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*"Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled either by a power within them, or by a power without them; either by the word of God, or by the strong arm of man, either by the Bible, or by the bayonet."* Robert C. Winthrop, 1852

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## MILITIA PERSPECTIVES

### Living By The Sword:

The New World Order is at war. Of that we can be certain; our own president has told us so. Recently he informed us that 2002 will also be a year of war. Just who they will be warring against remains unclear and irrelevant to most Americans. In this issue we will explore a few possibilities.

On one hand we have a new “*crusade*”, we didn’t say it ...George did, against “terrorism” which, while certainly not limited to the predominantly Muslim countries of the world, appear for all practical purposes to be the primary targets. The largest (and mostly non-Muslim) countries of the world that employ or otherwise subsidize terrorism for political purposes are conveniently exempt from this globalist defined “war on terrorism”.

This is obviously not an oversight. There may be many reasons for such special targeting, not the least is the resistance of mid-eastern nations to subvert their independence to globalist goals. No doubt there is also some advantage for countries to pay lip service to the US war on “terrorism”. In entering such immoral partnerships they enjoy riding the political coattails of opportunity afforded by the chaos created as smaller, independent nations opposed to global domination are terrorized, manipulated or bombed into submission.

On the domestic scene Congress has clearly and unconstitutionally abdicated its international war making authority to the Executive. However, they have very plainly established a legislative precedent, in effect declaring “war” on all American citizens and groups who might be predisposed to opposed to the leveling America to third world status.

Arbitrary and punitive measures against individuals and/or groups opposed to unconstitutional laws, treaties and policies have been legislatively enacted and more are pending. Individuals and groups have been formally identified and targeted. The mechanisms for enforcement are nearly complete, and the enforcers have been conditioned and pre-positioned. Little remains but to stage a suitable provoking event(s) to justify implementation based on the color of law.

All this has not gone unnoticed. The Internet abounds with articles from leading journalists lamenting the unconstitutional, immoral and unethical aspects of recent legislation and the imposition of police state policies and acts. The use of descriptive terms such as “dictatorship”, “subversion”, “manipulation”, loss of “rights”, and “tyranny” are openly and often used. Many of those in the liberal camp are obviously so fearful of newly realized consequences of their own idealist shared agenda they are purchasing weapons and abandoning the gun control camp in droves. Firearm sales figures are at an all-time high.

It is gratifying and predicable that some of the smarter mice would finally take notice that there are consequences to prying open the Constitutional doors to the cage which served to constrain runaway government. Unfortunately, none among them to our knowledge has acknowledged even partial responsibility or volunteered to bell the cat.

On the positive side, the outpouring of figurative hair tearing, gnashing of teeth and wringing of hands verifies the legitimate concerns expressed over many years by militia writers. The most optimistic, or apologetic of the left leaning mice warn of inevitable consequences perhaps

twenty years down the road. Others observe that the pace of technology and communication assures us of much more immediate consequences of the structured collapse, or leveling, of America.

As events accelerate our rush deeper into a police state we often find ourselves confused and overwhelmed. It's harder to maintain a sense of continuity; more things are happening than can be assimilated. At such times we need to remind ourselves that's the way our perceptions are intended to be. We are supposed to be confused, awash in a sea of information and conflicting claims, and infused with a sense of futility.

We have become comfortable with the constant velocity of change. Our numbers are growing and public awareness increasing in part because of our combined efforts to counter the information war. Yet as public awareness has increased, so has the rate of change.

The ongoing threat of domestic terrorism has provided the opportunity to both accelerate the rate of change and drive many to accept radical and otherwise unacceptable solutions. Yet, there's nothing at all wrong with us, our instincts are correct. As words, legislation, edicts, etc. accelerate we need to remind ourselves that talk is cheap, regardless of where it originates. Implementing such changes is quite another matter; that takes cooperation.

While we may speculate to futility on the reasons behind the international and domestic moves in the game of New World Order monopoly, it's more important that we only try to maintain a sense of perspective. With regard to the "war" on terrorism we would like to point out two important concepts.

The first is that declaring a war on "terrorism" is declaring war on an idea. "Terrorism" may be generally defined as the pursuit of social or political objectives by violence or coercion, principally with the sponsorship of nation-states, where there are no moral constraints or limits on the means to affect the desired changes and where violence in any form is justifiable if it leads to the desired end. That the federal government itself holds to this belief system is self-evident. If it were not so there would have been no cover-up or massacre of men, women and children in Waco, Texas.

The unorganized militia holds to the belief that certain rules of conduct are as essential in war as they are in life, and that war itself must be limited to defensive or righteous wars. That is why no member of a constitutional militia organization has ever been lawfully charged with a crime of violence. And, although as citizen soldiers we know little enough of war, we know that the pursuit of war to stamp out an idea is to fail before you begin.

We also understand that evil begets evil. In pursuing a course of pre-emptive violence against the world of "terrorism" the Administration has set aside diplomacy, example and reason for unprincipled aggression. Our current policy maintains that the United States unilaterally reserves the right, dismissing even international treaty and agreements, to intervene in any nation, against their government, citizenry and military, if it serves any self-serving economic or political purpose.

This means that we have made the transition from republic to empire, from rule of law to "might makes right". We have made the transition from a nation of principle to one committed to living by the sword and abandoned the republic to an administrative dictatorship. And, it is clear that there are very, very few in Congress who dare oppose these objectives.

What we have is not so much a war against “terrorism”, the US and other governments regularly use it themselves, nor the specific *idea* of “terrorism”, it is the nature of man to contemplate both moral and immoral acts. It is a war in three parts. The first is against those who have allegedly employed terrorism against the power base of the corporate United States; the second, using the first as pretense, is the use of war to expedite the subjugation of vulnerable countries which oppose the *idea* of one-world tyranny; the third, a domestic war against those who possess the *idea* of freedom. As President Bush correctly noted, it is a *crusade* against those opposed to the globalist aims of a subjugated world.

And on the sidelines, Americans who should be frantically waving copies of their Constitution continue to mindlessly wave flags manufactured in Chinese labor camps, celebrate their superficial patriotism by cheering each new legislative assault on the freedoms, and wonder why the value of their 401(k) retirement funds are plummeting. And the liberals who now anxiously contemplate the consequences of unconstitutional initiatives on terrorism would run if they could rather than write of their concerns, but there is no place to go.

*“The permanent possibility of war is the foundation for stable government; it supplies the basis for general acceptance for political authority. It has enabled societies to maintain necessary class distinctions, and it has ensured the subordination of the citizen to the state, by virtue of the residual war powers inherent in the concept of nationhood. No modern political ruling group has successfully controlled its constituency after failing to sustain the continuing credibility of an external threat of war. The Report From Iron Mountain, the Special Study Group, 1967.*

### Free Speech Ain't Free:

The tempo of change toward the imposition of a true police state is increasing almost by the day. Events, legislation, edicts are developing so fast it is impossible to keep track of them. At some point curtailment of free speech is a certainty. Rumors abound of pending initiatives to put an end to short wave broadcasts and/or Internet dissention. Several provisions of the new USA Patriot Act could easily be cited as pretext for putting an end to the criticism of government. Not the least is found in Section 802 of the Act, which provides for censure of people and things, which even “appear to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population”.

President Bush has brashly advised us that we (presumably the nations’ socialist leadership) are at war. We have also been reminded by Attorney General Ashcroft that “I think it’s important to understand that we are at war now.”

To help prepare American citizens for the privations historically associated with war President Bush has sagely advised the public that we must go shopping. Not, mind you, for staples and essentials intended to ensure our safety and security, but to create more debt to support the same bankers that are gutting the livelihood of citizens in Indonesia, Argentina and other financially troubled countries.

Ashcroft has been a little more pragmatic. He advises us that simply because we are “at war” more of our rights must be surrendered. Exactly how that will facilitate the war on terrorism isn’t quite clear, except if we are talking about different enemies and another type of war.

A quick look at history will confirm that among the very first things which governments demand during times of war is the surrender of the right of free speech, that is, the right of criticism and

dissent. A government determined to consolidate power, having been granted (by default) unrestricted license to wage war, assumes authority without fear of censure. There are no constraints or limits to aggrandizement and no authority to oppose it.

The printed word has a way about it that inspires ordinary men and women to consider things and ideas greater than themselves. There can be little doubt, truth is intimidating to those who traffic in deception.

Now that the authority to stifle dissent has been formally granted to enforcement agencies, actual implementation cannot be far behind. At the moment in time all alternatives to resist tyranny by lawful means, including the right [duty] to freely criticize government corruption, have been cut off there will, of course, remain no recourse to restoring legitimate Constitutional government except by force.

We've often speculated what comes first. The Patriot Act reflects official policy. The legislature has effectively authorized their enforcement agents to first come for the pens, pencils, and keyboards and those who wield... then the guns.

When in the process of progressive sedition will these things occur? Who is John Galt?

*"A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law."* Martin Luther King, Letter From Birmingham Jail, April, 1963.

#### Smoking Videotapes:

Based on highly controversial videotape "evidence" Good King George the Junior has loudly proclaimed the complicity of Osama bin Laden in the September attacks on the World Trade Center. Frankly, we are prompted to accept the complicity of the Al-Qaeda terrorist group due to their reported propensity for such things and their, not unfounded, animosity for America, if only as tools or minions of larger political forces. But when it comes to videotapes we are struck between incongruities.

Regretfully, when it comes to videotapes our very own government is well known for lies, deceit and cover-ups. For example, where might we ask are the "missing" videotapes from downtown Oklahoma City on the morning of the attack on the Murrah Building? And, according to the still living experts who managed to remain off the federal hit list, there is overwhelming evidence that the government altered and/or faked videotape evidence of the Waco massacre. It would be more than an honest man could stomach to accept any videotape claim by a federal agency at face value.

But we're a trusting folk, so for a moment we'll concede equal weight for videotape evidence. On December 4<sup>th</sup> George himself publicly admitted to watching film footage of the first jet that hit the World Trade Center on September 11<sup>th</sup>. In fact, his claim to have seen TV footage of the first plane impact is quite amazing since by media consensus it didn't exist at the time he claims to have seen it.

Osama and his Al-Qaeda organization may be guilty as charged. But as the basis for such a charge and subsequent justification for war the videotape in question does not in any way constitute proof and, in fact, is rife with contradictions. We regret the videotape in which

George perjured himself, at least for the guilt of foreknowledge, did not get equal attention in the court of public opinion.

Of course, the evidence for government awareness as evidenced by numerous investigative stories is massive. Not to trivialize the implications of George's statements, but the most important aspect of the 9-11 event is an understanding that the war against such a nebulous and artificial enemy as "terrorism" can be nothing more than another version of wag the dog. Again, truth is not simply the first casualty of war, it is the principle weapon by which war is conducted on a deceived population.

In commenting on the bin Laden video expose Bush claims it is proof bin Laden has "no soul, no conscience". It appears he speaks for himself as well.

### International Events:

On December 24<sup>th</sup> Argentina defaulted on the repayment of approximately \$150 billion in debt. We might recall how the IMF manipulated the financial chaos in Indonesia causing economic hardship, bloodshed, violence, and material shortages until political power was reconciled to the requirements of the International Monetary Fund, the big bankers who decide the fate of nations.

Argentina is now attempting internal political and financial reorganization in the hopes that it can remain at least somewhat independent of these international bankers. However, following the IMF *experiment* in Indonesia, Argentina seems targeted to be the next large scale economic test case, one that may likely involve universal ID cards and a cashless society.

The IMF's representative in the United States is, of course, the Federal Reserve. Recently a talk show host noted that over 2.5 million jobs have been lost in the United States this year alone, principally due to the benefits of NAFTA and GATT. Despite brash claims for perpetual prosperity and glowing stock market reports, no economy can long sustain even the appearance of prosperity at the rate manufacturing and technical jobs are disappearing. If there were truth to the claims of perpetual prosperity the Federal Reserve would not have cut prime lending rates an all time record of nine times this past year. And there will assuredly be no general prosperity for those thousands of displaced American workers now fortunate to find minimum wage work in our new service based economy.

Keep wishing for economic recovery but keep your eye on Argentina. The rioting, destruction of property, and financial and political chaos currently raging demonstrates what happens when international bankers decide to level a country. In this window of time Argentina shows us what happens when people remain ignorant about their monetary and financial systems. The consequences of financial corruption brought about by reliance on a fiat money system are there for all to see. For a glimpse of the financial future of the US one only has to watch Argentina.

In other areas the kettle continues to boil in Asia between India and Pakistan, India and China, North Korea and Japan, Turkey and Iraq, and the US with everybody. Increasing tensions between India and Pakistan increase the prospect of nuclear war. To be sure a power vacuum now exists in Pakistan, forced to take sides with the US at least temporarily to avoid the fate of Afghanistan.

Recent attacks on India's parliament by Pakistani nationals have been perceived as an attempt by Pakistan to undermine India's government. Red China has entered as a player by staking claim to certain areas as far as 20 kilometers inside India's borders. It appears agents provocateur may be continuing their work to destabilize both. Pakistan, having been co-opted to support the US, a country known for its propensity to abandon supporters for political expediency, remains politically unstable. As the largest food producer in the region and with a growing industrial base India remains a primary contender with China for political and economic influence on the subcontinent. It will soon even have a larger population base. No doubt China would find it very advantageous if for any reason India and Pakistan would go to war. To capitalize on such we understand that China has built or improved both roads and railroads through otherwise inhospitable areas that might prove militarily useful, just in case their "help" is needed.

Similar tensions are growing among other nations in the region. US troops are massing in Kuwait pending orders for Iraq and regional warnings are out anticipating potential US incursions into Somalia. The potential for unintended consequences also haunt our adventurism in Afghanistan due its implications on the balance of power in Saudi Arabia, Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. The US now finds itself overextended, more vulnerable than ever before in history, and right in the middle of several pending crises, fat with apparent success and arrogance and with a notable shortage of cruise missiles and other weaponry. And, by the way, rumor has it that things aren't going as well in Afghanistan as expected. By any measure, our foreign policy is certainly remarkable if nothing else for the chaos that has been created. So deliberate has this course been pursued, one might think that the consequences were intentional.

*"When you're wounded and left of Afghanistan's plains,  
And the women come out to cut up what remains,  
Jest roll to your rifle and blow out your brains  
An' go to your Gawd like a soldier.  
Go, go, go like a soldier,  
Go, go, go like a soldier,  
Go, go, go like a soldier,  
So-oldier ~of~ the Queen!"*

From Rudyard Kipling, *The Young British Soldier* (last verse)

### Pre-positioning The Troops:

The need to do this political takeover of America "right" is absolutely predictable. Indeed, literally every step has been taken under the guise of legality with little room allowed for error or oversight. But the absolutely critical point is that this world federation program of anti-constitutional usurpation has got to be thorough ... the New World Order won't get a second chance, and they know it.

It takes time to dot all the legislative "i's", and double-cross the "t's" in duplicity. They're pretty clever. But now all the gaps and pieces that can be anticipated have almost all been addressed by legislation or edict. It's time to start bringing the pieces together. Among the last of the necessary elements is the establishment of an interim "army" of pacification.

The "creation" of a [federal] Homeland Defense organization (the states already have one; it's called the unorganized militia) is an essential step to the consolidation of power at the federal level. The corporate government already has a mechanism (agencies) for intimidation and

coercion. What is needed is the platform from which to actually implement the “preemptive measures” provided for in the Patriot Act. In Afghanistan such measures included carpet-bombing, population relocation, and much gratuitous “collateral damage” which, if they had occurred in the US would be termed “terrorism”.

Such acts are not specifically predicted for the attempt at pacification in America. However, the magnitude and degree of the chaos intentionally created during international intervention is likely a reliable indicator of the violence and magnitude of disruption likely to be anticipated.

As an interim measure the Homeland Defense organization, i.e., the National Guard, has been assigned to urban war games at our nations airports and other transportation terminals. This phase of Homeland Defense training essentially consists of loyalty, indoctrination and crowd handling exercises for National Guard personnel and psychological exercises for the public to induce a continuing sense of fear and helplessness, and to condition American citizens to accepting direct military control and authority.

As intellectually honest observers we need to set aside the superficial pretense that the use of the National Guard for transportation security is either justified or that it can provide a level of protection unavailable through contract security service companies. Machine gun emplacements, armored vehicles and military patrols can do little to protect travelers from rogue mechanics who take planes apart with ratchet wrenches, suicide squads armed with box cutters, nail files, and plastic eating utensils, and state sponsored fanatics smart enough to smuggle x-ray transparent weapons onto airplanes.

Certainly it would be a welcome measure of security if the National Guard could protect airliners from ground-to-air missile(s) such as that which downed Flight 800, or the sabotage that claimed Flight 86 in New York, and the military downing of Flight 93 over Pennsylvania. But it would be even more valuable if they could protect us from the really dangerous elements in society and government ... the ones that perpetuate the lies about these incidents.

We could also speculate on whether the use of the National Guard is a sign of political weakness or strength, but its' both. And we could dither about debating the necessity and type of optimum travel security. But, aside from the conditioning aspects, there is a much more important implication. That is, the indeterminate assignment of the Guard, and mechanized units, to transportation security in virtually all major cities represents not only a pre-positioning of Homeland Defense forces, but their perpetual mobilization. And that, generally, is the last step before commitment.

#### Johnny Can't Shoot:

Hunting season is temporarily drawing to a close, but it has come to our attention that some NCCM members have purchased new equipment and some are still struggling with the old but reliable. Regrettably, some in the militia have rifles which have not been satisfactorily sighted in and some owners that have not qualified with their firearms to militia standards.

A rifle (or rifleman) that will or cannot function to the level to which the equipment allows is of little value. The fact that many in the organized militia are no better qualified is of small comfort or justification. Firearms proficiency should be a matter of pride to all militia members. A rifle isn't much in the way of a “weapon of mass destruction”. However, it should be a matter of honor that when one makes the transition from a dedicated and free American patriot and



defender of Constitutional government to a genuine “domestic terrorist” under the USA Patriot Act, one ought to have some reasonable level of proficiency with their rifle to merit the title.

To ensure completion, your list of New Year’s Resolutions should be relevant and short. If you have any reason at all to suspect the above description fits, this should be #1 on your list.

#### Other Political Dogs & Acts of War:

In our perspectives we have hardly touched on the many new events, legislation, and edicts intended to subvert and otherwise integrate America with third world nations in a totalitarian world government. We have not addressed the sweeping ramifications of the proposed Emergency Health Powers Act, the unconstitutional delegation of the President with “fast track” Trade Promotion Authority that will expand on the failures of GATT and NAFTA. We have not followed the trail of anthrax that leads directly to the CIA and our very own government bio-warfare labs, the frantic push behind a national ID card, and the promotion of Digital Angel implantable chips. We would be remiss if we did not at least include among the casualties of politics our failure to control illegal immigration or to curb the judicial use sedition laws to circumvent Constitutional protections.

Your assignment for the coming months, if you accept, is to independently pursue one or more of these issues. It is your duty to arrive at your own independent conclusions, outside of public media influence, regarding their implications and to implement such acts of self-preservation as may be prudent or necessary if such action is warranted.

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*“We shall have world government whether or not you like it, by conquest or consent.”*  
Statement by Council of Foreign Relations (CFR) member James Warburg to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, February 17, 1950.

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## **THE SHADOW WAR**

### **Bursting At The Seams**

Some might consider it curious that literally dozens of microbiologists are turning up dead, missing or the victims of remarkable sudden illnesses. More curious is that most if not all have been directly involved in bio-weapons or nuclear research programs of various governments. Even more remarkably these incidents have occurred in the same time frame over the span of a few weeks and have occurred to our knowledge in Australia, Israel, America, and England. But, what is truly amazing is the fact that the major media have totally ignored the events and implications. One has only to access one alternative Internet outlet such as [www.rense.com](http://www.rense.com) for an abundance of information on this issue.

Speaking about portends of things to come we note Congress is currently considering HR-218, a bill sponsored by the law enforcement community. It’s core element is the exemption of current and former law enforcement officers from concealed carry laws outside their legal jurisdictions. Having seen the future (and it’s not pretty), some in law enforcement no doubt sense that pending actions to ban firearms requires enforcement that will affect even themselves.

There is an understanding then that effective enforcement could be seriously compromised unless the enforcers have some reassurance of maintaining their status as a protected class after the dirty deed is done. We don’t think it will be enough for the simple majority of law

enforcement officers. Many are beginning to read the writing on the wall and understand that the NWO eats its own. Not to worry though, officers whose use or ownership of firearms is restricted will always be part of the unorganized militia and as citizens may claim inherent God-given rights to the means of self-defense.

This proposal comes at a time when rumors and stories abound of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of John Doe prisoners being held in local jails at the request of federal agencies. Rumor has it that among these held are included those suspected of complicity in the 9-11 attack on the WTC as well as federal officers and others who allegedly know entirely too much about those behind terrorism in America. This issue bears watching.

How can we overlook American Airlines Flight 587 when we talk about the shadow war? The National Transportation Safety Board has determined that the airplane simply fell apart in mid-air. It happens all the time. Remember TWA Flight 800 that fell out of the sky shortly after taking off from LaGuardia heading for Europe? Literally hundreds of witnesses swear a missile caused the crash. And again, dozens of credible witnesses reported explosions onboard Flight 587 prior to its crash. We certainly hope people are getting smarter because, according to the government, our eyesight is getting worse by the day.

The puzzle is taking shape. As the shadow war becomes more difficult to pursue it becomes more visible. This war appears to have several fronts. Not only do NWO factions appearing to be warring among themselves or perhaps more correctly, being played off against each other, but friction between the nations contending against each other for control of the world of the future is clearly increasing.

Biological warfare agents now figure prominently in the shadow war. Once again the FBI threw verbal cow pies into the wind alleging patriot/militia group involvement in the recent Anthrax attacks. Alternately, they conceded the involvement of some unnamed Islamic terrorist group.

Do you suppose they did that before they knew that the Ames strain of anthrax being used clearly originated in American biowarfare labs, more specifically the US Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Disease, or do they just like to look stupid? At last report we understand they were attempting to investigate the CIA itself and finding only stone walls to interview. Things seem just a little suspicious.

It is rumored that those with Al-Qaeda sympathies help maintain security at Pakistani nuclear weapons facilities, or so claims Osama bin Laden. Perhaps Al-Qaeda is also in charge of security at top-secret US labs, after all, isn't Osama bin Laden a CIA employee?

If one really wants world chaos, you can't just aggravate the little guys, you've got to really stoke the fire. To help stoke the nuclear fire Good King George Jr. has arbitrarily announced that the US will abandon the 1972 ABM treaty with the Soviet Union, which limits deployment of anti-ballistic missiles. That is, if Russia can have them, we can too.

On the face of it conservatives are rejoicing, confident that the US will finally have an ABM umbrella. Publicly, neither Russia or China appear pleased with the decision, but who knows if they really believe the President is serious. Regardless, both continue to arm to themselves with nuclear teeth, with the willing assistance of US companies and government. After all, one must have worthy enemies with which to intimidate a gullible population.

But no, it is not the intention of the federal government to build or maintain either an effective ABM or civil defense system. Each previous initiative has been intentionally sabotaged before it could become effective. The government has built its own shelter system but has left the public with nothing but disinformation and hopelessness. Worse, the ABM concept, as we have previously observed, is fundamentally flawed.

The President has called on all Americans to participate in the establishment of a viable civil defense and community support program. Some have optimistically speculated that he is calling on the militia for assistance. Setting such silliness aside, his intention is to divert citizen attention to innocuous but potentially helpful (and distracting) community endeavors. George Jr. is no more serious about civil defense than his father.

The best, least expensive, and most expedient civil defense system could be implemented by giving every residential and rural homeowner a shovel, a roll of plastic sheeting and two sheets of instructions. Alternatives could be outlined for city residents. For that matter, public TV could be used to once provide reliable rather than dis-information to any in America interested in self-preservation. There is ample expertise among the volunteers of the unorganized militia to develop a public education program addressing such issues. Don't expect the government to make any of this happen any time soon.

These proposals to develop a viable ABM and civil defense system no doubt ring loud in the empty halls of false idealism but we've been there, done that and recognize hollow rhetoric when we hear it. However, the problem may unfortunately be more immediate and serious than the government might wish us to realize. What manner of insanity is it when one dismantles a nation's military, disperses its assets to the wind, incurs massive financial and material expenditure on inconsequential and improvident wars, and only then goads those with the real military assets to use them or lose them against them in ideological passion or simply to avoid lost opportunity?

Big game hunters sometimes encounter problems like this.

Did we ever tell you about the time Uncle George went bear hunting? It seems that he and his dog, having been successful in cornering the critter, got the brute pretty well worked up. In fact, knowing Uncle George, he probably baited that bear something awful. Being a creature pretty much motivated by instinct, the bear no doubt realized he had a pretty slim margin of time in which to escape.

Uncle George probably understood the nature of his problem and repented of his arrogant ways for one brief moment before his final reckoning with the bear. It may have been good timing for the bear, but by then it was obviously too late for Uncle George.

Some think Auntie Em unloaded the rifle out of spite before he left for the woods. Others insist Uncle George was an arrogant jackass who just might have figured he could intimidate the Bear into capitulation and boost his reputation with the boys. Of course, we'll never really know. The fact is, Uncle George should have known better, yet he still found himself poorly prepared both physically and mentally to deal with a crisis. We'd bet he'd be a little better prepared if he ever went bear hunting again, that is, if he could.

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*"The war system not only has been essential to the existence of nations as independent political entities, but has been equally indispensable to their state internal political structure. Without it, no government has even been able to obtain acquiescence in its*

*“legitimacy,” or right to rule its society. The possibility of war provides the sense of external necessity without which no government can long remain in power.”* The Report From Iron Mountain, the Special Study Group, 1967.

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## **MILITARY TRIBUNALS**

### Firing Squad Justice

On November 16<sup>th</sup> the president signed the Military Order of November 13, 2001, entitled Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism. You can find it in the Federal Register, Volume 66, No. 222, Page 57833. In this document the president (of the corporate United States) outlines the necessity for curtailing terrorism, declares yet another state of national emergency, and usurps due process of law for the arrest, prosecution and punishment of suspected terrorists.

Many civil libertarians and countries are more than upset over the provisions of this Order. From an international perspective it throws out the basic provisions of the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions, which provides legal protections for military personnel and “Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War”. The order provides closed trials, indefinite periods of detention, use of secret evidence, and uncivil withholding of information on detainees.

The Bush administration, casting aside any notion that it violates international treaty, has defended the policy to justify it to the American public by maintaining that it only pertains to non-citizens. That’s what it says in it’s title which is as far as most people will ever read or the public media will ever report.

What we find of most interest is found in Section 2. Definition and Policy where it states:

*“(a) The term “individual subject to this order” shall mean any individual who is not a United States citizen with respect to who I determine from time to time in writing that:*

- (1) there is reason to believe that such individual, at the relevant times,*
  - (i) is or was a member of the organization known as al Qaida;*
  - (ii) has engaged in, aided or abetted, or conspired to commit, acts of international terrorism, or acts in preparation therefore, that have caused, threaten to cause, or have as their aim to cause, injury to or adverse effects on the United States, its citizens, national security, foreign policy, or economy; or*
  - (iii) has knowingly harbored one or more individuals described in subparagraphs (i) or (ii) of subsection 2(a)(1) of this order; and*
- (2) it is in the interest of the United States that such individual be subject to this order.”*

Ostensibly only those individuals designated by the president will be held under this military tribunal system. Therefore the criminal justice procedure is based not on rule of law but rule of politics, the Executive having reserved to itself and its interpretation who and what constitutes political terrorism. It is also clear that the Order condemns those who the administration determines are guilty of the thought crimes of aiding, abetting, conspiring, threatening or aiming to commit some presumably dastardly deed. It would be hard to devise a better tool for political expediency than to be able to establish a quasi-legal system so well guarded that conviction would be a foregone conclusion and government damaging testimony would never be subject to public disclosure.

But it gets better. In carefully reading the text we find key parts wonderfully obscure. The Order as we read and superficially understand does not apply to “any individual who is not a United States citizen”. But in examining the text it is not as clearly as exclusive as the Administration might suggest. That is, it continues not with a clarifying and exclusionary “*and*” but continues with a clarification or explanatory clause: “with respect to whom I determine from time to time in writing that:”. In other words, the statement can be interpreted any way the Administration wishes having structured its terminology in a manner as to include American citizens who also have been determined to meet one or more of the terrorist criteria.

What we have is a totalitarian melding of all powers of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government into one dictatorial, martial law system without limit, control or oversight. Incorporation of such ambiguity from those whose life work consists of legislative terminology is no mere oversight. Carried to extreme it could be applied to entire classes of people rather than individuals. Further, it authorizes the military to implement the provisions of the Order, an implication which violates the intent if not the actual provisions of *Posse Comitatus*.

That this system of Kangaroo courts not only sets precedent but policy represents no less than a rejection of the principles and practice of due process of law and the presumption of innocence which, until now, has been a shining beacon to the world of the American system of justice. And, in applauding this unconstitutional act by the President under the guise of righteous indignation, does this make us patriots, champions of liberty, defenders of natural rights ... or nothing more than petty war criminals? Unfortunately, this precedent will only lead to expansion as judicial policy and unintended consequences.

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*“The existence of an accepted external menace, then, is essential to social cohesiveness as well as the acceptance of political authority. The menace must be believable, it must be of a magnitude consistent with the complexity of the society being threatened, and it must appear, at least, to affect the entire society.”* The Report From Iron Mountain, the Special Study Group, 1967.

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## **DEFINING TERRORISM**

### A Presumption of Guilt

President Bush, as we all know, has declared war on terrorism. We’re not entirely certain what this vaguely defined war on “terrorism” is. The best we can determine is that it includes any individual or any group that the Powers-That-Be decide may constitute a terrorist threat.

We need to remind ourselves that this war against “terrorism” is a war against an idea, a methodology, and a means. The only way to defeat terrorism is not through more violence and terror but to remove the root cause. That can’t be done by carpet-bombing, genocide, brute aggression or the presumption of guilt based on political motivations.

Have we forgotten that evil begets evil? George Jr. has promised us the new year will be a year of war. What does that mean? It means we have abandoned diplomacy and adopted a mindset that political goals can now be pursued outside of the rule of law and Constitutional constraints. Moreover, it means that war has officially become the preferred means to achieve political ends; that government has received political sanction from the general public rather than the legislature, and that there are no standards of morality in the conduct or initiation of war. Surely,

this is a policy of national suicide. If it wasn't US policy, we wouldn't not have had a massacre at Waco, TX.

Best thing Good King George could do is declare victory and bring the boys home. The worst would be for him to continue the war against the world. Unfortunately even declarations of war breed discontent, animosity, fear and defensiveness and will continue to provoke unintended consequences. Why would one do such a thing unless they were intent on creating chaos. Perhaps we should define the concept.

So what exactly is "terrorism"?

The FBI broadly defines terrorism as "the unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives." The presumption, of course, is that government (and presumably only our own) alone possesses the authority to determine what force is "lawful" and by corollary, when and to what degree it may be "lawfully" implemented, presumably by government.

Immediately apparent is the contradiction with the Declaration of Independence, which, at least in America, affirms that government does not retain a monopoly on the lawful use of force. Equally important are the dual implications that self-defense is not a legitimate use of force, and only government can determine what is meant by intent or degree the terms "intimidate" or "coerce" thereby restricting the interpretation to political expediency rather than moral or public scrutiny.

HR3162, the United and Strengthening America By Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2002, or what has been cynically misnamed the USA Patriot Act follows this seditious perspective. Section 802 of the Act provides the law enforcement community with a "Definition of Domestic Terrorism".

We have superficially dealt with the issue international terrorism, or what is alleged to represent the "lawful" definition and perspectives on dealing with international aspects of terrorism in the section on Military Tribunals. That's OK, we are assured by Mr. Vice-President Cheney who says "They don't deserve the same guarantees and safeguards that would be used for an American Citizen going through the normal judicial process." (How easily dismissed is the American tradition of equal and impartial justice.)

If that were true, the issue of defining domestic terrorism might not command our attention.

As defined in Section 802 of the Act:

- "(5) the term 'domestic terrorism' means activities that—*
- (A) involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State;*
  - (B) appear to be intended—*
    - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population;*
    - (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or*
    - (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and...*

These definitions, we are assured, supposedly apply only to terrorists. Unfortunately, it doesn't take the proverbial rocket scientist to find the most basic flaws.

When guilt is based on presumed intent as inherent in the term “appear to be intended” the concept of justice evaporates. When “acts dangerous to human life” are measured against the “criminal” laws of the United States or of any State, we might presume the mantle of terrorism can be applied to speeding drivers as easily as those criticizing abuses of government. The tyrannical and arbitrary nature of the definition is clearly inherent in the scope of such “dangerous” acts. One is not impugned to be guilty based on violations of Constitutional law, but only what has or may be criminalized under statutory or equity law. Further, the unconstitutional ex post facto provisions of Section 3286 may be applied retroactively for any criminal offense which not only occurred but which may be legislated after the alleged offense occurred.

There’s more, much more, but the net affect is to basically undermine all Constitutional protections. The Act contains absolutely no effective constraints, limits or oversight on the power of government. Skeptics may still doubt there exists legislative history demonstrating that American citizens have, in essence, been declared enemies of the corporate state. But the evidence should be getting neck deep right about now for anyone without a shovel.

We know from the lessons of history that abusive laws have always, sooner or later, been enforced as political opportunism requires. If there is any confusion as to how these definitions of domestic terrorism are to be enforced we have only to examine a recent internal FBI brochure. By conveniently removing the speculation regarding the intended targets of the USA Patriot Act, we can clearly see we are less concerned about those who may contemplate violent acts than we are about persecuting any and all potential *political enemies of the corporate state*.

Now that we have amply seen the trampling of natural and human rights in places like Afghanistan and in America itself with these new legislative tools on terrorism can we have little doubt that domestic terrorists will be pursued with any less enthusiasm, reckless abandonment and callous disregard of law and Constitutional constraints, arrogance, raw violence and aggression than practiced elsewhere?

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*“It is the invariable habit of bureaucracies, at all times and everywhere, to assume... that every citizen is a criminal. Their one apparent purpose, pursued with a relentless and furious diligence, is to convert the assumption into a fact. They hunt endlessly for proofs, and, when proofs are lacking, for mere suspicions. The moment they become aware of a definite citizen, John Doe, seeking what is right under the law, they begin searching feverishly for an excuse for withholding it from him.”* Henry Louis Mencken

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## **IDENTIFYING DOMESTIC TERRORISTS**

### Federal Guidelines For Defining Dissidents

Now that we have a little better understanding of what constitutes “terrorism”, at least from a government perspective, it may be of some benefit to examine how government agents will interpret the USA Patriot Act with respect to those whose acts “appear to be intended.... to intimidate or coerce...”. In other words, who are these domestic terrorists targeted by legislation?

Thanks to the investigative efforts of Angel Shamaya of [www.KeepAndBearArms.com](http://www.KeepAndBearArms.com) [[www.KeepAndBearArms.com/newsarchives/XcNewsPlus.asp?cmd=view&articleid=21.2](http://www.KeepAndBearArms.com/newsarchives/XcNewsPlus.asp?cmd=view&articleid=21.2)] we have perhaps the best example of FBI propoganda which telegraphs that agency’s intentions

with regard to defining domestic terrorists. (See also [www.rense.com/general17/fly.htm](http://www.rense.com/general17/fly.htm)). The pamphlet, admittedly genuine, has long been removed from circulation but its very existence, particularly in the failure of the agency to disavow its content, can and should be presumed to reflect agency perspectives.

It seems that some time after the Oklahoma City bombing, as part of a Joint Terrorism Task Force effort, an instructional flyer was developed by the Phoenix office of the FBI, in cooperation with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Allegedly the flyer was intended as an informational guide to aid law enforcement officers in the identification and presumably the detention and prosecution of suspected terrorists.

The name of the "misguided" FBI officer who created the pamphlet, ostensibly without the knowledge or permission of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, is conveniently unavailable.

It is common practice, particularly for political assessment purposes, for offices or political "confidants" to "leak" information regarding pending legislation or some other legislative or political initiative, particularly if the issue may be controversial. In this instance, attributing the flyer to a solitary "misguided" federal agent not only distances the originating party from public censure but allows them to realize an intelligence benefit from the release. Most often, adverse public reaction does not kill the initiative but allows it to be reformulated and reintroduced in a more politically acceptable format or to create conditions more suitable for implementation.

Many readers may recall the Combat Arms Survey first administered to SEAL team members in 1993. The intent was to assess the willingness of armed forces personnel to implement private weapons confiscations in the US. Most notable was question #46:

*The U.S. government declares a ban on the possession, sale, transportation, and transfer of all non-sporting firearms. A thirty (30) day amnesty period is permitted for these firearms to be turned over to the local authorities. At the end of this period, a number of citizen groups refusal to turn over their firearms. Consider the following statement:*

*I would fire upon U.S. citizens who refuse or resist confiscation of firearms banned by the U.S. government.*

*Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree Strongly      Agree      No opinion*

While it may help for the moment to understand that the FBI terrorist identification flyer is not, for the moment, a matter of official public policy we must also realize this "trial balloon" is several years old. The data has long been assessed and the vague language of the USA Patriot Act has been carefully crafted to encompass the same target groups identified in the flyer as suspected domestic terrorists.

No doubt crafted for public consumption, the target groups identified include a mix of anti-social outcasts as well as those whose unequivocal support of the Constitution have invited federal censure. According to the flyer, you are a domestic terrorist if you are:

*Right-wing extremist: consisting of "defenders of US Constitution against federal government and the UN (Super Patriots)" or "groups of individuals engaged in paramilitary training."*



Common Law Movement Proponent: including those who use “fictitious license plates, no license plates, fictitious drivers license, no drivers license, refuse to identify themselves, make numerous references to US Constitution, ...”

Single Issue Terrorists: including those involved in “targeting law enforcement or emergency personnel, animal rights, non-aligned terrorists, insurgents/rebels, lone individuals...”, etc.

Hate Groups: such as members belonging to “Skinheads, Nazis, Neo-Nazis, Black Separatists, KKK, Christian Identity, White Nationalists.”

There is little doubt that the original list, by this time, would have been modified to be more socially and politically acceptable, but just as all encompassing. But we can draw more than hot air from this “trial balloon”.

No honest public servant will ever pursue domestic terrorists based on an FBI or other agency list such as this. Those that do so have abrogated their oath of office and invite censure from the unorganized militia. The FBI is not a politically neutral agency but actively and knowingly supports political policies and actions that undermine basic Constitutional provisions for political expediency. Further, if not already obvious, the agency itself has become a nest of agents provocateur dedicated to the promotion of internal conflict and dissention among men of good will.

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*“Just give us a person - and we’ll create the case!” That was what many of them said jokingly, and it was their slogan. What we think of as torture they think of as good work.”*  
The Gulag Archipelago, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, 1973, p. 146

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## **A WELL-REGULATED MILITIA**

Second Amendment Contribution from Daniel Lee

### Editors Introduction:

We received the following unsolicited article from Mr. Daniel Lee some time ago and have found both it and his introductory letter of compelling interest. We do not know Mr. Lee personally but can fully identify with the issue of family. The family unit is the foundation of a free America and the development of healthy and productive citizens. We like to think that the small efforts of the NCCM in sponsoring a children’s Christmas program, educating our own children, and providing general information regarding Constitutional values helps in some small way to this end. We regret that in the past we have not had the resources or legal expertise to assist in several family related problems brought to our attention. In this regard Mr. Lee offers some tangible alternatives and suggestions to our readers and we greatly appreciate his offer to reprint this material.

### Authors Correspondence:

Dear members of NCCM, I just reviewed your website, and found myself in agreement with all of it. I am an endowment member of the NRA (about to upgrade to benefactor), and live in Tennessee.

I've been involved in politics statewide here for the last few years, and to some extent nationwide also. The main issue is parental rights, and I think with a little reflection you'll agree that what you stand for, makes it your issue too.

There seems to be a constant force at work expanding government at the expense of our Constitutions. Today in the United States this is most pronounced in the family law settings of divorce, alleged child abuse, and alleged domestic violence. The most serious problem in those settings is good citizens are having access to their children limited or eliminated.

The attachment is an article I wrote which a Washington DC think tank has indicated they will publish. It was developed separately from any source of citizen militia related information. In fact, until I typed in "US militia" in my search engine, I had no idea there even was such a thing.

The article demonstrates a clear cross-over between 2nd Amendment right to bear arms issues, and 14th Amendment right to parent your child ones (liberty and privacy). If you feel this may be of interest to your members, and I sure hope it would be, then feel free to distribute it in your newsletter. Also, if you have any parents who have their relationship with their child under tight government control (which is basically every divorced parent), they can download and study this to help them: [http://childsbestinterest.org/Reference\\_Parents.doc](http://childsbestinterest.org/Reference_Parents.doc)

We are gearing up for the upcoming legislative session, but when I have time I'd like to contact folks here in Tennessee about organizing something along the lines of what you are doing.

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### **A well regulated Militia**

My specialty is constitutional law as it applies to family law. This encompasses such areas as marriage, abortion, child rearing, divorce, child custody and support, and domestic violence. It's a broad field with huge problems in it, and most of the public is unaware of them.

One of the lesser of these huge problems has crossed over to an area the public is knowledgeable of and concerned about. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to bear arms. Three recent legal cases demonstrate what's happening. The Massachusetts News in a May 2001 story<sup>1</sup> reports that a mother in a divorce matter filed 26 criminal cases in 3 courts alleging the father was violent. The mother underwent psychological tests and they stated she was "experiencing numerous psychological problems". The result? A judge issued a permanent restraining order against the dad, where he must surrender all guns and ammunition. For life.

This summer in the Tennessee case Stillwell v. Stillwell<sup>2</sup> a mother requested that a dad be prohibited from possessing a firearm around his child. The trial judge granted this as a lifetime order. This dad must have been abusive or leaving loaded guns around? Nope, the order is based on dad being a diabetic and once had an insulin reaction that led to an automobile accident. The firearm provision was overturned on appeal, but there is no way to know how many other such orders never were appealed.

In the recent federal case United States v. Emerson<sup>3</sup> a young doctor in a divorce action, a dad, had a restraining order issued against him. This automatically and fully extinguishes all 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights, even though from the legal record it appears he was no danger to his estranged wife. He was found to possess one pistol, which he already owned, and now faces a 5 to 10 year jail sentence if convicted. "We are hopeful that we will have the opportunity to bring Mr. Emerson to justice." Bill Mateja assistant U.S. attorney prosecuting the case.<sup>4</sup>

The common thread in the above is regular men, similar to your brother, dad, or you, losing their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights in family law cases. But they are losing much more than this. All of them lost their children, and no doubt much of their wealth. And two of the three can easily face long-term jail sentences. Just because the mom requested it.

There are two basic reasons this happens. Family law judges have great power over parents and children that come before them. This can occur for many reasons, including as a Tennessee state senator recently found out to his chagrin, his 16 yr old daughter complaining to authorities that he had abused and neglected her when issuing discipline for she being in a car accident and not being truthful with the police.<sup>5</sup>

The second reason is the media has been perpetrating a subtle but effective demonizing campaign against men. "Violent attacks by men are the primary health risk to women in America."<sup>6</sup> Do you think that statement is true? If you do, then you have fallen for an amazing disinformation campaign. It might be true in Afghanistan, but in the United States the primary health risks to women are smoking and lack of exercise/proper nutrition, and for injuries it is falling down and car accidents. Men, the natural protectors of women and children, are down at the bottom of the list of risks or injuries to them.

So with nearly unlimited power, and an unaware public, family law judges are able to inflict great harm on parents and children, and constitutional rights in general. If the taking of good citizens' firearms, children, and wealth, sounds like socialism, it is. The forces that work to create totalitarian governments never cease, and right now they are firmly in place in family law courts across this country.

Besides the clear connection between the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and family law as shown in the preceding examples, there is another possible nexus, this with even more substance and value. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment contains the clause, "A well regulated Militia". This is understood by many to mean the National Guard. Up until the early 1900's that would be correct, but then, "Through the National Defense Act of 1933, the Army National Guard was created as a new component of the United States Army."<sup>7</sup> There should be little question that today the National Guard is an Army reserve component, and there is no militia of able-bodied citizens in the United States.

To some extent that is debatable, but the National Guard has tanks and planes, and they deploy overseas.<sup>8</sup> Even if the bulk of their members are citizen soldiers and they are used locally in times of civil unrest, they are a professional fighting force, and have only the most tangential if any relationship to a citizen militia.

Rights do not exist in a vacuum. If not used they atrophy and are taken away. In modern times citizens have only three major uses for firearms: recreation, self-defense, and collective-defense. The latter two are the constitutionally significant ones, and of them only self-defense is exercised as a living right by American citizens today. That means for practical purposes the bulk of the defense of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment turns on what can arguably be accomplished by medium caliber (non-magnum) revolvers.

Weapons such as a scoped 30-'06 or military style AR-15 are rarely if ever used by citizens in self-defense circumstances. These are collective-defense weapons, and lacking a real world use or potential use of such, are very vulnerable to being prohibited. Recreational use is not enough. The NRA has 4 million members, and they will always be on the defensive against firearms being confiscated that don't have a real world *need*. It is a certainty all such weapons will be removed from citizen possession over time. Those on the front lines in the defense of any right against government incursion, surely knows this to be true.

With due respect and full support of the United States military, it is not what the founding fathers envisioned. They were concerned with a large standing army, and this is why they advocated for a citizen militia. The problem today isn't a large standing army, which we now need to operate highly technical equipment in far away locations, it is the lack of a balancing citizen militia.

This could be set up as civil defense force, similar but more self-sufficient than what's happening now in Oregon.<sup>9</sup> There's too much dependence on government, and this is unwise as seen in family law, "We are hopeful that we will have the opportunity to bring Mr. Emerson to justice." Mr. Emerson is a medical doctor and father, presumably a great asset to society, and the federal government is seeking to jail him for 5 to 10 years.

The citizen militia, if it comes to be, would not have as members those who live in isolated compounds and seek to avoid paying any income taxes. No, it would be done by hunters, members of shooting clubs, and other good persons. These folks are law-abiding and fully participate in society, and by accident or design they've always been preparing for a collective-defense role. But if such a need presented itself, today there is no mechanism or structure to accomplish it.

An adult extension of Boy Scouts, where law-abiding citizens can be certified and trained in collective-defense and search and rescue operations, would be a very wise initiative for American citizens at this point in history. A true citizen militia is the best guarantee one would never be needed. Minuteman Scouts is a concept to be pondered. © Copyright Daniel Lee 2001

#### Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.massnews.com501pcau.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <http://tscaoc.tsc.state.tn.us/PDF/tca/013/stillwellk.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/99/99-10331-cr0.htm>

<sup>4</sup> October 24, 2001 San Angelo Standard Times <http://www.texaswest.com/archive/01/october/24/2.html>

<sup>5</sup> August 30, 2001 Commercial Appeal **Tenn. Legislator indicted on neglect, abuse charges**

<sup>6</sup> October 12, 2001 Commercial Appeal **For victims of abuse, been there, done that; it's time for the T-shirt**

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.arng.ngb.army.mil/Operations/Statements/arngfr99/1notes.htm>

<sup>8</sup> In 1903, important national defense legislation increased the role of the National Guard (as the militia was now called) as a Reserve force for the U.S. Army. In World War I, which the U.S. entered in 1917, the National Guard made up 40% of the U.S. combat divisions in France; in World War II, National Guard units were among the first to deploy overseas and the first to fight. [http://www.ngb.dtic.mil/about\\_us/ng\\_hist.shtml](http://www.ngb.dtic.mil/about_us/ng_hist.shtml)

<sup>9</sup> November 1, 2001 Daily Astorian **Citizens would help protect vulnerable sites in country**

END OF ARTICLE

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*"They who would be glad to live peaceably with all men, are often unhappily forced into contention, and obliged to take arms, and engage in hazardous contests, in order to*

*defend their lives and liberties, against the evil designs of unreasonable men, who when they suppose they have power and strength to accomplish their purposes, scruple not to give unbounded scope to their pride, covetousness and ambition; which passions are mortal enemies to the rights of mankind, and the source of that slavery and cruel bondage, under which so many of the nations of the earth groan at this day.” Rev. Henry Cumings, from a sermon preached in Lexington on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775*

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## **HOME FROM THE FIELD**

Christmas In The Mountain Division

Amid the carnage of the war against truth and Constitutional governance it is refreshing to catch a glimpse of the generous nature of men and women of good will who make up the heartland of America. As anticipated by the announcement in Volume VII, Issue 4 of the CFP, assisted by several other units, the 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Mountain Division of the NCCM held its annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dinner and an abundance of gifts were provided to 39 children. Parents, NCCM members and supporters attending contributed to an enjoyable and heartwarming evening. Special thanks are due to the members of the 44<sup>th</sup> Division to bring meaning to the Christmas season. To all who contributed in so many ways please accept our thanks and appreciation.

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## **BARNYARD FABLES #47**

Special Moments

The new sign over the entrance to the corral was big enough to plainly see through the rising clouds of dust, “Violators Will Be Prosecuted” it boldly announced.

“What you Critters in here fer?” called Ozzie to the milling mass of Steers below the top rail of the fence.

“Listen, Bird,” bawled a Hereford from below, “we’re tired, thirsty and hungry and we didn’t do it!”

“I’m from the Independent Grit Gazette”, explained Ozzie, “Maybe I can git ya’ll a good barnyard lawyer if ya need one.”

“Heck,” bellowed an exasperated Angus, “We might a been a little wild ‘bout that animal rights thing, but them gummint Boys promised we’d be outta this here temporary detention place soon as we get processed.”

“Aaaaah,” coughed Ozzie, “Ya’ll know of course that words don’t mean the same to these here New World Order folks same as they do to us farm Critters?”

“You ain’t gonna start any stampede here on account of that”, huffed the Hereford continuing, “We heard all about it an it don’t mean nuthin’ to us cause we’s headin’ toward that exit chute right this very minute!” concluded the censured Bull.

“Yeah!,” contributed the Angus, “Don’t tell me nuthin’ cause I won’t believe that New World Order cowpie stuff until I see it with my own self, and see here fellas, I can hear them horns just a bangin’ as them other Steers race outta that chute over there.”

“Hoo Ray!” bawled a Whiteface, “They’s so happy to git back to that green pasture ever one of them happy Steers seems to be yellin’ ‘I believe’ just before that gate bangs open.”

“See there you fool Bird,” hooted the Herd it slowly shuffled past., “Stampede nuthin’, we’re takin’ the easy way out ‘cause them gummint Boys knew we was domesticated all along.”

“Move aside”, huffed a larger Steer bulling his way through the pack as he interrupted Ozzie’s dialogue with the moving mass, “My number comes first.”

“Sorry fer imposing my opinions,” crowed Ozzie looking over the Herd as the group moved off through the dust toward the banging gates, “I can see you free-rangin’ Steers have earned a little security.”

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## **BOOK REVIEW**

### *The American Covenant: The Untold Story*

*The American Covenant: The Untold Story* was written by Marshall Foster and Mary Elaine Swanson. We reviewed the 1992 edition [ISBN: 0-941370-00-3] published by The Mayflower Institute of Thousand Oaks, California. It’s a relatively short book, only a brief 170 pages. We found it to be relatively easy to read but a hard book to mentally digest. It is an outstanding book if for no other reason than it forces the reader to confront many uncomfortable truths about their faith, spirituality, cultural heritage and our moral and religious obligations to self, family, community and form of government.

It’s obviously not a book for everyone, but those who value their heritage and see the influence of divine intervention in their lives and that of the nation will find it motivational, inspirational and educational. It is a book uniquely suited for the Christmas and New Year season not simply because many find this a time for introspection but, perhaps more importantly, in this “season” of government based on lies and deceit it’s truths are so badly needed.

In *The American Covenant* the authors, from a historical and Biblical context, demonstrate that only those values inherent in a society based on Christianity, such as intended in America, incorporating absolute moral standards, limited government, sound laws, honest rulers and a stable monetary system are capable of preserving our society and nation. In doing so the authors do not express preference for any particular denomination but instead document the contribution of Christianity as a “unifying and preserving” cultural and moral influence on our nation. It is the authors expressed intent to help the Christian community “come to grips” with its historical duties as a means to rebuild both faith and nation.

Citing our roots as a Christian nation, the authors begin their discussion of the current state of conflict between good and evil, i.e. the man-centered religion of secular humanism vs. a limited republican government based on Biblical values, with an explanation of why America has fallen on hard times. They explain:

*“The blame for our current perilous condition must fall upon those of us who say we believe in God and share the legacy of our Founders’ vision. We have forfeited the institutions bequeathed to us by our forefathers. They have not been forcibly taken away from us by some overwhelming conspiracy, but we and our fathers simply stopped teaching the Bible’s nation-building principles to ourselves and our children.”* (p. 151)

But the focus of *The American Covenant* is not fault finding, but outlining the solution for restoring America and it's form of government. To do so, the authors maintain, requires an understanding of the Biblical basis for self-government as embodied in our Constitution.

*“As Americans have forgotten the Biblical foundation of their government, they have allowed a subtle transformation of the doctrine of separation of church and state into separation of religion and state...Because our form of government is derived in all its parts from Biblical principles, it cannot be understood without comprehending those principles, nor can it be made to work as our Founding Fathers intended.”* (p. 132)

In pursuit of understanding the solution to corrupt government the authors describe the “strategic battle for the American republic” in part by contrasting the relativistic theories of Marxism (socialism) with the principles of Christian based government. Drawing upon historical references from the Mayflower Compact to the Constitution the authors explain many of critical principles, concepts and ideals which were once common knowledge but which have been removed or obscured by both church and state.

Some of the explanations readers might find of interest include the authors description of the real meaning and importance of “self-government”, the clarification of the term “happiness” so often referenced from the Declaration of Independence, the origin and strength inherent in God-given rights as opposed to “civil rights”, the obligations of good government and requirements of citizens for its maintenance. Of particular value in this increasingly immoral world where the state lays claim to everything including our homes, income, our bodies and even our children, may be the moral answers contained in Chapter 6, “Who owns you and your property?”. In this discussion the authors refute the notion that government or other men have a right to our property, and especially our person or conscience.

Overall, we found the book encouraging. It left us feeling mentally refreshed for having revisited the spiritual foundations of our form of government and Constitution. While it remains distressing to confront the reality that it was “We The People” who allowed those entrusted with government to take a hard Left off the path set by the Founders, there is consolation that the spiritual foundations remain.

Our only complaint is that the book is too short. We would have liked to see more citations and more detailed explanations of key issues. Most readers, however, will find it just right.

It appears that *The American Covenant* currently appears to be out of print but we found it readily available in the library as well as through book finder services.

*“Our founders built a nation based upon the premise that the self-governing Christians will produce the finest society.”* *The American Covenant*

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*“Oh, thus be it ever when free men shall stand between their loved homes and the war’s desolation; Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven rescued land praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just; and this be our motto: ‘In God is our trust!’ And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave o’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.”* Last Verse, Star-Spangled Banner.

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**IN THE WIRE**

### Requiem For A Patriot:

Until his untimely death on November 6<sup>th</sup> Milton William (Bill) Cooper was perhaps the most influential radio talk show host in America. A dedicated constitutionalist, Bill was known for his garrulous, opinionated manner and gruff personality. More importantly, he was also recognized for his fearless approach to the pursuit of liberty, his passionate search for truth and his dedication to accuracy in reporting.

Bill was a product of his time, a hard man tempered by experience and circumstances, but also a compassionate man who literally dedicated his life to informing others of rampant government corruption and usurpation. Wanted by federal authorities, not only to curtail his ongoing expose of government usurpation and corruption, but to bring closure to an embarrassing tax court case in which Bill demonstrated the corrupt nature of the IRS, it was perhaps only a matter of time before he was lured into an ambush, apparently by local authorities, forced into violent confrontation and killed.

Bill, a decorated Vietnam veteran, often proudly noted that he had been recognized in a White House memo as “the most dangerous talk show host in America”. But perhaps the greatest compliment we can pay is to say that Bill was a true patriot who gave his life in the pursuit of freedom and liberty. He will be sorely missed, but in many ways his memory and dedication will remain as a motivating force among many thousands of his readers and listeners.

### Keeping Company With Crocodiles:

Kentucky State Militia commander Charlie Puckett has recently been charged by the BATF with unlawful possession of weapons. Based on a 35 year old conviction for what was initially a minor offense, the BATF served a search warrant on Puckett, confiscating several firearms from his home.

In the past Puckett has tried to maintain an open relationship between the KSM and federal agencies. News reports indicated he was served with the warrant after being lured by federal officials to a meeting under the pretense of discussing his relationship with former talk show host Steve Anderson.

Aside from the fact that the Constitution forbids ex post facto (after the fact) laws Puckett must surely know that challenging an unconstitutional law in a federal statutory court is a futile gesture. We understand that more charges will be brought by the BATF, no doubt fully intended to apply legal leverage to force Puckett into fight, flight or federal incarceration. It remains to be seen what will come of his court appearances, however the one thing even Charlie knows is that the is one thing he is not likely to get from federal court is justice.

Like the FBI propaganda flyer discussed earlier and the attack on William Cooper this initiative represents only a small but significant piece of the war against the American patriot community and citizenry in general. At some point in this federal program these unlawful acts might well get some of the good folks in Kentucky and elsewhere really upset. Until that time we might all consider this in part as a lesson learned about the consequences of attempting to maintain honest and “open” communication with federal agencies. Once again we have proof that you can't cross the creek on the back of a crocodile.



*"In every Bolshevik coup since 1944 there is the repetition, in one form or another, of just such scenes [futile peace negotiations]. The benign men of good will who, from pooh-poohing the Bolshevik design, turn piously to the belief that negotiation is the cure for power lust, usually wind up in flight or before a firing squad." The Police State, Craig Thompson, 1950.*

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## READERS COMMENTS:

*"Guys and Gals: I was just wondering if anyone had ever considered publishing patriot comic book and/or other coloring books with an educational theme that was printed in a pro-militia format. You guys can kick it around and see if you can make it work. Thanks, Richard..."*

Editor's Response: The JPFO organization has done an excellent job promoting gun ownership and other important themes in comic book format. We suggest you review their publications, they probably have what you are looking for. They can be found at [www.jpfo.org](http://www.jpfo.org). Alternatively, why don't you "kick it around and see if you can make it work"?

*"Editor of the Carolina Free Press: I was just wondering if you and the NCCM are following the fiasco called the Anti-terrorism bill. My question is simple. What does or can the militia plan on doing to protect individuals rights which are being infringed under this legislation?"*

Editor's Response: The unorganized militia is comprised of many ordinary people just like you. On one hand the NCCM encourages pursuit of all lawful political remedies including correspondence with elected officials, information distribution, support of political action groups such as Gun Owners of America, Grass Roots North Carolina and others. On the other hand the NCCM like many other constitutional militia groups throughout the nation are making physical preparations for the worst. How we are preparing should be obvious. How we may defensively react will depend on circumstances. How effective our efforts are will in part depend on our level of preparedness and how people like you will participate in or support militia efforts. More we are not prepared to discuss at this time.

*"I have been trying to find some information on HAM radios. Frankly there is so much information out there that it is very difficult for a beginner to get started. Is it even a good idea for me to purchase a HAM radio? What kind? Where should I buy? Should I get a license? Will there be other patriots to talk to? Any help you can provide would be much appreciated. William without a radio."*

Editors Response: Getting started in ham radio is easy and relatively inexpensive. With some prudent purchases at a hamfest (Times and locations of hamfests are listed in QST monthly) you should be able to buy a used entry level (older) transceiver (combination transmitter and receiver) and all the parts and equipment to get started for under \$500, sometimes considerably less. (Note that older transceivers often don't have general coverage receivers so your short wave listening capability may be somewhat limited.) But first, consider joining the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) and subscribing to their primary publication QST. Look them up at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). Contact the

ARRL and ask how to contact the ham radio club closest to you. Most clubs provide training classes for novice hams and may even connect you with an “Elmer” or experienced ham to help you get started. If you’re serious about long distance communication resolve not to stop with a Technician license, learn the code and earn an advanced license. Yes, we did it and you can too. Under extreme conditions cw communications are often readable even when ssb/voice communications are impossible. You can literally talk the world on a shoestring. An easy way to get started is by looking up the websites for Ham Radio Outlet, Amateur Electronic Supply, or DWM communications. See what they have in the way of QRP (low power) transmitters and receivers. You’ll be surprised. For a snapshot of what ham radio can do under emergency conditions ask your club contact if you can attend a Field Day event. To find out more about emergency services try the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) website [www.ares.org](http://www.ares.org). If you are simply looking for a way to secure *information* during an emergency you might simply start with short wave listening (SWL). Sangean and Grundig both offer relatively low cost short wave receivers that will do the job. Make sure you get one with single sideband capability. If you only remember one thing about communications remember that the most important part is not the cash you put into the radio, it’s the quality of the antenna. And that is a subject for another day.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

To “A. Friend”:

Thank you very much for your encouraging and welcome letter. It means more than you know to receive such correspondence. We agree with you completely, also helped a little when we could, and share your sentiments. Editor, CFP.

Thanks To John Birch Society:

Just recently the local chapter of the John Birch Society provided our Public Affairs Officer a number of free copies of the New American for distribution. The New American magazine always contains a number of well-researched articles. While we may not always agree with their political views, the articles are so well prepared and compelling for their veracity they are well worth reading. For a limited time you might be able to pick up a sample copy at the NCCM both at larger NC gun shows.

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