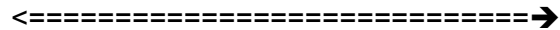


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“I’ve discovered what might be the root cause of many of the nation’s problems. It hurts me to my heart to own up to it; but a large percentage of Americans are either misinformed, stupid or both.” Walter Williams, WorldNetDaily Commentary, July 28, 1999.

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## **MILITIA PERSPECTIVES**

### Moments In The War For Western Civilization

Most people just hate it when crazy right-wing radicals like us start to carry-on about one crisis or another. But that’s nothing new; it has always been unfashionable to do things like warn about icebergs when on the greatest steamship ever built, build arks before floods, or point out that the sky is falling. People get so upset to see their sacred cows stampeded or their emperor paraded in public without clothes.

So what keeps the masses of good citizens committed to the politics of public thievery from rounding up and lynching a few patriots every now and then? It could be because the armed opposition might take offense at a public display of totalitarian democracy. Maybe they’re just lazy or cowardly, maybe both. Perhaps because even subconsciously even those cerebrally challenged recognize that singular little problem in the tide of history. That is... sometimes the sky does fall. The proof lies in the unread pages of every history book and in the stories of millions who died trusting in the good intentions of government.

Let’s get the hard part over with first. Is the sky falling? Most assuredly, yes. If it doesn’t hit tomorrow, or next week, does that mean it’s really not falling? No... things that are way high up are a little harder to see and take longer to fall. (But when they do hit, they splatter better.) Once the fact is established that things are falling, the survival instinct is triggered in those who are sufficiently intelligent to pose and answer that age-old question: “so what?”

Of those capable of even recognizing that something is “falling”, it is only the fittest who are able to determine whether to seek an umbrella or a bomb shelter, and act accordingly.

Having reaffirmed our perspectives we can begin.

### The Information War:

It’s June, 2000 and the war against the constitution by shadow government continues not only unabated but with increasing intensity. Although carefully shielded from the public eye, more and more citizens can see the battle for men’s minds unfolding even in the dark of the media blackout.

The goal of the “information warfare stage” of any conflict is to promote the awareness (or ignorance) of the affected populace. The US Department of Defense defines this “information warfare” (otherwise known as propaganda) as:

“action taken to achieve information superiority in support of national military strategy by affecting an adversary’s information and information systems, while leveraging and protecting our own information and information systems” [emphasis added].

How interesting. First to catch our attention is the indirect acknowledgement that information warfare is indeed military action, in this case against the American public. Second, we note that the information war is only a stage. The stage which presumably (rhetoric anticipates implementation) precedes military intervention to achieve a political goal. It is fairly obvious that the primary target of this “information war” are the politically naïve and idealistic, and in particular, those affected by the mental impairment known as cognitive dissonance. That is, those burdened with the inability to evaluate facts and reality to reach rational conclusions.

While that does not surprise us, what does is that the majority of people in every generation do not understand that ignorance, whether feigned or naturally acquired, has consequences.

Unfortunately, the consequences of this budding war will likely be dire. Americans, as in previous conflicts, will not have the luxury of fighting oppression on foreign soil or with the blessings of a supportive government. It will begin when all Americans have their back to the wall.

So far it has been pretty much a silent war. The fact that it exists has escaped only the ignorant and terminally passive. Its unfolding here, right now. There will be no relief, no hiding, and no help expected from any quarter.

By the grace of God, each of us has the authority to act in defense of self and nation. That's what it means to be an American. The right to defense is the birthright of the unorganized militia along with free speech and assembly. Our forefathers left us with the tools, understanding that only a minority, sometimes disparagingly called the "Warrior Class", would have the guts to keep it free.

#### Wars Remembered:

That brings us to Memorial Day past. Surely you've noticed the increasing trend for federal "spokesmen to utilize every opportunity to disparage patriotism and, in broad terms, Americans who still proudly consider themselves patriotic. Such demonization for the sake of political manipulation is an insult to all American veterans. As we take the time to remember the essentials of patriotism: honor, duty and country, we also need to contrast these enduring values with those groups which persistently repudiate them (case in point, the FBI).

While we're engaged in soul-searching exercises there's yet more to consider. Each Memorial Day, and throughout the year, many of us watch old war movies. These films are not simply adventures undertaken by some irrelevant "other guy". They depict, more or less factually, the experiences of our parents, grandparents, relatives, sons and daughters, and... yes, even ourselves in the service of our country. Their sacrifice was and is very personal. All confronted fear, many dealt with the terror of war first hand. Next time you watch pay more attention. If the socialists have their way, the men and women in the scenes you see will soon be you. The question is, will you be a victim, or a defender?

#### Arguments For Persecution: The Gun Control War:

Thanks to a reader we have the latest gun control dialogue from the March 21 & 28 issues of Winston-Salem Journal. Always a consistent voice of the socialist agenda, the Journal is careful to include only the minimum number of pro-gun statements to avoid the appearance of a blatant endorsement of the Communist Manifesto.

Through its surrogates the Journal argues for compromise. It pleads for political and social dialogue, cries to our emotions and sensitivity, and when all else fails, it calls for judicious debate.

An article entitled "Name-Calling" by Michael Olesker of the Baltimore Sun uses recent remarks by Wayne LaPierre of the NRA criticizing the President as "willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda" as an anti-gun platform. His arguments come replete with hysterical claims that the gun culture is the primary obstacle from opposing sides reaching "any sane and civil middle ground". Unfortunately, that elusive "middle ground" was last seen just before passage of the Gun Control Act of 1968. Socialists have been pushing it leftward so fast it hasn't been seen since.

Mr. Olesker, like many socialists in our society fears we are choosing up sides. No kidding. But what is confusing Mr. William Raspberry, an unusually level headed columnist, into agreeing

that society is becoming polarized by the “gun control” issue. We correct both by pointing out that the issue is not about inanimate objects. The issue is and always has been quite literally freedom or serfdom.

Perhaps, as Olesker claims, it is extremists which “capture the debate”. When it comes to freedom and liberty there is no such thing as a “political and philosophical middle”. If freedom and strict adherence to constitutional guarantees is “extremist” that leaves little doubt just how far to the political left the opposition has drifted from constitutional government. Let’s clarify the nature of the debate. The “issue” is not the unalienable right of Americans to arms. The issue is the subversion of the constitution. We need to reframe the debate.

Olesker does make a few interesting points in his article. He cites the obvious “great chasm” which separates the opposing sides of the argument. And the argument, he maintains, is “so bitter and the battle lines so intransigent” there is no room for compromise. Even George Bush Jr. agrees noting that there is no room for an “open and honest discussion”. So far, so good. He then falls on the sword of hypocrisy by absurdly claiming, “neither side knows for certain the strength of its argument”.

The words of talk show host and patriot William Cooper are appropriate ...”It’s the Constitution, Stupid!” Even if the socialist/communists succeed in subverting the Constitution, Biblical and “natural” law will remain to affirm the right of defense. If the socialists insist on pressing the issue the only discussion is not whether, but when will we fight.

To this we might conclude with an observation by radio talk show host Brent Johnson, who on May 9<sup>th</sup> observed that people who advocate illegal gun control measures strive for popular support as a means to justify their criminal activities. Anyone, states Johnson, who tries to pass any gun law which restricts the possession of any firearm of any kind is a criminal. “It’s the law”, notes Johnson, “socialists want to undermine the law, that’s what they do.”

#### Attacking The Supply Lines:

Among the various Geo-Political Briefs contained in the McAlvany Intelligence Advisor (June, 2000) was one pointing to the source of that nagging pain in your wallet [[www.mcalvany.com](http://www.mcalvany.com)]. The report states:

“Oil ministers from OPEC nations have quietly told national security advisors on Capitol Hill that the oil production cutbacks – and resulting price increases – are being implemented at the request of the Clinton administration on behalf of Russia, Indonesia, Mexico, and Iran. Russia, Mexico and Indonesia are reported to be directing their increased oil profits toward paying back overdue Western loans. According to one government defense advisor, the windfall profits are part of a larger scheme to use the American public to pay off failed and corrupt investment schemes in the three countries.”

An essential element of global merging requires an economic leveling. Once upon a time the primary purpose of your government was to defend our rights and provide for the nation’s physical and economic security. Abdication of that responsibility is, to borrow a cliché, nothing more than a “hate crime” against the nation. Its unfortunate most people will never wake up to the national problem until they are personally slapped silly by circumstances. The worst aspect is that once the national pocketbook is paralyzed, further preparation is severely constrained if not impossible. Prepare now, while you’re scrambling for gas. There is precious little time for the luxury of being stupid or lazy.

#### Contemplating The Hot War: Dilemma of The Warrior Class:

Perhaps the most serious question for the unorganized militia has been posed by Duncan Waring in an essay entitled “Cognitive Dissonance” [[www.curleywolfe.net](http://www.curleywolfe.net)]. Waring suggests the

central question is not whether one would be willing to die for freedom. The question he postulates is whether you would be willing to kill to preserve your freedoms.

For their part, the agencies supporting the globalist agenda have clearly resolved the issue. Their willingness to murder to further totalitarian goals is not debatable. You need to think about this now for yourself and family. What will it be ...serf or sovereign. Later on, the heartbeat of time you delay to make that decision may be your last.

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“The blue-caps understood the workings of the meat grinder and loved it. In the Dzhida camps in 1944, interrogator Mironenko said to the condemned Babich with pride in his faultless logic: ‘Interrogation and trial are merely judicial corroboration. They cannot alter your fate, which was previously decided. If it is necessary to shoot you, then you will be shot even if you are altogether innocent. If it is necessary to acquit you, then no matter how guilty you be cleared and acquitted.’” The Gulag Archipelago, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, 1973, p. 146.

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## **PAYING THE FREIGHT**

### The Free Lunch

It has been suggested that we charge for each issue of the CFP or make it available by subscription only. After all, there’s no such thing as a free lunch and the militia needs resources to grow. On the other hand so do you. Many of our most dedicated militia use every dime for essentials.

The CFP has many readers. But we write for the very few willing to accept responsibility for themselves, their community, state and nation. Our motives are selfish; we wish to preserve freedom and liberty for ourselves, our posterity, and those of like mind. We are helping to educate and motivate those with the intelligence to hear and understand. We hope to ensure our security and the security of the republic by encouraging participants and cultivating allies and supporters at all levels and in all areas. And, of course there is that certain satisfaction that comes at being able to bring some small measure of aggravation and consternation to those trying to subvert our America.

Sometimes it’s discouraging. There are a lot of idiots out there. Some of them write us. But there are many more good people searching for the truth and looking for ideas to help them solidify, clarify, and develop their own perspectives, ideals, and values. That’s who we write for. People struggling to find sanity in an increasingly insane world.

To most, the CFP has no value, to others it is priceless, not necessarily for content, but for what it represents. For the present it comes to you free for the taking, but high in cost. On our part it takes a tremendous amount of time and effort to prepare each issue. In the meantime you’re not getting something for nothing. The price is your time, commitment and the stress you incur wrestling with the issues placed before you. Even if you ignore it, you still pay our price.

Enjoy the “free lunch” while you can. It will not always be so. Eventually free speech will be curtailed and our full attention will be required in other areas. In the interim we will keep our own schedule for publishing. We practice what we preach and that takes time, but sometimes we need a break too. Want to help the CFP? Write us for ideas.

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## DOMESTIC TERRORISM ALERT

### Turning Up The Heat

Thanks to an internet article [[www.gocarolinas.com/news/charlotte](http://www.gocarolinas.com/news/charlotte)] brought to us from Eyewitness News, those of us in the southern Piedmont have learned that we are soon to be threatened by a new source of domestic terrorism. It seems that the FBI will soon be setting up a new domestic terrorism task force to “protect” Charlotte and western North Carolina.

That’s right. Comrade Dennis Molenaar, FBI domestic violence expert, has assured local organizations that the FBI will be coordinating a new MJTF organization to “head-off the problem” of “who we have around us, like militia groups, that could make us targets for domestic terrorism.” Why is Charlotte in danger one might ask? Well, we are not told it is because there is any real threat, but simply because “it is so close to where militia groups gather.”

Then comes the predictable catch... security must be tightened. And, of course, there is a very high price for this security. We must give up yet more of our freedom for some ephemeral measure of “safety”.

As reasonable people we might initially presume Commissar Molenaar refers to people [terrorists] or organizations that do things like blowing up buildings, invading homes without legal warrants, or which confiscate [loot] private property without compensation. Of course, we would necessarily include those terrorists that have a documented history of falsifying information to cover up acts against American citizens or falsely incriminate the innocent, groups that do not have or exercise lawful authority, and those with a history of citizen murder and abuse.

Oh, we respond... if he means *that* kind of organization we wholeheartedly concur. That’s the problem, isn’t it? The organization to which Commissar Molenaar refers is his own. No constitutional militia group has ever engaged in these activities. But, even in our own state we’ve seen the unconstitutional MJTF in action. Remember Andrews, NC and the heavy-handed and abusive manner in which citizens, homes and the communities in that area were “protected” from alleged terrorist Eric Rudolph?

These perspectives might seem to be the epitome of cynicism to the uninformed. Yet, with all the proverbial water under the bridge carrying the damning message of FBI complicity in numerous unlawful and unconstitutional events, the allegations made by Commissar Molenaar are nothing less than unadulterated hypocrisy. The proposed initiative is simply the nose of another camel slipping under the edge of the tent of freedom. An informed person might think that at least marginally moral and ethical professional law enforcement professional would be ashamed to be party to the socialist lie. But then again...

Despite these disparaging comments don’t think the lawful constitutional militia doesn’t appreciate the publicity offered by the Comrades in the FBI. Not only does the advent of this new organization provide opportunity for public education, but once they begin “protecting” the public as they have in so many other areas of the country, interest in the militia literally soars. Informed police and sheriff deputies should also be wary of MJTF involvement. Rationalizing violation of constitutional oaths is bad enough; encouraging them to become human sandbags to serve the interest of the New World Order is profane.

The citizens of Charlotte need to know two critical points which Molenaar conveniently forgets to mention in his comments to the press. The first is that the FBI, in concert with others, is a key implementing agency for forcing an unconstitutional socialist government on America which will be dominated by the United Nations. He represents an agency committed to an overall

economic leveling (elimination of the “middle class”), total disarmament, and surrender of all constitutionally protected rights.

The second point is that the constitutional, unorganized militia is, in fact, the people themselves. In our society it is the citizens themselves who are endowed with the unalienable right to defense against criminals as well as abusive and subversive acts government. Most militia groups are based on productive family oriented people who, in and of themselves, constitute the foundation of the nation. The premise that the people need fear themselves is patently absurd. Comrade Molenaar knows this. He hopes there are a lot of trusting dupes left in Charlotte who don't have the common sense to understand what it means to be an American.

Some very fine people live in Charlotte; more than one might expect are associated with or sympathetic to the militia movement. Given its history, we are certain the FBI “domestic terrorism task force” will soon live up to it's reputation and many unsuspecting citizens of Charlotte will receive lessons in domestic terrorism they did not expect. The remainder will no doubt be entertained by the media with lessons in propaganda and intimidation.

Those of you wanting to do something constructive to welcome the new anti-American task force to Charlotte should make and distribute as many copies of Alex Jones' video “Police State 2000” (or any suitable equivalent) as possible.

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## **OPERATION GUNSLINGER 2000**

### War In Peace

There are certain fundamental things we can learn from history. Among them:

- \* Basic human nature hasn't changed over time
- \* Appeasement never satisfies; it only goads the tyrant
- \* It is impossible to satiate greed
- \* Being defenseless is not only irrational, but a cowardly and certain path to suicide
- \* Remaining neutral during periods of conflict is virtually impossible

Nations (groups or individuals) talk of war as an aspect of diplomacy to reinforce political positions, intimidate, or to otherwise influence actions of others. Further escalation telegraphs the use of military force to achieve political ends. If political “enemies” are vilified, attacked and isolated, political resolution and/or non-violent coercion found impossible, and physical preparation for war aggressively pursued, at some point overt warfare will usually follow.

This distinctive situation, where men in the government and/or the military initiate violence and engage in treason, apparently without public censure, for the purpose of usurping legitimate government is not unknown. The last time a tyrant used such forms of aggression against government and society (to create a “new order of the world”) occurred in pre-Hitler Germany. At that time the preliminary phase of the expected war (internal usurpation followed by external expansion) was known as “war in peace”. This similarity, where numerous acts of overt and covert subversion taken together become instruments of war, clearly portend future events.

In the international arena our illustrious president has been petitioning the Soviets to further reduce [our] nuclear arsenal, a madness supported by presidential candidate George Bush, Jr., while they and the Chinese openly advance their nuclear capabilities, “Younger Officers Bail Out of Army” shouts a recent but now common article from the Washington Post suggesting

more than mere words can describe about the state of our armed forces. Another article (6/19/2000) from InsightMag.com, "The Clinton Team and Blackmail", adequately hints by title alone the nature and methodology employed by government for implementing domestic and international policy. Nothing quite materializes the consequences of unilateral disarmament in our psyche until we understand how Billy is sealing our national fate. In a recent policy statement to the United Nations Clinton he reiterated his policy on national disarmament including his launch on "destruction" (impact) defense plan for America.

Even as we effectively reduce our military capacity as a nation we find ourselves incapable of mustering support for even a basic ballistic missile defense system. The curious thing about nuclear war survival is that survival doesn't even require a missile defense system. It only requires an effective, and much less expensive, civil defense system. When was the last time you even heard that topic mentioned as a practical defense against NBC warfare?

This doesn't mean this administration isn't turning up the heat on its "enemies". In the past few years' national defense preparations have markedly focused not on defense against outside [foreign] aggression, but on domestic "anti-terrorism". Military exercises have moved from the training ground to the heartland. The incorporation of foreign (UN) troops in our cities, towns and on our highways has become almost commonplace. The focus of these operations has been on "military operations in urban terrain" (MOUT) and feature forceful entry, seizure of firearms, and population control. To be militarily effective, the primary goal of training is to train as you plan to fight.

Two more major military exercises are underway at the present time, Gunslinger 2000 and Roving Sands 00.

Operation Gunslinger 2000 will take place in 8 different southern states and involve some 15 state and federal agencies and departments. Operations will center in Frankfort, Kentucky and run from June 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The actual scope of the project remains somewhat vague but is reported to involve simulation for a total federal "take-over" of all law enforcement and government by operations by FEMA, MJTF and other federal elements. While it includes field elements it will reportedly center around sophisticated computerized "table-top" exercises. The "scenario" will include a hypothetical earthquake in the New Madrid fault zone followed by a terrorist attack involving "weapons of mass destruction".

Charlie Puckett, commander of Kentucky unorganized militia, has speculated that these exercises provide opportunity for manufacturing a major domestic crisis which would allow Clinton to remain in office into another term. It is reported that there is substantive documentation which has led some to believe that one or more of the exercise elements include planning for weapons confiscation or a "mock" Executive Order which requires the arrest of potential dissidents.

Perhaps more likely is that it is a benign exercise with tremendous future implications. It signals the maturation of federal capabilities (and intent) to supplant state and local government. As our socialist friends gush at the prospect of being "protected" by the military and non-constitutional agencies in the event of a natural disaster, we wonder who is minding the store at national defense headquarters.

Some 18,700 US and multi-national forces will also participate in Roving Sands 00 which has been billed as the "world's largest joint theater air and missile defense exercise". The joint operations will be conducted at sites throughout Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas, and Nevada. The planned two-week exercise will focus on air defense and contingency operations. However, belying its ostensibly benign nature is the report from the



US Department of Defense which states that the training exercise will include “joint forcible entry operations under realistic conditions” [Emphasis added]. Of course, that’s why they are training in the United States.

The feds have been priming the pump big time in an effort to provoke domestic confrontation. A great deal of this attempted staging has been focused in the Tennessee-Kentucky-North Carolina area. No wonder there are reports that federal and military officers are getting apprehensive. Both defenders and those party to constitutional subversion are no doubt under growing apprehension, understanding there is little safe ground for either in an eventual confrontation. Not only do most of the boys in black understand the consequences of failed subversion, no doubt there is a little uncertainty which comes from moving further out of the on the limb of the liberty tree.

At some point, one of these “exercises” won’t be an exercise. How will Americans know? Will it be, like the Branch Davidians, with the FBI and ATF charging in with blazing machine guns while loud speakers proclaim, “this is not an attack”? Like the kidnapping of Alien Gonzalez, will the gunmen be sent in during negotiations? While we don’t know when, given the precedent, we certainly know that the how is being actively rehearsed.

As the globalist puppet masters and their dupes move America closer to the socialist cesspool and outright martial law the eventual result is apparent. Not to be caught unawares, we need to listen carefully to reports from those who watch the watchers.

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“We have good corporals and sergeants and some good lieutenants and captains, and those are far more important than good generals.” General William T. Sherman

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## **WINNING ON THE TRAINING GROUND**

Working Out The Kinks

### ***Point of Departure:***

As dark rolled in, the rain continued to beat down harder and harder. The wind picked up and the temperature dropped rapidly. The team sat quietly in the underbrush straining to catch any sounds that might indicate the enemy knew they were in the area. After several minutes, the team leader gave the signal to move out. With the sounds of their movement masked by the strengthening storm, the team, shivering from the cold and damp, slipped toward the objective, now only one hundred and seventy five meters away.

Two hundred meters to the east, the support element overlooked the enemy camp from their position. The support leader, heart beating heavily, waited for the signal that would tell him the assault team was ready to begin their advance. As the wind picked up once more, he could only hope that an enemy patrol would not discover them as they laid in wait.

Back to the west, the assault team continued to plunge through the mud and wind driven rain. Ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hundred meters according to the point man’s pace count. He called a halt and the team formed a wagon wheel to provide security as everyone made a final equipment check. Now only seventy-five meters from the objective, the team leader made the call to the support element. Immediately the hail of gunfire could be heard as it rained down on the enemy camp. The team took one more adrenaline-riddled breath, formed their assault line, and ran the last twenty-five meters of cover and concealment from the eyes of the enemy guards. Fifty meters out, each man dropped behind what cover he could find and began sending a steady stream of lead onto the objective. In pairs, the assault team began IMTing toward the enemy. One team at a time, one covering, one moving, a steady stream of fire coming from two directions onto the objective.

As the assault team reached the perimeter, the support element shifted its fire left to allow the men on the objective to continue to IMT under covering fire. A minute later it was over. Both teams ceased fire as the advancing men reached the far perimeter. As the assault team began setting up security, the support element hurried to join them down below. When everyone was accounted for and security had been established all around, what food and ammunition could be found was loaded into an empty rucksack. A final check was made in the attempt to find anything that might make known the whereabouts of any other enemy camps in the area. Then, when everything salvageable had been gathered, the unit slipped off once more into the dark, stormy night.

This could have easily happened on any of the many, current battlefields across the world, but it did not. This is a description of a training scenario recently undertaken by our unit. Many of you will say that we went a bit overboard, but I hope that deep down each of you wishes that you could have been there. Training your unit is something that can not be taken lightly, and definitely can not be ignored. If we are to win tomorrow's battles, first we must win on our training grounds. A unit that is not trained can not be effective if the proverbial lead balloon ever goes up. Let me share another short story with you. This is not mine. It is taken from US Army manual FM 25-100, entitled "Training the Force".

We can trace the connection between training and success in battle to one of the Army's earliest leaders and trainers, General Winfield Scott, in the War of 1812. For nearly two years, American soldiers had suffered loss after loss against British forces along the Canadian border. To end the defeats, President James Madison appointed new military leaders, one of whom was Scott. On March 24, 1814, he took charge of a small, poorly prepared force at Buffalo and set out to make these men the professional equals of the British soldier. His training, based on the current British handbook, was hard and realistic, and his discipline was strict. He drilled his men ten hours a day in infantry tactics, the use of the musket and bayonet, and close order drill. The first test of Scott's training came on July 3, 1814, during the battle of Chippewa. For the first time in the war, American soldiers stood up to their foe and drove them from the field. Scott's training had paid off. He had trained and he had won.

It is very easy to never train. For the most part, troops that are a part of an unorganized defense receive the majority of their training when the shooting starts and indeed that becomes a hard lesson. The goal of the training officer, which each unit should have in place, should be to provide his unit with training scenarios that are as realistic as possible. The reasoning behind this is simple. The more you sweat in training, the less you bleed in combat. The basic idea is to train as much as you can in peacetime so that there are fewer hard lessons learned in a real world situation. Take the time now to run through drills and work out the kinks. You will never be one hundred percent, but you will be left with fewer adjustments to make when the time comes.

I know that someone is reading this and thinking, "I don't have any kind of training or knowledge to teach others", and that is acceptable. No one wants you to start out with anything complicated. You have to have a good set of basic knowledge, and then you can build from there. Start small and work up. There are many tools available to you on the civilian market to help get you going. Perhaps the best source is the plethora of military manuals floating around, provided you are willing to browse through them and find what you need. I will take this opportunity to point you in the direction of FM 7-8 and FM 21-75, which are the two basic infantry manuals of the United States Army. However, you must realize that this manual is written for platoon size elements in a regular military force with re-supply and other advantages found in regular units, so you must adapt these procedures to your unit capabilities and size.

I am going to try to help you with your basic knowledge over the next few months, and then we will attempt to move to more advanced principles. I am not going to blow smoke in your direction. I have done my time in an infantry battalion. I have served with one of the best units the Army has to offer. I have been trained in some of the best and toughest schools that a soldier can participate in, and I have returned to my unit to teach my own squads and teams those techniques. Now I am passing this on to my own unit as well as you. Filter through it, use what you need, and discard the rest. What I am handing you here is from experience, not from simply reading manuals. For those of you who read this and know a better way, or your unit does it differently, by all means have at it. I am not claiming to have the best way for your unit or the only way.

These will be general guidelines for the most part, and after learning the guidelines, once again you must adapt these to fit your unit. Remember, the best course of action for a small closed cell unit is guerrilla warfare, not mainstream attacks. It is not enough to read through these and talk about them. Trial and error is a must. Get out in the field and practice these religiously. Learn from your mistakes. If something is not running smoothly, figure out why. Have you just not practiced enough? Do you need to change the way you do it to better fit your unit?

### **Getting Started:**

Sit down with your unit. Easy enough, right? This is perhaps the most essential step in beginning training. Call your unit together to go over the following two-part points. The first part is where you start, and the second is where you want to go.

- 1.) How active is our unit now and how active do we want to be in the future?
- 2.) How many people do we have faithfully dedicated to our unit now and how many people do we want faithfully dedicated to our unit in the months/years to come? If we are going to grow, how long do want to give ourselves to accomplish this?
- 3.) What are the capabilities of our unit now and what would we like our capabilities to be in the future?
- 4.) Based on our capabilities, what is the mission of our unit now and what will the mission of our unit be in the future, if it changes at all?
- 5.) Based on our unit mission, what kind of training area do we need now and if we grow and/or our mission changes in the future, what kind of training facilities will we need to acquire?
- 6.) How often will we train and, most importantly, will everyone show up and participate?

Once these are answered, sit down at least once a year and reevaluate them. This will allow your unit to stay on top of any changes that may come about. Take time with these and discuss them thoroughly instead of running through them as quickly as possible. You are laying the groundwork for the effectiveness of your unit.

I believe that these questions are self-explanatory for the most part, but I would like to expand on a couple of them, questions five and six to be precise. Training areas can be tricky, especially if you live in an urban area. Find out if anyone in your unit has private land out of town that you can train on. Perhaps someone has a friend that is sympathetic to the cause and is willing to let you use his land one or two times a month. If nothing else, contact a unit in a neighboring county and see where they train, and if you can use it when they are not or perhaps doing some cross training with them. Remember, though, we are a closed cell organization, so do not make a habit of training with them more than maybe three times per year. But that does not mean that units should not help each other out by sharing training land if necessary.

If you are a unit that has determined that you will be fighting an urban fight if the need should arise, you have a further problem, but not one that is insurmountable. Can you practice in unit members' homes (beware of the damage that can occur, trust me)? Does someone have an old barn that can be modified into a house? What about buildings that are scheduled for a controlled practice burn by the fire department? Will the owner that donated that old house let you use it for a day before the fire department gets a hold of it? To train effectively, you are going to have to improvise, so put your heads together and start working as a team. Whatever obstacles you encounter can be overcome with some ingenuity. After all, that is a basic tenant of guerrilla warfare.

Having said that, it is pointless to set all of this up if your members will not or cannot stick to a training schedule. If you have a ten-man unit and only three people regularly show up, you do not have a ten-man unit, you have a three-man unit. It is practically impossible for the other seven members to show up in a real world situation and be able to fall into ranks and effectively perform an operation. There are many ways to handle this, but you must find which one works for your unit. I could add three pages of ideas, but instead, let me share what has worked for our unit as an example.

Our unit split into two sections, combat and support. Combat is, of course, self-explanatory. Support is our intelligence, re-supply, covert evacuation, and etc. team. They take care of safe houses, medical evacuation, and other operations of that nature. It was decided that our combat team would train two weekends per month, with support team always welcome at our trainings outside of their operational training. There are a certain number of training hours per year for the combat team, and to stay active on that team, members must attend a minimum of 85% of the available hours per year. If they fall behind, they are given four make-up days per year, one at the end of each quarter. If they still remain behind, then they are moved to the support team, which has a less rigorous schedule, though no less important. This allows the member to remain a part of the unit while adopting a training schedule that they can handle time-wise. As new members come in, this set-up is explained to them. If they feel they are not physically capable or will not be able to meet the minimum requirements, they are placed on the support team. This does not mean that support is not physically demanding, but it is less so than combat. Realize, though, that in a real world situation, it will be much more psychologically demanding.

While we all remain fast friends, there are times when a person must be asked to change teams against their will. This is a time when leadership must overcome friendship for the good of your unit. If you adopt a standard similar to ours, make sure each member understands that when these decisions come up, unit well-being must come first.

### ***Looking to the Future:***

I hope that this article, while lengthy, has been of some help. Training is important to both unit and individual survival, and eventually will pay for itself many times over. Learn from your mistakes, and practice improvising now while no one's life is on the line. It will pay dividends later. If questions arise from this or any of the training articles presented in the future, feel free to ask either through the comment section of the CFP, or e-mail me directly at [ops@ncmilitia.org](mailto:ops@ncmilitia.org).

You should begin seeing one to two training classes per issue. Put them to use if you feel you can use them. If all goes well, at the beginning of next year there will be an NCCM training manual available to all units. That manual is where these classes come from, but the idea is to consolidate these as well as more advanced principles into a single manual that can be carried in place of the astounding number of military manuals. This manual will be geared more toward

the smaller guerrilla units, and I hope that you will be able to make use of it. Until that time, let's grab it and grow!!

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“The only kind of discipline that counts is the discipline of training to function in battle. How to keep in touch with the men on either side of you, how to advance and retreat under fire, how to give covering fire and supporting fire, how to select routes of travel under risk of attack. You don't learn any of that training for a lot of parade-ground nonsense.” Louis d'Amour.

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## **GLIMMERS OF HOPE**

Some of The People, Some Of The Time

Young adults are, as a whole, are apparently a little smarter than their adult counterparts when it comes to political issues. Some recent reports suggest a glimmer of hope and healthy cynicism remains alive and rampant among the young who cringe at the thought of being blindly led by political hacks.

McAlvany [McAlvany Intelligence Advisor, May, 2000] reports on a survey of Young Republicans by pollster Frank Lundy. In responding to a question as to what would have a greater impact on reducing school violence, 77% chose teaching children about right and wrong. 84% endorsed

“greater involvement by parents in the lives of their children”. Only 10% advocated more gun controls and only a minority of 14% believed more gun control legislation would be of benefit.

Perhaps a better clue to the current thinking of young adults can be found in their own publications. The May, 2000 issue of Link magazine, a publication specifically geared to college students, references three articles in the section “Students Sound Off: Gun Control”. The most revealing is from The State News, Michigan State University (3/20/00) where author Jason Van Dyke states:

“Adolph Hitler, Josef Stalin, Mao Tse-tung and Fidel Castro. These are some of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most evil people. Now let's add more names to the list: Bill Clinton, Al Gore, Charles Schumer and Sarah Brady. What do these politicians have in common with some of the most evil people ever to live? They support the most oppressive and tyrannical form of public policy: gun control. Most gun control groups mistakenly assume the Second Amendment doesn't apply to any person outside the National Guard. [But it] guarantees the use of lethal force for the defense of oneself and one's liberty from the government and criminals.”

Considered together, one is prompted to shout for joy.

You want to target an audience ripe for the truth and having an honest skepticism about the legitimacy of government? Well then, cultivate high school and college students. They are too smart for “bull” so give them the facts and document them. Given a fair opportunity to consider the evidence, most will figure things out pretty quick. Don't just speak to the choir, make sure these students get the chance to have a future.

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## **ANOTHER KIND OF WASP**

## Becoming An Army of One

Some years ago we recall reading a pulp science fiction novel about a special kind of warrior. This warrior fought with words and ingenuity instead of weapons and was far more effective for it. The book began with an analogy of a single wasp which flew into the window of a fast moving car carrying six burly men. The wasp did not attack, it's reputation alone was sufficient to cause panic. In the resulting crash the vehicle was totally wrecked, the occupants perished, the wasp survived. With the telling comes realization that each of us can become a wasp. It doesn't take an army, only a committed minority.

We would appreciate any reference to this book from our readers. In it the hero, one James Mowry, is asked to infiltrate an "enemy" society and become a wasp. His job was to become such a public and political "pest: national resolve to prosecute the ongoing war dissolved.

In his capacity as a wasp the hero is infiltrated onto an alien world (naturally, it was a science fiction book) and, mixing with the population, uses a barrage of slogans, posters, and reality mixed with deception to demoralize the "enemy" population. His weapons were words, his ammunition was inexhaustible ingenuity, and his allies were time and anonymity.

Many individuals ask what they can do to support the efforts of the militia. Like the hero in our book we do not use or suggest aggression, offensive force or illegal actions of any kind. That still leaves us with an abundance of options, large and small, some of which could be critical to your survival. Not everyone can participate with an active militia unit yet everyone can belong or otherwise be a part of the militia and contribute actively or even passively to its success. It is not necessary to have a complete field kit. In some situations it might not be advisable or necessary to go beyond the very basics such as a good rifle and ammunition. A modest start is fine for those of us with few resources, beginning is the essential first step, persistence is the next.

It's not necessary to shake the forest, keep it simple, just shake one tree at a time. Evaluate your options, consider your situation, minimize your expenditures in time and resources, but do something. Small accomplishments inspire confidence, success leads to competence, even small things make a difference.

Just a few random ideas may provide food for thought:

- \* Boycott Smith & Wesson and their dealers when contemplating purchases.
  - \* Become familiar with the basic premises of the NCCM manuals; know your own values, priorities and responsibilities.
  - \* Establish individual or group priorities; set goals and timetables; implement them.
  - \* Obtain spare parts; where practical repair unserviceable firearms.
  - \* Prepare a "bug-out" kit.
  - \* Identify toll free phone numbers to state and federal representatives; use pay phones. Let them hear from you... often.
  - \* Talk to people, share your ideas and concerns, tell them about the NCCM.
  - \* Teach your family the requirements of good government.
  - \* Build personal skills; become a potential asset to a militia unit. Visit the library, become well versed in practical information; develop your own reference library.
- Read books about financial depressions and historical catastrophes; learn and share how others coped with hardship.

- \* Reduce personal debt.
- \* Buy a good sturdy used bicycle and spare parts.
- \* Take up a practical hobby: Learn reloading, first aid, welding, gardening, etc. Stock supplies, pick up used brass at the local shooting range.
- \* Obtain sturdy field clothes and boots; start with Goodwill if necessary.
- \* Sell stuff you don't need; get stuff you do.
- \* Send a copy of your favorite CFP to a serviceman or woman you know.
- \* Meet with your local sheriff or police captain. Bring them some good reading material. Let the NCCM know how your meeting went.
- \* Contemplate your position regarding civil disobedience.
- \* Find at least one friend of like mind; one is enough, two ensures someone to watch your back, three is a unit. Better to have only one committed friend than any number of militia groupies.
- \* Begin to stockpile those things which would be useful in hard times but are free or relatively inexpensive at present; storable food and ammunition would be a good place to start.
- \* Don't create a problem for others in the militia by compromising their values with illegal acts or violence.
- \* Distribute NCCM or similar information to the degree your finances allow. Leave something wherever you go if possible. Use your imagination, where do people pick up things to read?

Many of you have given us a lot of good ideas as to what things we can do. We have a good idea also. Why don't you do something either for yourself or which compliments our efforts. If you anticipate active defense, do something about re-supply and transportation now. If your shooting skills are rusty, learn your weapon inside and out now. Don't get bashful, get that trusty .22 or even your air rifle and practice, practice. Got a good idea? How about telling us so that we can share it with others. The object is to do something, to make yourself useful so others recognize you as an asset not a liability.

Quit wasting things, especially time, make lists of possibilities. The most appropriate should become apparent after a short while. The value of the wasp as a viable asset is not so much its ability to repeatedly sting, its presence and potential are often sufficient to make a difference.

Can you be a wasp?

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“Professional soldiers smiled indulgently at the sign of the New England militia on its training days. They laughed contemptuously at the awkward drill, hooted at the clumsy marching, and howled with laughter at the bizarre Yankee custom of saluting an officer by discharging a blank-loaded musket at his feet. One British observer wrote, ‘It is a curious masquerade scene to see grave sober citizens, barbers and tailors who never looked fierce before, strutting about in their Sunday wigs with muskets on their shoulders... if ever you saw a goose assume an air of consequence, you may catch some faint idea.’ Major John Pitcairn of the Royal Marines bragged, ‘If I draw my sword but half out of my scabbard, the whole banditti of Massachusetts will run away’. David Hackett Fischer, Paul Revere's Ride, p. 154.

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## **BARNYARD FABLES #40**

### The Alien Encounter

“Yer all volunteers on this here patrol, I expect ya’ll ta do yer duty!” warned Jake sternly to the small group of Birds lined up in the dim pre-dawn light.

“Ain’t no room for Fowl-ups on this here dangerous mission, “ repeated Jake for emphasis. “Our job is ta find them who’s responsible for killin’ and mutilating them Cows and other poor Critters.”

“Phew!” cackled the Scout, “I seen the dirty work up close. No Fox ever done such a nasty thing to any Critter”, he concluded with a shudder.

“Hey, Captin” sir,” called a cocky Bantam, “Ya think we’re gonna earn our spurs this mission?”

“You’ll be lucky to keep yer wits; column of two’s, foller me,” replied Jake in his no nonsense manner as he stepped off in a quick strut.

“Awwright you Dirty Birds”, crowed Jake as dusk found the Winged Warriors taking positions in the open near the privy on a slope overlooking the South Forty, “two on, two off and keep yer beaks shut and beady eyes pealed till dawn!”.

“Capt’n, capt’n!” hissed the Barred Rock as he pecked Jake into sudden awareness. “It’s after moonset and there was this big bolt of blue lightin’ lit over near them trees,” exclaimed the invisible Rooster.

“Grab yer peashooters, Birds” whispered Jake into the dark, gesturing to the patrol to form a skirmish line to the right.

“Awwwkkk!” and the flutter of wings on the left signaled dispersal of the unit into the darkness as two short, awkward Humanoid forms approached through the eerie blue light.

“Eat me first! Please, eat me first!”, screeched the Bantam breaking to the right past the dark forms.

“That’s far enuff, Critters!” Jake called, resisting the hypnotic stare of the Aliens, as he and the remaining Birds slowly retreated in good formation back toward the privy.

“We’ve come for you, Brother Birds,” snapped a metallic voice in Jakes mind. “An after a fine dinner, we’re gonna find out just what’s inside you Birds that keeps you goin’ and crowin’ even when yer down, dirty and whapped.”

“Got a secret microwave weapon,” replied Jake, climbing up on a bale of hay just under the roof of the privy and pointing to the heavens. “Maybe we can negotiate? he asked.

“You got no secret space weapons and you and yer computers ain’t no match for superior Beings,” said the tinny voice as the two advanced with weapons drawn.



“Opps!” cawed Jake loudly in the night air looking upward as he and the Birds stepped back at the short “screeech” of rubbing metal and dull thump of impact.

“Good timing, Brother Bantam my Bird Wonder!” yelled Jake, “Got ‘em both!”

“Phew!, gasped Bantam looking over the edge of the privy roof through the circle of Birds clustered around the carnage below. “Them microwave ovens sure do make a mess when they hit!” he observed quietly.

“Yup, there’s low-tech solutions to most every high-tech problem. It just takes a little initiative, brashness and ingenuity”, said Jake to the somber patrol.

“That’s sumptin’ to crow about, ain’t it Corporal Bantam?” concluded Jake.

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“...the only purpose for which power can rightfully be exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not sufficient warrant. He cannot rightfully be compelled to do or forbear because it will be better for him to do so, because it will make him happier, because, in the opinion of others, to do would be wise, or even right.” John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty*.

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## BOOK REVIEW

### An Army of Amateurs

*An Army of Amateurs* is a personal history of the French Resistance movement during World War II. It was written by resistance leader Philippe de Vomecourt and published by Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, New York, in 1961 (Library of Congress Catalog Number 61-14326). It is an exceptionally informative book and one particularly relevant to the modern militia. It chronicles one of the few successful resistance efforts by a modern society against a modern army. More importantly, it also provides a frank and intimate look into the workings of a national militia organization during a time of war.

De Vomecourt begins his narrative bluntly, recognizing the failure of French leaders to identify and prepare the nation for the German aggression which was so clearly pending in 1939. He attributes the total lack of national preparation to political betrayal. This betrayal, he explains, is the price a citizenry pays for their apathy, ignorance and blind trust in political leaders

“How caressingly they soothed our anxious brows! Fear not, children, sleep snug and secure in the knowledge that there will be no war, that we will watch over you.”

“...four days later when the German tanks reached the French frontier and then broke through the French lines at Sedan we recognized the full extent of the criminal deception to which we had been exposed.”

The book provides an intimate but factual personal account of the author’s involvement in organizing and coordinating Resistance operations in France from the inception of World War II through its aftermath. It is a story of family, hope, despair and triumph. Numerous vignettes illustrate the extremes of human nature which surface during periods of national distress. He shows us the submissive, the fearful, the basest and the most gallant. His stories illustrate how these attributes influenced personal and group behavior during the German occupation.

De Vomecourt describes desperate times when men even thought to be opposed to the occupation “had to leave their homes and take to the life of the outlaw”. He cites numerous incidents where individual determination and heroism prevailed even in the face of brutal reprisals which commonly included summary executions of individuals as well as entire community groups. Resistance activities, maintains the author, were not “romantic or glorious”. For the Resistance it was all or nothing; mere survival often constituted success.

The hazards facing Resistance bands were numerous. Reprisals were not confined to Resistance members and their families but anyone who happened to be in any proximity of the Resistance.

“... where they joined together to make too large a band; where they became slack; where they attempted to reckless an exploit against an enemy always superior in numbers and arms: then they paid heavily in arrests and executions”.

The author speaks knowledgeably about heroism, intrigue, and betrayal. His narrative still provides practical lessons for resistance forces in the modern world. But he does not give false illusions to the difficulties. His first hand account of survival during hostile foreign occupation clearly describes the price paid for any deviation from submission.

Aside from the “adventure” and historical drama offered by the book what, we might ask, are the lessons that can be learned from the successes and mistakes of the French resistance? Some of the more notable might include:

- However willing they might have been, the disarmed citizenry of France was totally unprepared to muster any form of armed resistance until massively supplied from outside.
- French citizens remained desperately short of both food and clothing for the duration of the war during which the existing infrastructure was almost totally monopolized to support the German war effort.
- Infiltration and betrayal were commonplace. Summary execution was a common penalty. The main reasons for casualties were “ignorance, bad luck and treachery.”
- Recruiting was not difficult; finding a person with the right personal qualities and who could be absolutely trusted was very difficult. Compartmentalization was essential; even “trusted” individuals often compromised the Resistance or capitulated under pressure.
- The “underground railroad”, mail drops, couriers and safe houses became indispensable to allow constant movement of the Resistance, security and to augment communication.
- A “Milice”, or citizen’s militia comprised primarily of “thugs” was recruited by the occupation forces and used to terrorize citizens (i.e., “police terror”) to counter the Resistance. The German propaganda machine in turn characterized the Resistance as “terrorists”.
- The psychological value of various forms of newsletters was invaluable to the individual and often isolated members of the Resistance. “... they assured him that, far from

being alone, he was one of an already large army, which was growing every day. They gave cohesion to the idea of a resistance. They were the cement that bound together the individual units of the Resistance.”

- Despite hostile occupation, only a minority of French citizens took an active role in the resistance effort.
- Emblems of rank or uniforms often made Resistance members targets of the German occupation force or the many informers.

The story of the French Resistance during Second World War is certainly of historical interest, but it also offers many practical lessons for the current-day militia organization. Among the narratives of resistance incidents readers may be intrigued with the numerous innovative and cleverly deceptive methods employed by the Resistance to good affect against the German army.

An Army of Amateurs is likely out of print. However, it would be well worthwhile to have your local library research its availability. This book would make an excellent test for militia officers. Those incapable of discerning the similarities between then and now would necessarily be rejected as brain dead. This book is relevant for our time.

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“Our government is the potent, the omni present, teacher. For good or ill, it teaches the whole people by example. Crime is contagious. If the Government becomes a law-breaker, it breeds contempt for law; it invites every man to become a law unto himself; it invites anarchy.” Justice Brandeis, *Olmstead v. U.S.*, 277 U.S. 485 (1928).

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## **READERS COMMENTS**

### Unholy Alliances: In Retrospect:

With over 1500 e-mails and other correspondence to deal with in an average week we seldom have time for an individual response to each. Frankly, some do not merit response. With respect to our article “Unholy Alliances” we expected that there would be some who just didn’t get the point. We were not disappointed. No, we’re not going to debate your personal theologies. That is not our purpose or inclination. But we will take the opportunity to reinforce several points.

In controlling speech and religious teaching through the incorporation of “religious organizations” government violates the basic tenets of the Constitution which expressly prohibits it from interfering with the establishment or free exercise of religion (First Amendment). In doing so, this “democracy” has become the exact opposite of the limited constitutional republic intended by our Constitution.

The argument that it is necessary to incorporate to “protect” the church may appear justifiable but is seriously flawed. In accepting this corruption of the First Amendment by incorporation a “church” becomes party to the subversion of lawful government. Further, accepting the authority of government (and financial interests) to control biblical teaching and church functions is the very antithesis of Christianity. By incorporating the church rejects Constitutional protections and becomes a business, i.e., a “religious organization”. In doing so it loses its Biblical and Constitutional identity as a “church” until such time as it’s function is again controlled by Biblical tenets instead of political and financial expediency.

In a republic what you believe is your business. American citizens have expressly retained the right to worship, or not, as they please. They are free to invent new religions, practice the religion of choice, or rationalize changes to existing religious practice to avoid uncomfortable or otherwise inconvenient elements. Unless it interferes with the rights of others we are free to worship even dirt if we so choose, and some do.

The fundamental problem, once again, is freedom. Much modern religious dogma is squarely aimed at stifling individual initiative, encouraging indolence, complacency, passivity, and mindless obedience. Individual study and investigation, independent thought and logic are too frequently discouraged and individuals who dare to question, study, or exercise independent thought are trampled underfoot.

However, freedom requires that we as a society retain our ability to reason. If the religious beliefs of our colonial forefathers were not compatible with the principles of liberty and freedom, we would have no republic. They were not paralyzed by political or religious constraints; just the opposite, they felt compelled to act ... to fulfill their moral and ethical obligation to secure good and lawful government. No doubt many considered hiding, capitulating to the demands of the British military, or otherwise evading their responsibilities to escape the political hazards of their time, but they did not.

To maintain the freedom which they secured therefore requires that we also carefully consider, and challenge where appropriate, ideas and beliefs which inherently stifle the human spirit, encourage us to passively avoid our civil and moral responsibilities, compromise our moral values, or which otherwise impose invisible chains of bondage on the minds of citizens. The stumbling blocks to maintaining a free society are not limited to the physical impediments placed by government. They also include mental prejudices, including escapism or rationalizations which compromise or otherwise encourage Americans to avoid their responsibilities to their posterity and the maintenance of our republican form of government. In this respect, the importance of maintaining the freedom to practice religion without government intervention cannot be underestimated. Without such freedom our ability to teach and learn the fundamental values of right and wrong, especially as they relate to government, are seriously impaired and the future of our free society is in jeopardy.

In concluding this commentary about our correspondence we note that social communists are noted for their fondness of accusing the political opposition of being "fascist". So, thanks to the ignorance of the politically and cerebrally challenged we occasionally get a few good belly laughs. Not so many years ago people were afraid of being found ignorant, today they flaunt it.

Those who love the truth will never cease searching for it.

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"Those who will not use their brains are no better off than those who have no brains, and so this mindless school of jelly-fish, father, mother, son, and daughter, become useful beasts of burden or trainers of the same." Factor VI-Cattle, Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars, Operations Research Technical Manual TM-SW7905.1, May, 1979.

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#### Comment From A Young Reader:

"I have asked to have this put in the CFP because some things just have to be said...

Every teenager has things they worry about. Am I going to pass that test? Do they think I'm attractive? What if I don't get that car, and I have to drive that hunk of junk to school? When something goes wrong it seems like your entire day is ruined. But some of us have some

deeper concerns. I'm worried about my entire life being ruined, not only ruined but taken away from me. It doesn't worry me every day. But when you sit down and think about it there is this nagging little feeling, "Huh, you know all that stuff Dad's been telling me might really happen!" Nobody wants to think about their own mortality. But the stuff I hear, the things I read keep telling me that one-day I'll either have to give up my own freedom to some socialist who thinks they know how to live my life better than me, or I'm going to have to fight for the freedom I deserve.

These are supposed to be the best years of my life, when I don't have a job or children or anything else tying me down. We all have dreams, myself included. One day I'm going drive that red X-terra, I'm going to go home to a beautiful house with a white picket fence, and my dog to greet me when I walk through the door. Just like everything else in life, nothing is handed out on a silver platter, and nothing worth having is free. As hard as it may seem I know deep down inside that I have to prepare myself for what's headed my way... the bad guys. They want to take my dreams from me and run my life. No teenager wants to be told how to live, not by their parents or anyone else.

As hard as it may seem I have to think about the "what if's." I look up to my father very much and he's one of the smartest people I know. When someone as smart as he is, and someone I respect so much admits that he's scared of what's going to happen. I know that I have to be scared too. Why do I have to worry about men coming to my door to take away our things, and maybe even our lives. So when Dad comes to give me one of those long lectures on freedom and corruption I know I better pay attention. When he shows me how to shoot and aim center mass, I know I better listen. No man would ever teach their children how to protect themselves if he didn't think that they might have to use it. When I think about it, it's actually kind of scary to know that I hold the power to take a man's life. But I've come to realize, no matter how scary it may be to think about losing my family, bullets whizzing around my house hoping to get a taste of blood, or fighting for food with the people who live down street just to make it through another day without starving, it may happen. More than likely, it will happen. Hey, if it doesn't happen that's great...but, better be safe than sorry.

I know a lot of people worry about it, how couldn't you? It's a lot of weight to carry around on your shoulders, knowing others lives may depend on how well you prepare. I find myself really longing for someone my own age to talk about all these things. My best friends are oblivious to what's going on inside of my head. Everyone needs someone to listen to them, and it helps to know that other people feel the same way as you, makes you feel not quite so alone in this big ol' world.

Although the worrying will never cease, the future belongs to me, well, to us. As the youth of this country we have to step forward and make some type of stand, have some kind of voice in stopping these things from happening. To make all these dreams come true we just can't sit there like a bump on a log. I know other people are just as scared as me, adults or teens it doesn't matter. But, I encourage everyone to write to the CFP (or to me, Erin) and just say what's on your mind because what you have to say is important. Everything in life becomes a little bit easier when you know you're not standing alone. "

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"The adoption of Democracy as a form of Government by all European nations is fatal to good Government, to liberty, to law and order, to respect for authority, and to religion, and must eventually produce a state of chaos from which a new world tyranny will arise." Duke of Northumberland, 1931.

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## IN THE WIRE

### NRA's Line In The Sand:

At the recent NRA national meeting in Charlotte, Charlton Heston was elected to his third term as president of the National Rifle Association. At one point, holding an antique musket over his head, he issued a stern warning that "our gun rights are in peril". No doubt many will misconstrue this as a general pledge of the NRA's unswerving commitment to defend our Second Amendment rights. Recognizing that actions speak louder than words we suggest it is inappropriate to neglect the profound symbolism in the gesture which overshadows the mere words

Before you wet your pants with excitement believing the NRA is finally going to stop compromising and begin acting to actually protect your rights it bears to give this gesture more than superficial examination. Having some time ago established that no American has the right to own an AK-47, a.k.a. any semi-automatic weapon, Heston was indeed drawing a line in the sand. That is, they/he will unequivocally resist any attempt by the government to take away our muzzleloaders. Taken at face value the gesture would have been much more reassuring if the firearm had been a modern military grade weapon; it was not, and that omission is important.

Some of you are life members of the NRA. Recent events such as the much publicized "Million Mom March" have stimulated recruitment. This may be a good thing if Life Members assume firm responsibility for directing the actions of the Association. The problem of the viability of the NRA is not one which will be resolved by increasing membership or funding. The organization is not a "fire and forget" tool. If you are going to do a thing, do it well.

### Institutionalized Cynicism:

Endowed with a start-up gift of \$20 million, the John Glenn Institute was recently opened at Ohio State University. Its purpose is to combat the cynicism among young people about government and politics. In recalling that its namesake once observed that Congress would get nothing done if it followed the Constitution, we can cynically predict that astute students, in studying their benefactors' contributions, will view the motivations of the Institute with well-founded suspicion.

### Background Checks For Ammo:

From the Coming Trends department we learn that the Los Angeles police commission has unanimously voted to support a proposed ordinance which would require background checks for those buying ammunition. The ordinance, written after consultation with the state Department of Justice, will shortly be considered by the state legislature. Apparently no serious consideration will be given to the resultant hardships on criminals who will need to commute to other cities or states to buy ammunition. Of course, they could just take up reloading... We won't tell them if you don't

### Search For Eric Rudolph?:

Steven McCraw, head of the Southeast Bomb Task [MJTF] Force recently claimed that the task force assembled in Andrews, NC to find the elusive Eric Rudolph will be dismantled by the end of June. While agents are to remain in Andrews, the command post will be closed and agents will no longer be dispatched to patrol the southern Appalachians. While loath to admit failure on Rudolph the MJTF has been an unequivocal success in expanding anti-constitutional jurisdiction among law enforcement agencies. They have successfully alienated citizens throughout the

entire region with police-state tactics, intimidation, illegal search and seizure, etc, such that there has been little serious cooperation from citizens.

We maintain that the search for Eric Rudolph remains a side issue, a mission of convenience. From the first, acts of agency thuggery and the vilification of Rudolph in the media ensured an uncooperative public which would have been an essential component of a successful search. Yes, we would say this MJTF mission was accomplished and postulate that it isn't quite over, yet.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The NCCM website now offers a message board to facilitate questions, communications and dissemination of general information of interest.

Many thanks to those who are sending in newspaper articles and other information to help with the CFP. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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