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"Individuals are often apt to consider their own private conduct as of small importance to the public welfare. This opinion is wholly erroneous and highly mischievous. No man can adopt it, who believes, and remembers, the declarations of God. If "one sinner destroyeth much good," if "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," if ten righteous persons, found in the polluted cities of the vale of Siddim, would have saved them from destruction, the personal conduct of no individual can be

insignificant to the safety and happiness of a nation.. On the contrary, the advantages to the public of private virtue, faithful prayer and edifying example, cannot be calculated. No one can conjecture how many will be made better, safer, and happier, but the virtue of one.” Rev. Timothy Dwight, D.D., President of Yale College, July 4, 1798.

MILITIA PERSPECTIVES

The Neighborhood Watch:

The neighborhood here at the edge of the suburbs is more than just a little tolerant of militia training activities. Grandpa Jim scarcely lifted an eyebrow as our cammie-clad group trooped through the back lawn of his mini-farm as we returned from a morning in the tree line. When he waved us in for a visit it was a toss up as to who made the most incongruous sight, us draped with bits of local undergrowth and green paint or him in his lawn chair watching TV with a beer in one hand and gas mask in the other.

Having fought in the last “Big One” Jim was pretty comfortable being surrounded by local citizen soldiers and judging by his outspoken support pretty much identified with us in a very public way. But there he was, intently watching the opening salvos of the Third World War.

Like most Americans Jim is a great patriot and armchair general. So, sprawled out around him on the grass to help him watch, we spent a good while speculating how best to ferret out terrorists both foreign and domestic. At one point one of the boys asked Jim if he wanted a fit test and some instruction for his new military surplus mask. Not necessary he said waving it around by the strap as he reminded us that he learned all about this stuff during the “Big One”.

He’d be right there backing us up, he assured us for the hundredth time, if we ever needed to take up arms in the cause of freedom right here in the neighborhood. And we had no doubt that the area between the flag on his mailbox and him and his trusty M1 Garand on his porch would be well and seriously defended. Nobody but nobody is going to come between his rifle and his flag, and we believe him when he says so.

None of us had the heart to tell him his own government now considered him a domestic terrorist and fully intended to deprive him of the symbols and means to protect his freedom and citizenship. But we did promise to return and swap “sea stories”.

Just Over The Fence:

Not far past the azalea hedge at the edge of the neighborhood the world has been getting a lot more squirrely. The NCCM has been increasingly sought out by “magnanimous” militia organizers from both in and outside the state. It appears we’re doing something right and that irritates some folks.

Look here, none of us just fell off a cabbage truck, so we have a bit of advice for the many NCCM units out there beyond the hedge. A little bit of good organization is a fine, efficient, and perhaps the only way to remain and grow into a viable grass roots partisan military organization. In that respect we must organize to meet the requirements to lawful unorganized [constitutional] militia in order to claim legitimacy before the law and the public. We must also meet the standards for a military organization under the Geneva Convention to claim standing with the loyal organized militia of America. Don’t scoff at the latter. It’s getting more and more likely that

we will need to work with the honorable men and women in our armed forces. Remember, the purpose of armed resistance to tyranny is not simply to be win, but more importantly to be able to influence the political changes necessary to secure and maintain that liberty which we hold dear.

But first things first. It's not enough that there's plenty of fight in the dog, the dog must also get to the fight. The cell concept of organization has been a central theme of NCCM since inception. Events of late have unequivocally demonstrated the wisdom of this form of organization. There are some who are almost desperate to get to know as many of you as possible. Just because the boys in some states are preoccupied with organization doesn't mean we have to do it too.

The Third World War has been going on for a long time. Right now, at this very minute, it rages around us in many ways and forms, not the least is more and more legislation aimed at the heart of the republic, its citizen-custodians, and it's constitutional guardians (it's citizens as the unorganized militia). In other forms we have seen it manifested in the form of covert activities, psyops, and overt warfare under the color of law. Certain activities, including the use of radio programs and have been and are now clearly aimed at the unorganized militia. One of them is the act of *organization*. In states where the focus has been on organization such efforts have led to nothing but self-defeating internal politics, serious rifts between the patriot community, political disparagement and distractions away from the essential function of preparedness. These are things notably absent in our state. And now some of the organizers want to bring these benefits of centralization to North Carolina.

Our advice: continue to maintain a low group profile, don't violate the law (it will come to violate you soon enough), continue to communicate as needed, but do absolutely nothing which might compromise your unit integrity, location or organization. Have patience, don't get discouraged. There are many, many people involved or supportive of the militia movement and we are having a very positive affect in many quarters just by being here and preparing to be good citizens as well as good citizen-soldiers. Steady boys, it's only going to get even more squirrely in the coming months.

Beyond The Horizon:

Looking out beyond the imaginary wall that separates our state from the world so much is happening to further the movement toward global government it almost makes us dizzy to contemplate. And of course, the scope of events is intended to be confounding. As we look out over the horizon, toward the future indicated by King George II in his speech of September 20th, we can see nothing but war.

In that respect, we remain captivated by the remarkable statements made by King George II in which he puts it to every nation in the world:

*"either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists." and,
"Every nation in every region, now has a decision to make."*

In our national zeal to leap off the cliff of war, if the driving force was blind retribution we might postulate that Switzerland, neutral for over 400 years, followed by West Virginia and perhaps Germany, belatedly identified as the host nation for the WTC planning effort, would be the next independent republics targeted for attack. Yes, we might expect such irrational behavior from

this administration. That is, if it wasn't for the oil and the fact that it was our clear intention to attack Afghanistan long before the WTC.

And as for George's intentions, either he is remarkably stupid, or he (or those directing his actions) is remarkably crafty. George's speech and subsequent actions are full of contradictions and hypocrisy yet few Americans appear to notice. One person who does is author Arundhati Roy, who observes the emperors lack of clothes in an article "*The Algebra of Infinite Justice*" [www.guardian.co.uk/Archive/Article/0,4273,4266289,00.html]:

"President Bush can no more "rid the world of evildoers" than he can stock it with saints. It's absurd for the US government to even toy with the notion that it can stamp out terrorism with more violence and oppression. Terrorism is the symptom, not the disease."

Of one thing we can be certain. However disguised in the cloak of patriotism and national *unity*, our national response to the World Trade Center tragedy and possible future attacks will undoubtedly be shaped so as to promote the furtherance of New World Order goals.

Defining An Alert Status:

Immediately after the terrible attack on the World Trade Center we received many calls from those looking for direction. Those in NCCM units are supposed to know what to do. If you don't, know you might need a visit with the PAO.

Those who regularly listen to short wave radio have heard other militia organizations calling alerts almost at the drop of a hat. You have also noticed that NCCM has refrained from shouting "wolf!" As most are aware, an alert may be issued to NCCM units from the NCCM PAO, website, e-mail, telephone, courier or in some cases radio or pager system. If issued, it will not be the result of casual or frivolous reason. And, it will likely be a collective decision based on clear-headed reason, not passion. It will be up to you to determine if the alert is authentic.

In considering our alert status it is prudent to remind ourselves that the first duty the unorganized militia is to report and/or prevent if at all possible further terrorist incidents from any quarter. To this end we must work with established agencies, however repugnant at the moment it may be to some, to ensure that to the best of our ability the potential for future attacks in our communities remains as small as possible. Given the national crisis, at this time we should all maintain a conditional level of awareness.

By now it should be standard practice for all NCCM units and members to have pack and equipment prepared for immediate (5 to no more than 60 minutes) deployment at all times. With respect to the terrorist attacks in New York City we have not issued a formal alert to activate NCCM units. At no time were the reactions of any agency or organization directed against the unorganized militia.

However, we need to maintain a degree of awareness. Not only is the country particularly vulnerable to attack, judging from the latest round of "terrorism" legislation a new round of verbal and/or physical assaults against citizens in general and the unorganized militia is imminent. At this time militia members need to remain alert to potential rapid political change or military actions. As conditions change a general alert may be issued. At such time units will be

expected to move to rally points or safe houses and to take such other actions and preparations as may be appropriate.

If opportunity allows, in the event of an emergency a general alert will be issued. If possible it will be posted on the NCCM website along with information regarding the nature of the emergency. Bear in mind, in a worst case situation it is unlikely any web site will be operating; communications systems of all types may be non-functional. Those who have not made alternative provisions for communication in a crisis situation should do so as expeditiously as possible.

Respiratory Protection:

The American public has been sagely advised by the media that there is no material benefit in using surplus gas masks for protection against chemical or biological attack. More specifically, the public has been advised that, in the event of a biological attack, one should sit in the center of one's home with a wet towel draped over the head as a protective measure.

Our first inclination was to consider the recommendation as just another insider joke, sort of a government sponsored test to qualify the most gullible for the upcoming national *Turn In Your Firearms Owning Neighbor* "snipe" hunt. But then again, perhaps the suggestion is not so inappropriate for a nation of mushrooms. Aside from the fact that a warm, moist towel provides almost an optimum medium for bacterial growth, it might be very comforting in a time of crisis.

The reality is that chemical and biological weapons are generally most expedient against concentrated targets such as population centers, troop concentrations, buildings, etc. Their effectiveness is generally of limited areal extent in large part because they are so difficult to handle and disperse through the target area. While the affects of a chemical or biologic attack can be dreadful in the area of use, most Americans would likely be only indirectly affected by such attacks.

Many people however remain less than reassured by government efforts to protect them from further terrorist attacks. A great many even seem to understand that under certain circumstances having a mask may make a critical difference in their chances for survival. This may be part of the reason NCCM members have been overwhelmed by requests for sources to purchase masks.

Yet, the remarkable thing about this rush to acquire respiratory protection is that not one in a hundred will accept any instruction or information whatsoever on the proper use of a respirator. Eyes glaze over at the suggestion and sometimes communications turn secretive. Social stigma and the fear of contrary peer opinion demonstrate the success of government disinformation efforts.

For the one in a hundred looking for an expedient means for protection in the event of chemical or biological attack, one good alternative for self-protection is the shelter-in-place concept described in the Carolina Free Press for May/June 1998. For our part, our gripe isn't so much that government continues to do its best to see that masks remain unavailable on the surplus market, or even their failure to maintain a civil defense system. No ...our gripe is that they haven't told us where to get our free towels.

Souper Slooths:

It was inevitable. In the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center we were prompted to believe that the perpetrators were of mid-East origin. This impression was reinforced by the language of war used by Taliban representatives, circumstantial evidence cited by government sources, the onset of biologic attacks in America and, of course, the widespread knowledge that biological agents were in the hands of a variety of terrorist groups. We are further led to believe that the evidence of the Al Qaeda involvement is so strong it justifies all-out war against the citizens and political structure of Afghanistan and perhaps neighboring countries.

If the news reports are true, the concentrated form of anthrax point used in recent letter attacks can only be the product of a highly sophisticated laboratory. Presumably taking all this into consideration the FBI has come to a predictably political conclusion that the anthrax attacks are, at least in part, a product of the constitutional militia. Given all recent the criminal acts committed by the FBI ranging from the falsification of evidence by the FBI crime lab to the murders at Waco, TX, they might first look inward instead of outward for the culprits. As it is, we have become so accustomed to such accusations many Americans now consider such accusations not only frivolous but an admission of guilt, or at least passive involvement, on the part of the FBI.

The anti-Terrorism Act:

George Bush, Jr. signed a new anti-terrorism bill, dubbed the "Patriot Act", into law on October 26th amid a tremendous amount of controversy. Both Attorney General Ashcroft and George B. vowed to use the unconstitutional law to protect Constitutional freedoms. It probably makes good sense if it's intended to deprive American citizens of more of their freedoms under the guise of pursuing terrorists. Otherwise, we might be a little concerned about such things as the authorization for warrantless searches and seizure of assets (legalized looting), the usurpation of 4th Amendment protections, and greatly increased surveillance authority for all types and mediums of communication.

All in all we should all congratulate congress for the careful balance struck between intimidation, coercion and subtle usurpation of constitutional protections. We wonder how long it will take before the "law" is used on the patriot community. We'll have more to say on this later, providing free speech hasn't already been outlawed.

"... in the Soviet Union the powers of the political police make a farce of all laws and all courts. In their capacity to deny any individual the right of public confrontation the police are above and beyond the courts, and in their power to bend the laws to suit their needs their function becomes one, not of legality, but of expediency." The Police State, Craig Thompson, 1950.

COPING WITH TERRORISM

Grasping For Answers

We have received a number of calls regarding the recent terrorist attacks in Washington and New York City. Like all Americans we condemn these deplorable acts of violence against innocent people. We grieve for the victims, their families, their friends and America. We trust that the actual perpetrators will be arrested and brought to justice. To do so may require violence, it will necessarily demand honesty, but it should not require war.

The affects of terrorism extend far beyond the implementation of unspeakable acts. The uncertainty permeates the psyche of our land and its people, it provokes fear and apprehension, and blinds us to political realities. As recent history has shown, it allows us, and particularly our elected representatives, to be stampeded into initiating unconstitutional and reckless legislation.

If we are to survive as a nation we must set aside our shock and grief and anger. We must struggle to throw off the Pollyanna mindset which grips most Americans and find the reality, without which we are not capable of responding reacting in positive manner.

We do not want to belabor the issue. It's being discussed to exhaustion from many perspectives. But as citizens and citizen-soldiers we need to avoid the condition of blind denial and grasp for answers no matter how difficult or distasteful. In doing so, from the outset we cannot presume the recent acts of terrorism on American soil are solely the independent actions of other countries. The evidence pointing to the direct or indirect involvement of the US in the first WTC bombing, the bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City, and other events is too overwhelming.

Unfortunately, an honest public dialogue is impossible without a consideration of the US role in the furtherance of global government. Despite the ongoing obvious US program of military (and political) aggression in support of these goals, it's socially unpopular to even suggest America may somehow have to assume some responsibility for provoking the recent terrorist attacks. We may therefore safely assume there will be no national realization of cause and effect until the issues of denial and accountability have been reconciled on both a national and an individual level.

Proof of this is readily apparent in the circular discussions and floundering of Washington "experts" and government officials trying to bring consensus to the issue and the remarkable absence of demands for accountability from agencies charged with ensuring domestic security. "Unity", then is the *newspeak* phrase pushed by government to reflect a condition which they desperately desire but that does not exist.

Virtually all terrorism in the world is financed and sponsored, but seldom acknowledged, by nation-states for political advantage. As a form of war, terrorism, we observe from Clausewitz, is the continuation of politics by other means. In a simple world we might expect that retaliatory acts are an almost an inevitable consequence of years of cultivating terrorist groups as bedfellows for political advantage, a practice commonly exploited by the US in sponsoring Osama bin Laden and similar groups throughout the world. The selective imposition of the "iron fist" of NWO authority over the world doesn't exactly endear our leadership to the citizens and governments of other nations either. Together, the consequences of world-scale political manipulation help create the proper chaotic political environment and the perfect smokescreen from which to consolidate power. This may in part explain why the transition from terrorist act to war went so smoothly. One might almost think that the events were choreographed.

While the recent attacks were in America it would be hasty to assert they were directed at America or American citizens in general. The targets themselves indicate that they were aimed at the heart of the NWO, that is, the centers of finance, military, and political power. This appears to be borne out by the subsequent anthrax attacks which also seem to have been directed at political and media sources.

Is it not more logical to expect that a terrorist attack from one or more nation-states would, by definition, be so orchestrated as to create as many casualties and incite as much fear to the

general population as possible? Instead, except for what may be attributable to the difficulty of handling the agent, the anthrax attacks are directed to precisely those targets which would result in the most public exposure. Further, we understand that while the anthrax used could have only been made in a highly sophisticated [government] laboratory, if we can believe the media reports, the strain used is not biologically engineered to be antibiotic resistant, but treatable with most types of antibiotics. We suspect that this would not be the agent of choice for the fanatical terrorist, but more likely the tool of political manipulators.

Sure, the US has declared war on terrorism. Not all terrorism mind you, just those countries and organizations at present politically incompatible with the globalist agenda. So at some point we need to come to grips with the idea that the perpetrators are indeed inside the gates and inside the only organization with the resources capable of orchestrating such events. Perhaps the central question, as some commenters have suggested is... who stands to benefit most from these events?

Yeah, there's a war on all right. But, given the incongruities and attempted obfuscations in statements and events there is substantial reason to suspect that the war isn't so much against foreign terrorism. It's directed against all those opposed to the concept of a centralized totalitarian world government and, of course, the principal remaining roadblock to a socialist world state, the American people.

The struggle against terrorism is then first and foremost with ourselves first. An effective political solution begins with us. Politicians (we can't call them statesmen) are no doubt preoccupied with the thought that they may no longer be protected species but the potential targets of presumably foreign enemies. Even the honest ones are now easily driven to unpalatable compromises. They need whatever assistance we can provide though public dialogue to understand that they too are victims, not the beneficiaries, in this struggle for a New World Order. The Americans people also need our thoughts and ideas. Confronted with facts, logic and repetition long enough many more may develop a good healthy suspicion about world and domestic events.

At this moment, the best tools of the citizen-soldier to fight terrorism at home in our communities are not firearms, but our powers of observation, deduction, persuasion and communication. Our resolve should not be limited to silent preparation for conflict, but the aggressive spread of information which reflects facts, common sense and rational conclusions. We must be having a positive effect in this effort. Many who were reluctant to speak to the militia are now seeking us out for answers and perspectives.

If we do this part of our job effectively, perhaps some day we'll start to address the cause and not the symptoms of the terrorist disease.

"The people need wholesome fear. They want to fear something. They want someone to frighten them and make them shudderingly submissive... Why babble and be indignant about torturing? The masses need something that will give them a thrill of horror." Adolph Hitler, April 14, 1934, from War Through The Ages, L. Montross.

HOMELAND DEFENSE FORCE

The Office of Homeland Security (Executive Order 13228)

The idea we somehow needed a “homeland” defense has been in the works for quite some time. The Phase III Report Of The US Commission On National Security/21st Century, Part I (4/20/01), in the planning for over two years, contemplates the entire reorganization of government in response to anticipated increased domestic security needs into the 21st century. In this report several key premises, i.e., misrepresentations, are notable concerning in particular the role of National Guard:

“This Commission recommends that the National Guard be reorganized to fulfill its historic and Constitutional mission of homeland security. It should provide a mobilization base with strong local ties and support. It is already ‘forward deployed’ to achieve this mission and should: Participate in and initiate, where necessary, state, local and regional planning for responding to a WMD [Weapons of Mass Destruction] incident.”

This false and misleading premise not only promotes the self-serving myth that the National Guard, an organization entirely under the control of the U.S. government, is the unorganized militia of the Constitution, but also usurps the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878 for the purpose of domestic control. In doing so government oversteps its bounds once again to misappropriate Constitutional authority and trample on the historical role reserved to the state-based unorganized militia’s.

An expansion on the justification for the organized military to intervene in domestic issues is liberally extrapolated from the Constitution in an article “*Preparing The U.S. Army for Homeland Security*” [www.rand.org/publications/MR/MR1251/]. In it the author cites Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution which provides for “calling forth” the militia as the government authority for such intervention. However, he predictably fails to observe that this section refers to the *unorganized militia*, not the standing army of the federal government. He also cites Article IV, Section 4 as a source of authority, conveniently overlooking that this section not only guarantees a republican form of government [not a *democracy*] but does not grant the *carte blanche* authority he imagines to find to protect the states from domestic violence except at the petition of the legislature.

These liberties taken in Constitutional interpretation are, on examination, only superficially dedicated to the “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic” as the author suggests is the ideal driving the need for homeland defense. But he lists something much more sinister, that is, to “uphold and advance the national policies and interests of the [corporate – our emphasis] United States.” In today’s politics these two polarizing issues are not mutually compatible. And therein, as they say, is the rub.

It’s unfortunate that of the myriad of agencies having a shared responsibility for national defense, including the armed forces, not one can figure out how to do the job and none are being held accountable for their shortcomings.

And if the issue was securing the protection of the American people we might observe that we had a homeland defense organization. It was called Civil Defense and, if properly funded, would have provided a very credible system for public defense. It was of course politically unacceptable not only because it relied upon local community control and focused on real public education, but it stood in the way of those contemplating consolidation of power at the federal level. Absent, it ensures citizens and communities will remain ignorant and unprepared to respond effectively to emergencies including terrorist incidents.

But that isn't the issue Homeland Defense is intended to address. Consider Operation Garden Plot, Department of Defense Civil Disturbance Plan 55-2, developed in 1968. This plan was among the first to contemplate suppressing civil disturbances and "disobedience". More to the point it directs the military to suppress "rebellion" and "insurrection" against the authority of the United States whenever the President (not Congress) decides such action is required. As always the missing component of the equation is how the [organized] military should act in the event of federal insurrection against the Constitution.

In establishing an Office of Homeland Security we have the President installing yet another layer of bureaucracy just as inept, inadequate and irresponsible as the others who failed to protect the "homeland" so far. Our presumption however, is based on the proposition that they were designed and intended to protect America from independent actions by foreign governments. Perhaps they have.

On one hand we ask, is this Office of Homeland Security simply another layer of bureaucracy instigated by a bumbling administration as just another politically popular but visible response to public demand to "do something"? Is it instead intended to be an ineffective diversion to misdirect the public from other political other designs? Or is there more?

More likely, what we have is a total misunderstanding of the purpose and role of the proposed homeland defense force the Office of Homeland Security is intended to coordinate. The real meaning lies in understanding the propensity of government to consolidate power unto itself and to obfuscate their purpose by words used to mean exactly the opposite of what is commonly understood.

Realize first, the proposed "homeland defense force" can't protect the "homeland" from terrorism any more than existing agencies or the various "police" forces can protect a community from crime. If we, the American citizens were really being defended wouldn't we be rebuilding a viable civil defense system instead of spending billions in Y2K bucks to build self-sufficient underground bunkers for politicians and their hacks in the event of a national emergency?

From the design of the current legislation and the increased emphasis on organizations and training intended to control "domestic disturbances" the actual purpose of the "homeland" defense force" becomes ever more obvious. So does the need to promote confusion, endless distracting discussion, an overwhelming array of legalities, more unnecessary and overbearing bureaucracy, and activities to otherwise occupy a nervous public and a patriotic but not necessarily perceptive military. Therefore, the real intent is not to provide protection for the homeland, but from the homeland; not to provide for the protection of the republic by government, but to protect the corporate government from the republic.

To that end, the corporate state absolutely requires that the unorganized militia be ignored and deprived of the means to fulfill their obligation to the republic. The militia is the lowest common denominator of government. And there is only one genuine, Constitutional "homeland" defense force, again, that is the unorganized militia.

Time will tell what the Office of Homeland Security will bring to the republic besides images of a "Vaterland" thought long dead and buried. But off in the distance we hear the stomp of approaching jackboots, see the black uniforms of the State Security Division (National Police), and the ring of unbridled oppression unconstrained by Constitutional limitations on state power.

"It might here be shown, that the power in the federal legislature, to raise and support armies at pleasure, as well in peace as in war, and their control over the militia, tend, not only to a consolidation of the government, but the destruction of liberty...", Brutus, Essay I, October 18, 1787, attributed to Robert Yates, New York Judge in the New York Journal, The Anti-Federalist Papers, p. 273

TAKING TO THE FIELD

In The Piedmont Division

It's both stirring and somewhat intimidating to be invited once again to observe and participate in militia field exercises. Normally we don't describe the numerous field activities which, from one group to another, generally run throughout the year. However, it is with an increasing sense of urgency we do so to encourage and motivate others.

So once again, during the second weekend in October we took to the field for a full two days of training. This time however, the Piedmont hosted representatives from three companies in a variety of exercises including lectures to drills beginning on Saturday from shortly after dawn to long after dark. If Saturday was relatively less physically demanding, Sunday exercises were clearly not for the faint of heart.

Day one began with an extended assembly and equipment review period followed by a hike to the operational area. Facilities were a bit primitive but clean, dry and provided shelter from the cool fall wind. Following a review of current issues, members of the 44th Company provided an excellent overview and hands-on familiarization session of military protective masks from a variety of countries. Types, uses and limitations of various types of military and civilian protective suits were also discussed.

The demonstration was followed by a thorough overview of the technical aspects of NBC warfare. The discussion included a review of the consequences of NBC warfare, past and current government plans for target and host communities, and civil defense options used in several example countries. Summary information was followed by a detailed review of nuclear, chemical and biological warfare including discussion of the historical use of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, vectors, agents, indicators, effects, and primary and field expedient means of protection. Our overall impression was, despite the psychological ramifications and terrifying potential for these weapons, the prognosis for survival was fairly good if we had sufficient sense, or luck, to avoid obvious targets, and were able to exercise a little more than average common sense and understanding of the effects and safety requirements. We came to understand that NBC warfare is not only survivable but winnable.

The relatively comfortable class work soon gave way to field exercises. Out we went in full gear to run through numerous repetitions of patrol formations, procedures for crossing danger zones and use of hand signals. All participants took turn leading and everyone gained a great deal of insight and practical experience. Allowing only for breaks for field rations, the "passive" training eventually gave way to lectures on such topics as the rules of land warfare and practical training on engagement and disengagement tactics.

The weekend was complicated by an unanticipated cold snap which lent a sense of silent reality to the stream of exercises. In many ways the experience was a test not only of equipment but also of men. Each of us learned something of ourselves as well as our groups. We found no

lack of motivation or initiative. And while we discovered physical limitations, we also found endurance, comradeship and identity.

Much of what we learned is little more than common sense, but it's not something you can learn sitting on your butt, it's something you must earn. Those of you who have not already decided to surrender your freedoms or your firearms better find a little motivation. If one thing is perfectly clear after participating in these exercises, there is absolutely no substitute for doing.

Watching the exercises as they concluded brought to mind an article entitled *Twilight of The Citizen Soldier* by Dr. Eliot A. Cohen which appeared in PARAMETERS, US Army War College Quarterly, Summer, 2001. In it the author struggles with the concept of the citizen-soldier. He concludes that the true citizen-soldier, who serves out of duty, represents a cross-section of society, and while moderately proficient in military arts, still maintains a civilian identity, does not exist.

Blinded by the niceties of legal interpretation and oblivious to history and the Founders intent, Cohen and others are apparently ignorant of the real constitutional unorganized militia. Seeing Cohens dinosaurs alive and well was enough to give even the most cynical constitutionalist the warm fuzzies.

"Some people you can arbitrate with... you can reason a thing out and settle it fair and square. There's others will understand nothing but force." Louis L'Amour, Sackett, p. 222.

HARD TIMES PRIMER

The End of Take-Out

Jeremy Davis, the Public Affairs Officer of NCCM, has often observed how readily folks spend literally hundreds if not thousands of dollars on firearms, ammunition and gear but it's almost impossible to get them to invest in the most essential material for survival during hard times... food. It's a fact, when all is said and done the militia won't be going anywhere without an assured long-term store of resources for home and field.

No doubt the relatively high cost of edible insurance, coupled with the uncertainty of long-term storage methods may be a serious obstacle to the acquisition of food resources. We've addressed this topic in past issues but to this point have not provided instructions for storing bulk dry foods.

Even if you could afford them, MRE's are not the solution for bulk long-term food storage. Shelf life is good but limited to a relatively short 5+ years. However, the military meals are not designed to be compatible with the normal functions of the human digestive tract for more than a few days at a time. Canned goods may store up to about two years under optimal conditions and home canning provided staple foods for past generations. Therefore, somewhat more versatility is required for long term storage.

We're long past considering the basic Mormon formula, 300 lb. of hard red winter wheat, honey and freeze dried milk per person, as the basic unit of bulk food storage. Past techniques for bulk storage of whole grains using diatomaceous earth, nitrogen, carbon dioxide (dry ice) and/or salt all found favor with the survivalist community. These methods worked but were somewhat uncertain due to the permeability of plastic buckets most commonly used for storage, the quality

of the seal, and the limitation of these methods to maintain an optimum storage environment deficient in oxygen and moisture.

Of course you wouldn't want to be accused by some government agency of hoarding during a time of shortage. Hoarding is the term used by the shortsighted and improvident to describe the attempts of the prudent, intelligent, and resourceful to survive and prosper. But it will no doubt find favor as a justification for confiscation. (Shame on you for having the foresight to anticipate a future need.) If you can stand the burden of being labeled a criminal there is an economical, easy, and almost sure-fire safe way to put up a lot of bulk foods for hard times.

This is something you have to do now. If you wait until your favorite drive-in food emporium closes to understand the signs of the times, it'll be way too late to go shopping. So having diverted our competition (the snoopy neighbors) onto the trail of elusive gas masks, acting on the information provided by a confidential informant (just like the G-men) we piled into the militia-mobile and headed out to the suburbs to visit the guru of food packing on the cheap. Here's what we learned to do:

1. Scrounge empty five and six gallon plastic pails. Try to get about twenty for packing at a time. You can pay about \$4.80 - \$5.00 for them new at many supply houses. You can also get good clean used buckets for free or a \$buck apiece from construction sites, food outlets, yard sales and such. Look around, get the used, free ones. The five-gallon size is best.
2. Search out the nearest grain mill or feed store. They will usually stock, or be able to order bulk grains such as whole wheat berries (hard winter wheat is best for long term storage), oat groats or whole oats, cracked or whole corn, and sometimes bulk beans such as pintos. These items have been well dried (less than 10% moisture) and will usually come in 50 or 100 lb. bags. Avoid all flours, meals and ground grains; rolled oats seem to store well. Ask for fresh or current crop food grade grains but don't be discouraged if all you can find is feed grain. The only difference between the two is that the former has been processed through an additional "cleaning" step to winnow out small bits of husks and fiber from the original plant. If you're hungry you won't notice the difference. Figure on getting about 20 to 35 lbs. to a five-gallon pail depending on the weight of the grain (Ex. 17 lb. for rolled oats, 35 lb. pinto beans, etc.). Store it in a cool, dry place until ready to pack it.
3. Search out your local food suppliers or the Internet for 20 x 30 inch mylar foil [oxygen barrier] bags. These bags are specially constructed to a thickness of 4.5 mils and designed to prevent the transfer of oxygen into the bag. Shop around for the best price (about \$1.50/bag). Also ask your supplier for oxygen absorber packets. If used within a few minutes of opening these packets will absorb literally all (i.e., all 20.6% of the oxygen in the air spaces between individual grains in the package) the oxygen in the container, creating a partial vacuum, and ensuring a long shelf life. You'll need one or more packets capable of absorbing approximately 1500 cc per bucket. While you're at it, desiccants are not usually required for dry, coarse grains but might help absorb excess moisture if packed in a humid environment. Order and place one or more one ounce desiccant packets in the bottom of the bag in each pail. There are many suppliers. A few possible suppliers (no specific recommendation) include:

www.livingwell.com

www.survivalunlimited.com

www.waltonfeed.com

www.roycopackaging.com

4. When ready to pack place a mylar bag in each pail, the desiccant goes in the bottom. Add the grain almost to the top of the bucket and place the oxygen absorber(s) at the top. Press the excess air out of the bag, or use a small vacuum pump or vacuum cleaner to draw a small negative pressure on the bag to compress the contents. Use a commercial heat sealer to seal the top of the bag. In a pinch a curling iron, or a standard iron and a smooth board works fine to create an airtight seal which is next to impossible to pull apart. If a vacuum is not placed in the bag at the time of sealing, the “puckering” affect of the oxygen absorber will be evident in about 30 minutes as the oxygen is absorbed inside the mylar foil bag.

5. Smart shoppers might take a few extra steps to ensure their investment arrives safely in the future. Consider adding a sealed container of salt, pepper and/or seasoning inside each bucket. The cost is nominal and a little seasoning will go a long way to ensure that unfamiliar foods are acceptable and palatable. Take the time to properly label the top and side of each pail and cover the label with clear packing tape to be certain it stands the test of time. While you’re at it sit down at your computer and print up a set of recipes for your bulk foods and place them under the lid of each bucket. You might find some good ideas on grain preparation at www.wildoats.com.

6. The drawbacks to bulk grains are their unfamiliarity to those of us accustomed to prepared foods, the need for soaking and or cooking before eating, and that some forms require the use of a [inexpensive] grain grinder to make meal or flour for other uses. The primary benefit is long term storage viability, low cost (from \$0.15 to about \$1.00 per pound), and of course, availability. With a little searching and joint purchase with friends you will easily be able to expand your supply of basic grains to beans, rice and other staples. And if you do it right a 10-year storage life should be a reasonable expectation. Oh, and once you pack your buckets, store them in a variety of cool, dry places; make sure your “eggs” are in more than one basket.

Now you have the basics on how to package bulk grains and beans like the professionals. Once we get some experience with this method we plan to experiment with small foil pouches. Our goal is to develop a set of recipes for packaging our own lightweight, low-cost MAR’s, i.e., Meals, Almost Ready-To-Eat. No, it’s not the same as take-out, but in a real pinch we think we could learn to like it better than the alternative. We would welcome hearing from anyone with experience in this area. We’ll keep you posted.

BARNYARD FABLES #46

Officer Candidate School

The testy looking Bird standing tall in the center of the darkened room didn’t look Cowed by the panel of old Roosters squatting in the shadows along the base of the plain board wall.

“You certainly don’t look much like an officer,” observed Ol’ Walt. “An”, he continued, “you couldn’t sit in that room with a wet towel over yer head fer even five minutes ... why if that was really biological bad stuff yu mighta gotta snoot full....an’ that was only the first test”.

“Ain’t much on gullibility tests”, cawed Wilbur, “An that stuff was nuthin’ more than good wholesome Chicken shit. I’m a thinkin’ an doin’ Bird, not a mushroom!”

“When we told ya ta strut yer stuff ya couldn’t do it our way neither, no ... ya always had to find some new or better way,” came a wavering voice out of the gloom. “Must ya always march to a differen’t drummer?”, demanded the old Bird from the dark.

"I can foller orders with the best of Birds but I gotta have purpose!," replied Wilbur a little indignant, "and," he continued, "that purpose is winnin'!"

"What about the Fox test!" crowed Sarge. "Yu was supposed to run crazy-like thru the Fox cage flappin' yer wings an' doin' regular Chickin stuff to get past that hungry Fox... but NO!... you moseyed right on up, spit in his eye, pecked his nose and just waltzed on over to the other door!"

"Well, you gonna get us another Fox?" demanded ol' Red

"How many yu want?", replied Wilbur calmly pulling out a note pad.

"Well," said Ol' Walt sticking his thin neck forward to place a beady eye on the candidate", "Yu sure gotta lotta crawl! We sent ya home with a officer's manual to read so's we could test ya and ya not only brought back a new chapter on tactics but buried the pencil out back in a cache!"

"Kick me out if ya must!" replied Wilbur firmly, "I may not be real Chicken Militia material, but yu can be sure I'll be an *army of one* all by my lone-self if I hafta," concluded the dusty but undaunted Bird.

"Hell no, ya ain't getting' off that easy!", crowed ol' Red. "That ain't no fittin' punishment fer the likes of you. "

"Ya failed every test with flyin' colors," concluded the senior Bird, "so we's makin' yu an officer!"

If crooked gambling, thieving, and robbing are covered over, folks will tolerate it longer than outright violence, even when the violence may be cleansing." Louis L'Amour, *The Daybreakers*, p. 106.

BOOK REVIEW

Behold A Pale Horse

It has been our intention for some time to review "*Behold A Pale Horse*" written by Milton William Cooper. The author is noted for his controversial short wave radio program as well as this eye-opening book which describes the origins and objectives of the socialist New World Order. The book is published by Light Technology Publishing, copyright 1991 (ISBN 0-929385-22-5]. By way of introduction the author explains his purpose in part:

"The purpose of this book is to convince you (the reader) that something is terribly wrong. It is my hope that this work will inspire you to begin an earnest search for the truth."

If the book is read seriously and with an open mind there is no doubt that the author achieves his objective. Drawing upon his military career, particularly his tenure at the Office of Naval Intelligence, and half a lifetime of research Cooper not only claims but demonstrates his qualifications to speak about the planned totalitarian police state called the New World Order.

Cooper's book is remarkable not only for his thorough summary of the many elements in society contributing to this planned world-wide police state, but also the inclusion of relevant documents which demonstrate his points. There is no doubt that the work is socially unpopular if for no other reason than it identifies a number of social "icons" which are intimately involved with aiding those forces in government to subvert our constitutional republic. He examines the influence and affect of secret societies, the organized church, and government agencies and the underlying premises of these groups, including constraints imposed by energy, economics, agriculture, climate, and population growth, which provide the drive and rationale for the New World Order.

Admittedly, the references to the possible presence of aliens in this process is more than a little incredulous and the source material referenced may be attributable to the occult influence in cultivating and manipulating public opinion and reactions to the coming world state. Much more credible are the illustrations from organizations, laws, documents, and history which lend ample support to the authors arguments.

Of particular interest is Chapter 13, Treason In High Places. Here Cooper summarizes the evidence and arguments demonstrating that a UN based world order is not only planned but, in large part, has already been implemented. Cooper illustrates how government policy and laws are interpreted to be entirely subject to the UN Charter. More importantly he demonstrates that that Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution cancels any allegiance to the United Nations. The presumption that UN treaties supercede the Constitution is easily refuted precisely because they run contrary to that document.

If an explanation of the treasonous activities of government were not enough to intimidate the reader, Cooper proceeds to provide documentation regarding the methods used to manipulate individuals and populations to curb dissent and misdirect public attention. In doing so he provides documentation of involvement by our military as well as foreign governments in this process.

In summary, the cumulative affect of reviewing the materials contained in the book is almost overwhelming. We might disagree with some of the postulates, but the documentation leaves little doubt as to the direction America is heading and the consequences of both the journey and arrival at the destination... a world totalitarian state.

Behold A Pale Horse may be out of print but it appears to be readily available from several sources. If for no other reason than the information cited, it would be a valuable educational tool for anyone who talks to others about the planned New World Order and the misery, deprivation and conflict which will herald its arrival.

"The liberties of a people cannot be lasting without knowledge. The human mind is capable of great cultivation. Knowledge is not only useful, but it adds dignity to man. When the minds of men are improved, they can better understand their rights – they can know what part they are to act, in contributing to the welfare of the nation. Freemen should always acquire knowledge; this is a privilege and pleasure unknown to slaves; this elevates the mind of man; this creates a conscious dignity of his importance as a rational creature, and a free agent." Rev. Israel Evans, Sermon delivered at Concord, New Hampshire, June, 1791.

IN THE WIRE

Colin Powell On Tyranny:

In a recent article penned by Walt Burien on June 26th entitled "SS Numbers 'To Monitor, Track Down And Capture' Americans" [www.sightings.com/general11/powell.htm] the author provides details of a 6/17 Fox News Sunday interview with Colin Powell, US Secretary of State. In discussing Russian capabilities to track down nuclear materials and scientists Colin remarked:

"Finding the Russian scientists may be a problem being that Russia does not have a Social Security System, as here in America, that allows us to monitor, track down and capture an American citizen."

Do you suppose he might have been telegraphing the intent of government as it relates to US dissidents?

Butcher of Waco Runs For Office:

The final test to determine the official "intelligence quotient for mushrooms" of the American people will be conducted in Florida next year. Janet Reno, the Butcher of Waco is running for Governor.

George The Patriot:

On September 17, 2001 President Bush issued Proclamation #7466 in celebration of Citizenship Day and Constitution Week, 2001. In it he points out the primary result of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787 indicating:

"...they grasped that a great democracy must be built on the twin foundations of national consent to a Federal Government and respect for individual rights."

Amid the flowery platitudes for which his speech writers are so famous lurks unmentioned Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution which guarantees us a republic. And much more than a requirement for simple respect for individual rights he seems to have misplaced the absolute guarantee to protect our inalienable natural rights. Once again he illustrates how those in government have once again persuaded themselves that these constitutional guarantees are little more than guiding principles.

Hey... there's no law that says a President should know the difference between a republic and a democracy. And if nobody else does either, who cares? But then again, those of us who think deep thoughts may wonder why he even bothers going through the motions, after all he did just sign a terrorism bill that guts the 4th Amendment and brings America closer to a police state. Is it out of an insiders sense of humor? Or is it the pragmatic action of a prudent farmer that recognizes the necessity of occasionally fertilizing the mushrooms before they are plucked.

"Between a balanced republic and a democracy, the difference is like that between order and chaos." John Marshall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Anti-Biotics:

Readers have been requesting information on the availability and use of antibiotics and natural alternatives that promote health and healing. For information of this nature check out the articles section at www.tetrahedron.org. For those with an interest in acquiring radiation detection equipment a good informative site seems to be www.radmeters4u.com. If you can't find a source for NBC suits find an on-line source for industrial tools and equipment and check out the Kappler [www.kappler.com] line of protective clothing.

Surplus Equipment:

Proposed Senate Bill S1438 which contains the annual authorization for the Department of Defense would authorize the Secretary of Defense to order the "demilitarization" of all "significant" military equipment ever owned by the Department. The law would apply to private citizens, requiring them to ensure the destruction or return of all surplus equipment in their possession, including legally issued M1 Garands, M1 carbines and other firearms. In part, it's clearly crafted as a firearms confiscation bill and one which would also deprive the unorganized militia of much of the equipment necessary to support potential operations. Eventually the administration will become bold enough to plainly show their hand against American citizens. Perhaps this will be it.

"Religion and Liberty are the two great objects of defensive war. Conjoined, they unite all the feelings, and call forth all the energies, of man. ... Without religion we may possibly retain the freedom of savages, bears, and wolves; but not the freedom of New England. If our religion were gone, our state of society would perish with it; and nothing would be left, which would be worth defending. Our children of course, if not ourselves, would be prepared, as the ox for the slaughter, to become the victims of conquest, tyranny, and atheism." Rev. Timothy Dwight, D.D., President of Yale College, New Haven, CT, July 4, 1798, p. 1380.

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READERS COMMENTS:

"Dear Sir or Madam:

In light of recent events it would seem to me that there has been no greater time of need for a citizens militia throughout the United States.

It is painfully apparent that we will be attacked again and again by outside terrorist organizations. It now may become necessary to defend our country from these terrorists as well as insure the safety of our citizens.

I would urge units to make overt contacts with county officials in some way or another to make our assets available to County emergency management in the event of an emergency. I would also urge Regimental leadership to have a solid plan ready to be implemented.

This could truly be a time in our recent history that a citizen's militia can prove we are not just a band of rabble as well as gain acceptance within our prospective communities. Romeo Delta"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Militia Christmas Drive:

For the eighth continuous year the North Carolina Citizens Militia, Mountain Division, 44th Regiment will sponsor an annual Christmas program for children and families who would not otherwise enjoy the traditional celebration of the season. Each year the 44th Regiment brings Christmas to approximately 40 families in the Mountain Division. This important and growing community effort would not be possible without the outstanding and welcome support of businesses, individuals and militia units.

If you would like to make a donation to this effort please contact Jeremy Davis, PAO, at the address given below.

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