines had rigged up with Mk-19s and machine guns were idling on overwatch. It was a typical hurry up and wait proposition, Mitchell says. At that instant Mitchell's attention shifted to a blast of automatic weapons fire where Kilo's Humvees were sitting, he says.

"Suddenly a hail of gunfire erupted out of nowhere, it erupted down the block. Kasal and the CAAT section were moving with us. I don't think we got that far when we ran into Staff Sgt. Chris Pruitt. He was wounded in the arm and leg," Mitchell recalls.

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almost impregnable fortress. Ironically, it was the smell of fresh human feces that was the first thing to alert Pruitt that hajji was nearby, he later said. He followed his nose to an outhouse guarding the home's walled courtyard and saw a fresh pile of crap on the floor by the hole that passed for a toilet.

"After I seen the crap I told [Lance Cpl. Ryan] Weemer there were insurgents in the house," Pruitt says.

After formulating a brief plan, Pruitt ordered his team to take them out. In the back of Pruitt's mind was the ROE. He didn't want his men simply shooting up everything and everybody in sight, he said.

The squad went into a three-man combat stack and burst inside. Pruitt was in the rear of the stack. Almost instantly the Marine in front encountered a jihadist and opened up on him with his 9mm pistol. The Marine shot him three times in the chest. The Marine behind the pistol shooter gave the crumpled insurgent another burst with his rifle, then another. The fight for Hell House was on.

"Then we moved through the next doorway that was directly in front of us," Pruitt says.

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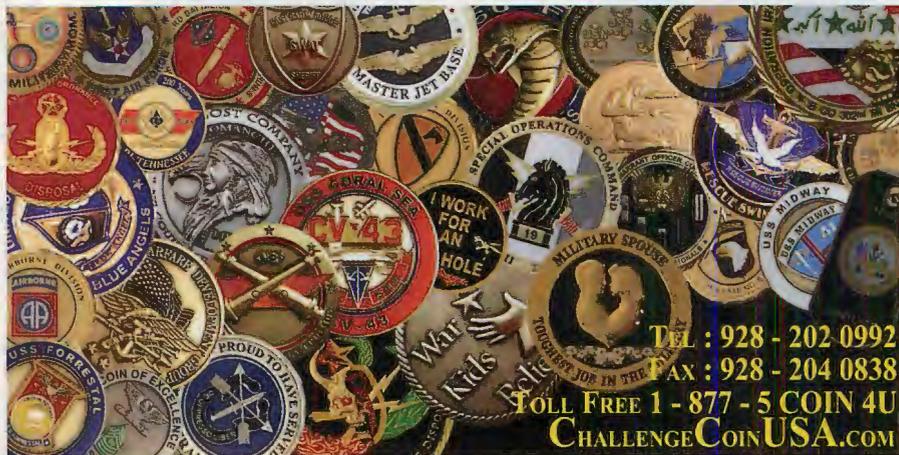
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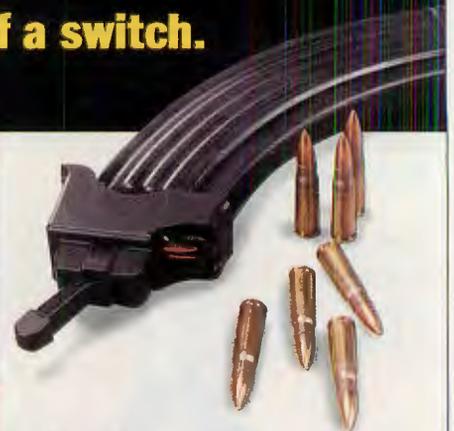
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– Feb. 17, 1988: U.S. Marine Col. William Higgins, assigned to the U.N. Peacekeeping Force for Lebanon, is kidnapped, tortured and murdered.

– June 14, 1985: TWA Flight 847 is hijacked and landed at Beirut International Airport. During the 17 day stand-off, U.S. Navy Seabee Diver Robert Stethem is murdered aboard the aircraft and his body is dumped on the tarmac.

– In a wave of kidnappings between 1982 and 1988, Hezbollah took more than 30 Westerners hostage in Lebanon, among them, CIA station chief William Buckley, American University of Beirut President David Dodge, AP reporter Terry Anderson, American University of Beirut librarian Peter Kilburn, American University Hospital Administrator David Jacobsen, Father Martin Jenco, a Roman Catholic Priest, and Rev. Benjamin Weir, a Presbyterian missionary. Though most survived captivity – Anderson was held 2,454 days – some, like Buckley, were tortured to death.

– June 25, 1996, the Khobar Towers complex in Saudi Arabia is bombed, killing 19 U.S. Air Force personnel and wounding more than 400.

Though all of these terrorist attacks were perpetrated by Hezbollah operatives, the individuals carrying them out were trained, equipped and controlled by Iran. We have known that with absolute certainty since 1986, when I went secretly to Tehran seeking the release of Americans being held hostage in Beirut. Though the Reagan administration’s covert overtures to Iran remain highly controversial, there is no doubt Tehran directed the capture – and eventually the release – of Weir, Jenco and Jacobson.

For those who think this is all ancient history and that Hezbollah is no longer a threat to the United States, consider that just last week, Iranian Hezbollah spokesman Mojtaba Bigdeli issued a threat to dispatch 2,000 operatives “to every corner of the world to jeopardize Israel and America’s interests.” He continued: “If America wants to ignite World War III ... we welcome it.”



*Sgt. Dorsel B. Boyer, right, with Ollie North, during North’s recent trip to Iraq. Boyer, assigned to 2/2 Brigade Combat Team, hails from Coshocton, OH.*

Idle threat? Not to the FBI. Two months ago, before Hezbollah attacks on Israel precipitated the most recent round of hostilities, the New York Post reported the group “may be planning to activate sleeper cells in New York and other big cities to stage an attack as the nuclear showdown with Iran heats up.” The threat seemed credible enough for the FBI to launch “urgent new probes in New York and other cities,” including Detroit, Los Angeles and Boston. The effort, the Post reported, identified “about a dozen hard-core supporters of Hezbollah” in New York City alone.

President Bush has repeatedly warned the global war on terror will not be short, cost-free or without losses. We can reduce our losses by knowing our enemies and acting against them. Hezbollah is surely such an enemy. ☒

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