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AMBUSH IN PORTLAND

BY KENT O'DONNELL

Portland has become an object for study in contemporary revolutionary practices.

The strong BLM and Antifa presence and ongoing riots has led to an evolution in tactics across the country from police, rioters, criminals, protesters and citizens interested in protecting themselves, their property and their communities. The homicide of a citizen named Jay Danielson, on August 29th, 2020 at approximately 20:45, is presented as a possible joint "assassination" by BLM

and Antifa. The homicide is documented on video and posted with analysis added by UnderstandingTheThreat.com (UTT)¹. The homicide is obvious, but the questions are: what level of tactical sophistication was demonstrated? And was BLM and Antifa behind it? In court we want to present the jury as much unaltered evidence as we can, but the UTT video is a combination of two videos. The video edit is done really

well and it is hard to tell where the links between the two videos are. This might arouse questions from a jury, but the video is not presented to a jury, it is presented to you. UTT identified the splice in an email they disseminated promoting the video links.

The video begins at a street corner. The cameraman is always in position to film events, but does not *continued next page*

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Shooter Michael Reinoeh the night of the murder. Reinoeh was killed several days later after drawing a gun on a USMS fugitive task force.

interact with the BLM and Antifa crowd. The Oregonian newspaper stated that the video was shot by Facebook livestreamer Justin Dunlap. This was also documented in the 19-page police affidavit for an arrest warrant in Multnomah County² that was released after the video was posted on 3 September, 2020.

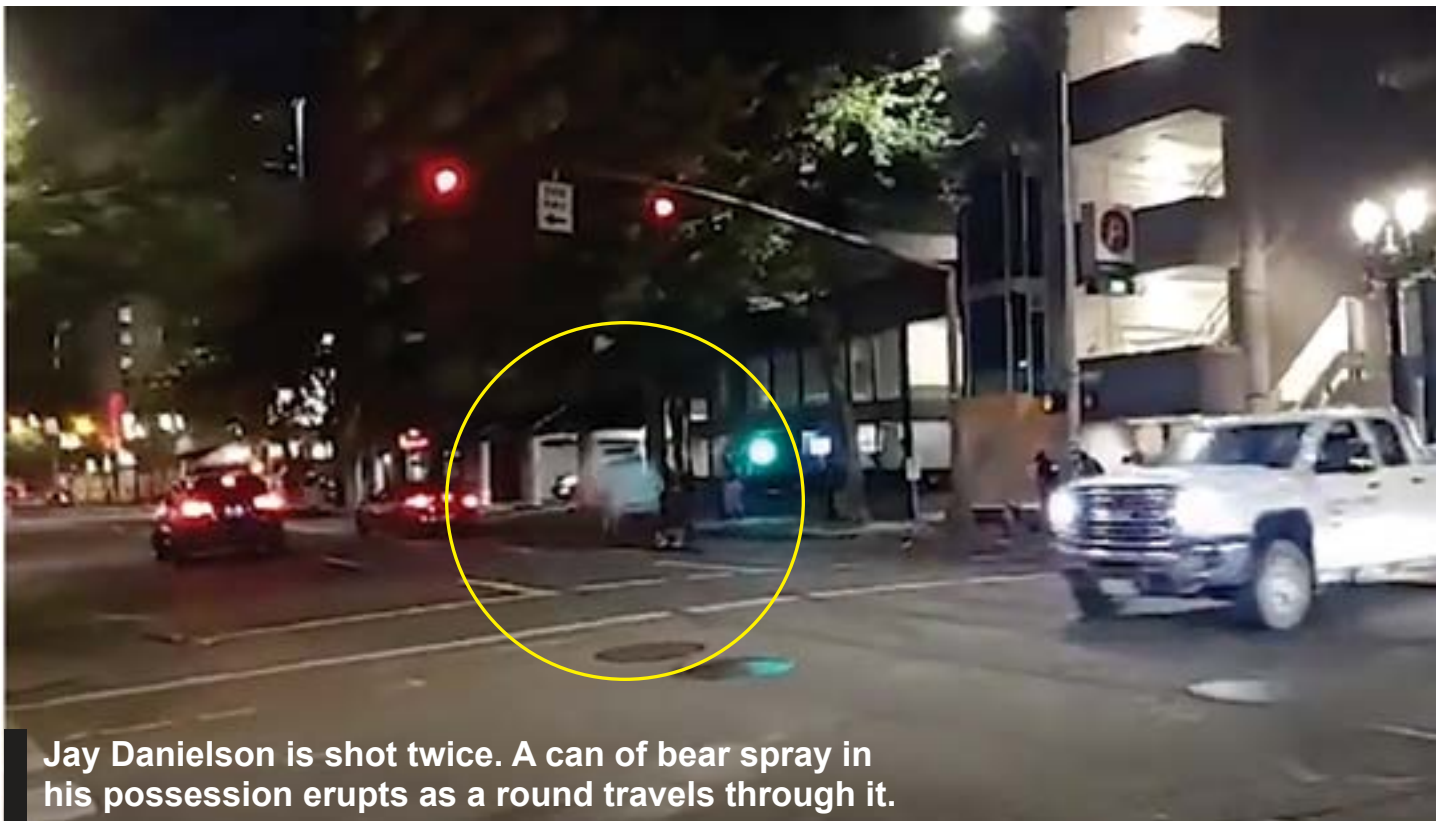
The cameraman's moving presence and orientation to capture events before and after the crime appears suspicious, but his history of "livestreaming" might provide a plausible explanation. As an investigator, I have to stick to the evidence. I think standing around in downtown Portland waiting for the criminal element to fight the cops would be boring, dangerous and interfere with work, but in contemporary America I know that some of the blog and livestream folks are making money doing this type of thing.

His relationship to the content he captures is also suspicious. The video seems to avoid filming the faces of persons of interest when the identity could have been more easily included than excluded. That is a red flag. Dunlap was interviewed for a podcast³ and tried to explain away the lack of faces (at key points). At first, he stated the lack of faces is due to the natural movement of his selfie stick, however, to avoid the face of the shooter when he walked across the street in front of Dunlap, he would have had to make a massive turn of the camera toward the ground.

Dunlap later changed his statement explaining that people do not like their faces captured on video. The multiple explanations for one simple event are suspicious. Whether he is part of a team would be hard to prove with the evidence in hand, and he is consenting to public interviews. This is not typical for those involved in murder conspiracies.

The video is focused on filming what people on the street are doing and narrated peculiarly by Dunlap. His camera turns away from some people when the crowd moves, and implies the possibility of looking to make sure he is not followed. I don't think I could prove that Dunlap was acting in coordination with the attacker as an observer for police with the evidence in hand though, because almost any person would assume the presence of many video cameras (emplaced by the city and for standard private security concerns). So, other than the actual physical presence of a uniformed police officer, one would assume they are under surveillance. If Dunlap was functioning as a lookout, it would appear he was looking for the presence of LEOs who might intervene, not for cameras that would merely document events.

As the camera advances down the street, Dunlap comments about boards covering windows that are painted with flower designs. Some people have commented that there might be symbolic significance or coded



Jay Danielson is shot twice. A can of bear spray in his possession erupts as a round travels through it.

messaging related to that video segment, or it might just mean nothing.

When Dunlap arrived near the site of the homicide, a black jeep passed and he stated, "Oh good". He later explained away the suspicious vehicles that make multiple appearances in his video stating they are part of BLM, and stating he does not want to call them security, but he sees them on many nights blocking intersections to protect the crowd. It appears that Dunlap's reaction identified these vehicles as some part of the BLM presence that he recognized while making the video.

The shooter, Michael Reinoehl, had social media posts stating he was "Antifa" and also stated that he was security for BLM. Reinoehl fired two .380 rounds at Danielson after approaching from the rear with another male. This certainly raises the question: what level of organizing and planning occurred at this incident? Not only do those statements about security roles raise the possibility of a relationship between them, but it may be worth noting that some of the key PLO figures behind some of the most notorious terrorist attacks of the past spent time both in direct action cells as well as time on Yasser Arafat's personal security details. Even the U.S. Special Operations Command uses tier-1 personnel for personal security details on occasion

to protect people and things with some of the most tactically proficient troops, and to broaden the real-world tactical experience of special operations forces.

A vehicle revs an engine and the UTT video analysis suggests that the revving of the engine is a signal to an assassination team. Dunlap explained he does not like the revving engines because at another incident he attended, cars drove into the crowd, but he also stated he is nearly deaf from being a light technician at rock concerts. Dunlap offers so many explanations for events and conflicting answers that it makes verifying his statements very difficult. A descriptive comment publicly posted about the podcast interview with Dunlap was: "ok, useful idiot confirmed".

Why did Dunlap film the homicide? He stated he was crossing the street and does not know why his phone was on. It would be difficult to rest a case on his testimony on the stand. He waffles quite a bit, however, it is worth noting that multiple military veterans with counter-insurgency experience who viewed the video independently identified the possibility that this was shot to use as a training video possibly for replicating the method of attack in other cities.

When the shooter approached the victim, you can see a spray deployed as the two shots are fired. It was later noted that one bullet

passed through a can of bear spray that the victim had raised up toward the shooter. The shooter later stated he shot the victim in defense of another person when interviewed on VICETV.⁴ Police found a concealed, unfired Glock 17 holstered on the victim's body.

The video is not completely clear on the suspect hiding prior to approaching the victim. In the affidavit for arrest, however, there is clear documentation of the suspect in hiding, removing an object from the area of his waist band and starting to approach the victim. The shooting is not seen on a nearby security camera and this is consistent with the UTT video analysis.

This was clearly a premeditated ambush homicide. The suspect was lying in wait. The fact that another unidentified person yelled, "here's one right here!" (and possibly targeted the victim by his hat) in apparent reference to identifying the victim being a President Trump supporter, and then the suspect attacking shows that at a minimum, the suspect and the unidentified person #2 were working together. The video also shows another male subject walk past the suspect in hiding and acknowledge him immediately prior to the shooting.

After the shooting, the video continues and shows cars that had previously made passes arrive on the scene and deploy a "street

medic”, ostensibly to aid the victim, and a group of witnesses who provide narratives of the incident that UTT identified as “fake testimony”. Days later, Reinoehl was killed by a USMS fugitive task force when he shot at them during his arrest.

Rioters bringing their own “medics” is not new though, and that has been happening in Portland. A separate individual with a skate board and flash light appears to be looking for shell casings in the video and departing moments before police arrive, and the affiant stated that only one shell casing was recovered at the scene though two shots were fired.

If I put on my criminal investigator hat I find it highly inconsistent with crimes I have investigated in the past that a large group of suspected involved persons stayed on scene minus the shooter and one other involved person. That would be unlikely to happen in an assassination as it would be known that the police would obtain the names of each person present. It has been my experience that if three guys rob a bank, they all tell someone. One of them will brag to a girlfriend and later piss her off. She will eventually call the police and rat him out. So, if this was a large team effort, I believe it will likely be confirmed over time.

If I put on the hat of a security contractor—a role I have played for the U.S. government at various international “high-threat” locations—I can confirm that sophisticated terrorist groups and insurgents commonly video their attacks to exploit them by demonstrating to the public their freedom of action, the government’s inability to protect citizens and for recruiting and fundraising from population segments supportive of their actions and state sponsors pursuing a desired effect.

This is not the first time a citizen was murdered with the apparent motive of intimidating citizens and deterring support for President Trump. Was the murder of Jay Danielson a hasty action carried out by a small number of street thugs or was it a complex mobile urban ambush initiated against a target of opportunity that met a pre-planned criteria? Are there elements within Antifa or BLM that have evolved into coordinated terror cells replicating the tactics demonstrated by Marxist and Maoist insurgent groups around the world in the past and in recent decades (the use of: lookouts, triggers, pre and post attack surveillance, separate cleaning cells to remove evidence, medical support cells, command and control and pre-planned

“witness” statements) or was this something else?

Watch the UTT video at <https://www.understandingthethreat.com/utt-videos/> and read the police affidavit at <https://www.mcda.us/index.php/documents/state-of-oregon-vs-michael-forest-reinoehl-affidavits-warrant-da-info.pdf/> and make your own assessment. ✓

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GEARREVIEW



PSA AK-P GF3

The AK-47 is the most common firearm on Planet Earth. If you don’t already have one to train with, you may prefer the PSA AK-P GF3. Featuring a 10.5- inch barrel and adjustable “brace” this is legally a pistol, alleviating the need for the time consuming application process and additional governmental fees required to purchase a “short barrel rifle”. Small enough to pack up conveniently for defensive use, and packing the punch and low cost of the 7.62x39mm round, this weapon provides the opportunity to practice the reloads, immediate action and drills common to full size AK-47s. www.palmettostatearmory.com



DEMOCRACY MATTERS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ACTION

REVISITED

BY MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA, AMERICAN BRIDGE 21ST-CENTURY, CREW AND SHAREBLUE
SUMMARY BY CHRIS GRAHAM

Democracy Matters Strategic Plan for Action was circulated in January, 2017 and can be accessed for free on the internet¹.

This *Strategic Plan* revealed tactics, operational art, and strategy pursued by the groups: Media Matters for America, American Bridge 21st-Century, CREW, and Shareblue. It provided both explicit explanations, and revealing hints to the role they planned to play in creating the narratives that we have recently lived through.

One of the groups that published *The Plan* claimed to be a “nonpartisan watchdog”, but would an impartial third-party agree with their definition of “nonpartisan”? Another calls themselves, “The Top Watchdog Against Fake-News...”, but it is clear that they are not referring to the same “fake news” examples that President Trump has identified. So, what do they mean?

In the first section, under the subtitle “Media Advocacy - Punish Enabling and Complacency” a promise was advanced:

“Media Matters will be vigilant in holding news media accountable for even the slightest bit of normalization of [President] Trump.” For the first two years of President Trump’s administration, previously respected news outlets aired daily and hourly accusations that President Trump was a Russian spy or a co-conspirator with Vladimir Putin in unspecified illegal activities. No evidence was provided to support this claim and none was required from the accusers given unlimited air time. While the Russia narrative was never rescinded, it was supplanted with the “Trump is a racist” narrative. Researching this topic also turns up headlines that claim that is true, however, a search for *evidence* reveals none, but significant evidence to the contrary.

The document stated, “Media Matters has already secured access to raw data from Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites”

and added “...after Facebook responded to our campaign by acknowledging the problem of fake news and agreeing to do something about it, we began a dialogue. It became clear from these conversations that Facebook needed our help in fully understanding the problem and identifying concrete solutions.” They also stated, “Social media platforms need help in identifying vulnerabilities and crafting solutions. To this end, Media Matters will serve as their partner...” It has become transparent in recent years that the internet, once a communication tool for free speech for all humankind, is now dominated by a small number of search engines and social media functions that *continuously* push, pull and censor information in consistent reality-altering directions. Media Matters boasted a budget of \$13.4 million, a staff of 81, and a “970% increase in engagement...” in 2017.



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The second section, American Bridge 21st-Century, states: “defeating Donald Trump requires preparation and focus. No other progressive organization has the resources and assets that American Bridge has amassed over the past several election cycles to hold [President] Trump and his administration and the politicians who support him accountable. Our new Trump War Room, launched within weeks of the election, is already scrutinizing the presidential transition and will vigilantly watchdog the personnel, policies, and practices of the administration. Our purpose is to keep [President] Trump unpopular and make it more difficult for candidates who support him to get elected in 2018.”

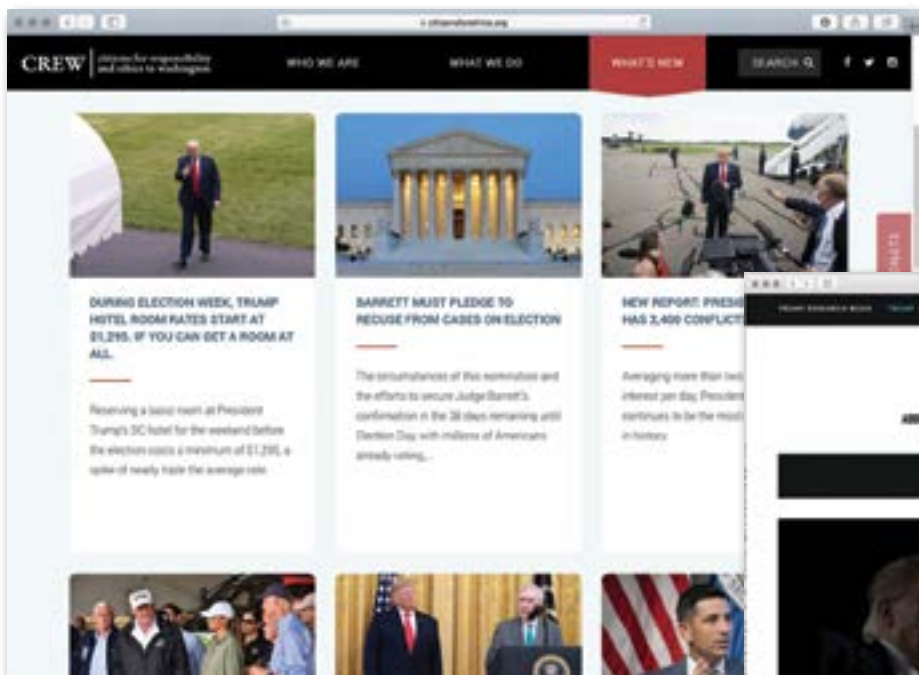
It is now knowable that concurrent with this initiative, a cadre of senior Obama/Biden appointed officials used U.S. government resources to spy on President Trump and his associates. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) courts were repeatedly misled to secure warrants for their surveillance. During that timeframe, previously credible news outlets ridiculed President Trump for stating that the Obama/Biden administration placed him under surveillance though this is now knowably true. Obama/Biden

officials made an unprecedented number of “unmasking” requests to gain intelligence information on U.S. citizens that is typically withheld by law in an apparent attempt to obscure individual responsibility for prima facie criminal actions. Regulations were changed by Obama/Biden officials after the fact to authorize a wider range of “legitimate” unmasking and regulations were changed to allow hearsay to be brought forward as if it were “whistleblower” witness testimony. Illicit activities by senior Obama/Biden acolytes within the Intelligence Community continued through inauguration with the apparent intent of finding information that could be used to remove, blackmail or discredit President Trump. We now know that FBI lawyer Lisa Page texted FBI Assistant Deputy Director Peter Strzok, “[Trump is] not ever going to become president, right?” to which he replied, “No he’s not. We’ll stop it...”. Around that time Strzok appears to have communicated an awareness in other messages that no legitimate evidence connected President Trump to wrongdoing with Russia.

American Bridge set “top outcomes” to “Defeat [President] Trump either through impeachment or at the ballot box in 2020”

and multiple impeachment attempts appear to have been orchestrated. One was carried out in late December 2019 under the pretextual justification of “whistleblower” accusations from an individual associated with Democrat Congressman Adam Schiff though the congressman falsely claimed to not have coordinated with the accuser. The individual claimed to have heard stories of wrongdoing committed by President Trump, and congressional Democrats conducted a kangaroo court impeachment using several disgruntled government employees who expressed disapproval of the President and his policies and several college professors who never met the President, but also expressed disapproval of the man and his policies in the role of “witnesses”. President Trump was predictably acquitted of all charges brought by congressional Democrats in the senate. American Bridge promised to “Change the balance of power by measurably impacting U.S. Senate, gubernatorial, and state legislative races” and claimed a budget of \$14.7 million and a staff of 146 in 2017.

The third section, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, (CREW) stated, “CREW knows how to use litigation, legal



BOTH CREW (LEFT) AND AMERICAN BRIDGE (BELOW) HAVE ENCOURAGED LAWFARE AGAINST PRESIDENT TRUMP.



complaints, research and press outreach to get results”. CREW promised to “...enlist an army of pro bono lawyers to help CREW take legal action...”. President Trump has, in fact, faced lawfare (weaponized legal action initiated for strategic purposes) from a plague of attorneys filing suits in the most receptive jurisdictions to prevent, forestall or sabotage each of his initiatives including, but not limited to: border wall construction, deportation of criminal aliens, energy independence, the appointment of judges, the prosecution of corrupt government officials, the reopening of our economy since the introduction of COVID 19 and actions to restore order to riot zones. CREW promised, “[President] Trump will be afflicted by a steady flow of damaging information, new revelations, and an inability to avoid conflict issues.” CREW reported a budget of \$5.8 million in 2017.

The final section is “Shareblue”. Shareblue asserted, “Progressive media platforms are not positioned for this fight. They influence mainstream media and political elites, but do not reach people where they are. They advocate for progressive issues, but avoid partisan combat.”

They said, “we are not waiting to see what [President] Trump does in office”. They identified themselves as a “digital attacker” and said they planned to bolster “those who oppose him (including Republicans...”. Since making that statement, Republicans such as Senator Mitt Romney and ex-Senator Jeff Flake were publicly rewarded each time they opposed President Trump regardless

of the logical merit or lack of merit of their objections and regardless of the unpopularity of their actions with citizens.

Shareblue asserted, “Messaging based solely on facts doesn’t resonate with a broad audience. Connection and engagement on a personal and emotional level – specifically hope, happiness or anger – drive success.” Indeed, one can see that little reporting today depends on facts, and narratives popularly advanced are calculated to play on emotion and provoke action independent of consistency with facts. They further specified, “...anything milquetoast is toxic to our position.” and we currently see opinion and disinformation represented as “fact checking” more frequently than we see legitimate fact checking. They set the goal: “[President] Trump allies are forced to step down or change course due to news we push. Under pressure from Shareblue, Democrats take more aggressive positions against [President] Trump.”

In May of 2019 a Communist Party of China (CPC) controlled newspaper stated that the PRC was engaged in a “people’s war”² (a term from Maoist revolutionary warfare doctrine) against the United States. President Trump had been the first President in decades to publicly acknowledge many of the subversive activities of the CPC in pursuit of their ambitions for global domination³ and had confronted the CPC by employing trade sanctions and strengthening the atrophied

Department of Defense. Before the end of the year a potentially fatal, likely human-engineered, virus (COVID 19) was apparently released from a CPC lab in Wuhan⁴. As soon as it became transparent that the CPC was reporting false and misleading information about the virus to the world and inducing the World Health Organization (WHO) led by Tedros Adhanom, a former official of a Marxist Ethiopian regime, to do the same, President Trump immediately prohibited entry to the USA from China. Democrat Presidential Candidate Joe Biden immediately felt the need to denounce President Trump on Twitter as having a history of “Xenophobia and fear mongering”.

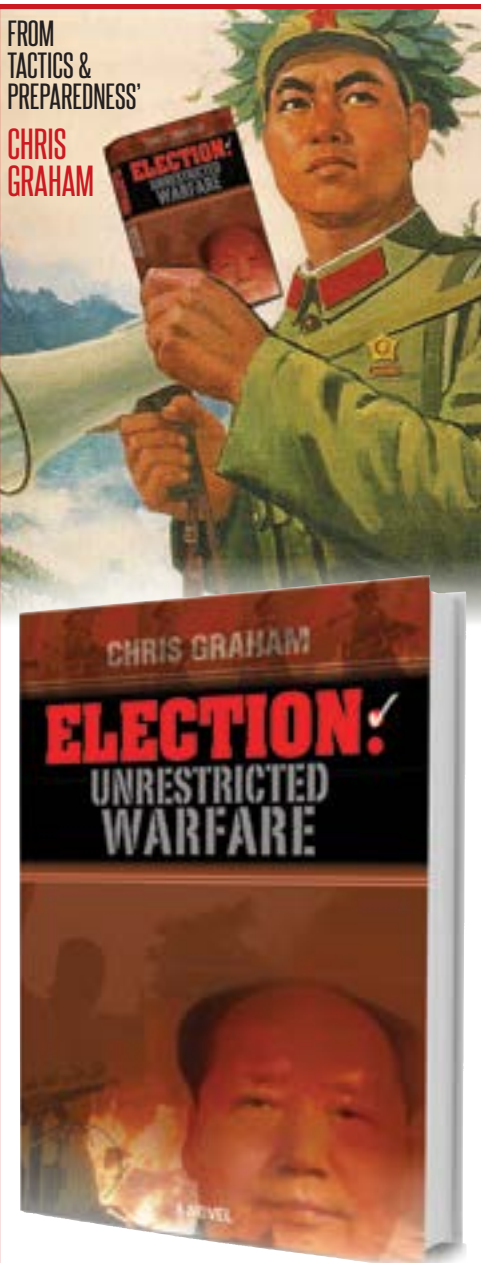
Today, Dr Li-Meng Yan, the scientist who revealed the likely human engineered, and lab origins of the virus from Wuhan, has had her Twitter account suspended and has had her report hidden by popular search engines.

Citizens of every nation have a natural interest in knowing whether the CPC released the virus deliberately in support of their “people’s war” (consistent with the PLA strategy document: *Unrestricted Warfare*) or whether it was released due to negligence. Yet great effort has been put into delegitimizing these questions and claiming “racism” against anyone who accurately states the origin of the virus.

Shareblue artfully crafted the following claim: “...some journalists noted that white

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After the Iranian revolution, the new Islamic Republic of Iran instigates a series of terrorist attacks around the world. For what purpose? Col. Qiao Liang and Col. Wang Xiangsui unveil a modernized version of Sun Tzu's tactics. How could this be unfolding in current events? A corruptible American President approaches re-election... who is trying to manipulate her?

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nationalists seem to be emboldened by [President] Trump, we aggressively called out [President] Trump's explicit strategy: to foment a white nationalist awakening." I could find no evidence to support this unlikely claim, but the concocted narrative has apparently undermined the ability of law enforcement agencies to apprehend self-proclaimed Marxists and anarchists functioning as political warfare cadres at the heart of Antifa and BLM riots traveling the country and causing billions of dollars of destruction, assaults, and killings. The calculated permission of these actions in mismanaged cities like New York, Seattle, and Portland has been used to intensify strife and dissatisfaction between the unwitting, destroy livelihoods, intimidate citizens and coerce acquiescence to demands all while influenced activist reporters insisted these were peaceful protests. Shareblue claimed a budget of \$2 million and a staff of 18 in 2017.

After several years of immersion in narratives concocted by Democracy Matters and other political warfare cadres, America faces another presidential election. Voters will choose free speech or regulated speech. Voters will choose liberty as represented by adherence to the Bill of Rights through the appointment of centrist Constitutional judges and continued deregulation or totalitarianism as described in the "Green New Deal" drafted by Rep. Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Ed Markey that team Biden/Harris pledged to enforce. Voters will either approve of President Trump standing up for the Second Amendment or vote for gun confiscation in the form of team Biden/Harris' promise to put Beto O'Rourke in charge of gun policy.

Citizens who live by Dr. Martin Luther King's ideal of judging people by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin will vote one way while people who believe narratives of white power, white privilege and institutional racism in contemporary America are tools for forcing acquiescence to unconstitutional policies will vote another. Citizens can vote for competent police protection or they can vote to "abolish ICE", and "defund the police". Voters can reward President Trump's urging of governors to open their economies and relieve the crushing pressures of COVID 19 attributed policies, or they can reward the Harris/Biden team's promise to use federal power to close the economy for safety in tandem with Candidate Biden's campaign promise to "end shareholder capitalism". Voters who understand science

only exists when the scientific method is followed will likely feel at home in one camp while people who think appeals to authority such as "Dr. Fauci says..." passes for science will likely feel at home in the other.

At this late date, your vote is likely committed. You have probably already decided on how much money you can contribute to your candidate and the senators and representatives that aggressively support him, and you may have already begun to engage each person you encounter to share the reasons they may wish to vote as you do. But there is an angle you may not have considered.

The informational pseudo-reality we live in anytime we turn on a computer or television is unprecedented in American history. You may disagree with President Trump's policies, but if you require evidence to support the accusations against him, the worst that can be said is that he has communicated rudely on occasion. If team Biden/Harris is legitimately voted in in a landslide, the schemes of the Democracy Matters team and similar political warfare cadres will be rewarded and we will see them again. If President Trump is re-elected in a landslide, these schemes will be disincentivized and we may see them lessened in the future. If, on the other hand, President Trump and his supporters in the house and senate are narrowly re-elected or narrowly defeated, I predict that we will see these coercive practices massively intensified in future elections to the benefit of those who pay for them. ✓

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The AK-47 and its many variations, clones and mutations is the most prolific military rifle in world history.



AK-47

SKILLS

BY LEW GOSNELL

As the German Wehrmacht retreated west from the Russian front in 1944, they used a new rifle in their attempt to keep the advancing Red Star Army from overwhelming them; the Sturmgewehr 44.

It was a new type of weapon, neither a battle rifle nor a machine-pistol. This was the first, real “assault rifle”. A gun that split the difference between a pistol caliber sub-gun and a full-power battle rifle.

It was a weapon designed to fire an “intermediate” cartridge, powerful enough to engage targets at close to medium range (zero to approximately 400 meters) with enough energy to kill an enemy soldier at those distances. A full power rifle cartridge, like the 8 mm Mauser was certainly capable of dealing death at much longer ranges, but the kind of fighting Germany faced against the Russian hordes didn’t need this kind of power, it needed “firepower”. The ability for an individual infantryman to shoot and maneuver with greater ammunition capacity and sustainable fire was the goal.

The Soviet Socialists were impressed by what the National Socialists brought to the battlefields of the Motherland. A young tank

crewman, wounded in 1941, turned weapons designer named Mikhail Kalashnikov was tasked with designing something similar for the Soviets. Eventually, Kalashnikov produced a weapon that would be identified with his name forever: the AK-47.

The Avtomat Kalashnikova, accepted in 1947 for trials by the USSR, and adopted with minor modifications in 1949, turned out 75 million units or so of hundreds of variations, including short barreled versions, belt fed machineguns (RPK), “pistols” and others.

You will find AK-47 style rifles in the hands of former Soviet clients and clients of the Communist Party of China all over the world. The North Hollywood Bank of America robbers used illegally converted full-automatic AK-47s in the commission of their crimes, and while I am unaware of any United States law enforcement agency issuing an AK variant of any type, they have been imported by the millions in years past into the U.S. and

THE STURMGEWehr 44.



can be found at online gun auction sites and in freedom states' local gun shows.

At Gunsite Academy, Inc., in Paulden Arizona, many rifle and carbine classes are held annually. In those classes, it is relatively rare to see a student going through the demanding curriculum of weapons handling, accuracy tests and position shooting with any type of AK rifle or carbine. Why is that? One reason is the accuracy question.

To that question, I took a "generic", "Poly Tech" Model AKS-762, from my agency armory, where it has been used for cross training officers for AK safety, unloading and loading, firing (as in "battlefield pick-ups"), and general handling for line officers and firearms trainers. This particular rifle was seized as evidence in a crime several decades past, and had been imported sometime in the late 1980s. Prior to the infamous (and useless) 1994 "Assault Weapons" ban, millions of similar rifles had been imported from China and other locations. Prices at the time for these guns could be under \$100 out the door at your local gun shop.

This particular rifle has the typical wood furniture, short buttstock and fore-end. The sights are also typical commie AK-47 iron sights, a rear notch, adjustable for

elevation only, from 100 to 800 yards/meters (depending on your point of view or belief in unicorns). The front sight is a protected post, adjustable with a front sight tool, for windage and elevation refinement. Mine was still wearing the original canvas with leather grommets sling.

I first gave the rifle a casual look over. It bore some surface rust on the receiver and muzzle, but the chromed bore still looked good at least thirty years after it came to the USA. The action is all AK, with the charging handle and safety lever on the right side of the receiver.

After checking that the safety lever did what safety levers are supposed to do, and seeing the trigger locked when "On Safe", I took the rifle and four 30-round magazines to the Hanneken Range at Gunsite. It's important to note that the safety lever has to be "off" to chamber a round. This can be done with the left hand (for right handers) by rolling the rifle to the right and charging on bottom with the left hand or rolling the rifle left and charging with the left hand on top. That allows the shooter to maintain their strong hand grip while loading or reloading.

I didn't clean or lubricate the gun, and assessed that it had last been fired sometime

in 2014. Loading up with a mix of what was in the evidence can from my agency, I rocked a mag into the rifle. It is important to note that mags don't insert or release in a straight vertical manner like on an AR. One must first seat a retaining tooth at the front of the mag and pivot the mag up and in place.

I fired a five-shot group from off-hand at the Gunsite "Option". This is an interesting paper target, using a camouflage desert pattern that gives no real clear "Bulls-eye" as a reference. Holding the front sight centered up in the rear sight notch, and the rear sight leaf set at the "1" (for 100 yards/meters), I let fly. Checking the target showed a satisfyingly centered group of about four inches. Certainly, good enough accuracy to put down freedom marchers in Hong Kong if I were using this rifle in its' intended role.

I continued with a series of drills taken from the Gunsite 223 Carbine Class:

- Low Guard to Off-Hand Snaps; Single Head Shot, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25 yards.
- Low Guard to Off-Hand Snaps; Two shots to the body, 25, 35, 50 yards.
- Off-Hand and Double Knee Kneeling; 100 yards.

These shooting drills were challenging, especially with the now "crude", but

COURTESY LOU GOSNELL





All dressed up: Century Arms C39V2 rifle with Magpul Zhukov stock, grip and magazine, Trijicon Accupoint 1-4x illuminated scope on a Texas Weapons Systems railed top cover, Hailey Ordnance Praetor sound suppressor.

serviceable sights on this particular specimen. The coarse front sight covered up a large portion of the target, making refinement of shot placement problematic. Still, accuracy was “good enough” to give good hits on the Gunsite Option target. It’s important to note that carrying the AK in a ready position is different from your AR. It is most efficient to keep your extended index and middle fingers extended on top of the safety lever for right handers in the same way they would stage the thumb on the safety of an AR for quick movement to “fire” when needed.

I then moved to the famous Scrambler Range. This area has seven firing points, demanding the shooter fire from various points of cover or improvised braced positions. It is an iconic firing range, with the current record for completion of the course being held by a Marine non-commissioned officer, using an issued M-16A2 with iron sights. His time was recorded at 32 seconds. I would be hard pressed today, to be able to jog across the entire course without stopping or trying to shoot any targets in that amount of time. Impressive!

Targets shot in the Scrambler are anywhere from about 75 yards away to 90+ yards. The shooter is allowed two shots, in order to get one hit on the correct target. Miss the same target twice from a firing point and it is counted as a miss. A “good” total time on the course of under a minute is considered outstanding. I did not attempt to complete the course in an “outstanding” time, but did get all my hits within the two-shot limit. Compared to my Colt 6940, with Aimpoint M4 red dot

sight, the coarse open sights on the old AK made getting those hits very satisfying.

Surprisingly, the trigger on this rifle was very good, breaking at an estimated four pounds or slightly less. At over six feet tall, with proportional arm length, I found the buttstock to be far too short and constantly felt cramped against the cheek weld when getting a sight picture. Small matter, as the gun ran 100 percent with the mix of Wolf, old Norinco and Tula 123 grain full metal jacket and “Hollow point” 7.62x39 ammunition. All of the ammunition was steel cased and likely a bi-metal (mild steel jacket) bullet.

After the Scrambler, I moved to the Woodfill Rifle Range. The Woodfill offers 100, 200 and 300 yards firing lines, as well as a 400 yard “Tower”. Shooting from 300 yards, in the prone position, I was able to consistently hit the Pepper Popper steel target, keeping the rear sight leaf adjusted to the “1” (100 yard) setting and holding at the very top of the steel Pepper Popper target. When I say consistently, I mean often, like fifty percent of the time. While the above average trigger aided the ability to hit at this distance, again, the rudimentary notch and post sights were a challenge for my six-decade eyes.

This individual specimen was the plain Jane of AK’s: iron sights, wood furniture, all steel. No prom queen, but rock steady and reliable. Reliability is the name of the game when you need a gun to work and always work when you need it. From a practical standpoint, this rifle (and likely all others in its class) is adequately accurate for what the typical Gunsite class would demand from a student,

if the student can shoot to the capability of the gun. Had this rifle been equipped with a decent Red Dot sight, I have every confidence that accuracy would improve at least fifty percent. Reloading speed is a little slower with the AK as compared to your typical AR-15, but it will do what needs doing.

SHOOTING DRILLS:

- 100 yards: Five shots to confirm zero with chosen ammunition. Repeat until zero is achieved. No time limit. Priorities are perfect sight alignment and smooth pressure on the trigger straight to the rear without disturbing sights, follow through, and smooth trigger reset. Ensure a consistent hold on target and adjust sights to move the next group to center.
- 50 yards: Off-Hand. Two shots to the chest in four seconds. Start at low-ready. X5
- 25 yards: Off-hand. Single head shot in three seconds. Start at low-ready. X5
- 10 yards: Off-hand. “Failure Drill”, two shots to the chest, one shot to the head in four seconds. X3

Tasks to focus on are: quick site acquisition, moving without wasted movement each drill (efficiency), moving the same way each drill (consistency), smooth trigger operation and resets.

The AK-47 and its many variations, clones and mutations is the most prolific military rifle in world history. Nothing else comes close. It has been turned into a belt fed machinegun and a long-range sniper rifle. Lauded as the most dependable assault rifle ever made, it is hard to argue. American made versions are available from any number of makers, and customizations, accessories and any other additions you might like can be available for a price, if they are not sold-out under current conditions. ✓

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EAT SNOOK

BY KALIN WOLF

As I lay on the front of my keel sailboat, I felt a tug on my line.

I was surprised to see a large mouth bass on my line. I sailed to this spot from a salt water dock in the Gulf of Mexico. I had assumed I was still in salt water, but I caught a fresh water fish. How could this happen? The waters I was fishing were called Brackish. Brackish water is where fresh water meets the saltwater, typically flowing into the ocean from a fresh water source such as a lake, river or natural spring. As I thought about this, I was pleased that being near the coast offered an abundance of food options provided by fishing. I set out to discover all the ways one could procure fish nutrition on the coastal waters. What I found was that not unlike animal hunting and trapping, fishing techniques and tools needed to differ for fish species as well. I had to narrow down my research to a specific fish, so I started with Snook.

As I live on the coast I see and hear fisherman talk about this fish every day. It seemed to be very common, so I wanted to find all the different ways I could procure this fish if an emergency need arose. The most practical way was to assume that one had no

watercraft and must acquire them from shore. The brackish waters seemed perfect as they are often times remote or at least lower traffic areas compared to public ocean frontage. The gear needed to fish these areas is minimal: a salt water rod and 30-pound line. This can be cut down to just a wad of fishing line in your pocket if needed. You will need a weight. In a small survival kit, I would skip the weight and just use rocks. For bait you will want shrimp. You can pack a small lure and some shrimp paste in your kit for best results without a bait shop available. These fish seem to be lazy and prefer the easiest snack. This means that typically your dead bait on the bottom is likely to outperform live bait on top or middle water.

To have the best luck, fish when the tide is either rising or falling. Bridges, drop offs, pylons, large rocks and other structures are the preferred hang outs for these fish. There is no need to attend your line endlessly or continue to constantly cast and reel it in, attracting attention to yourself or distracting you from other tasks.

Other options can work also. Bow fishing is

another great option for Snook. Lights attract them and they move very little if at all for minutes at a time. This is a great opportunity for a survivalist to hunt a lot of meat from a dock or shore. The use of a chem light in the water can work well for staying low profile and undetected if appropriate. Put the chem light on a string and lower it into the water, just a few inches below the surface. Snook will show up near the surface by the chem light ready to shoot. With an average weight of 29 pounds per Snook, you can readily feed yourself and others with this fish. If you have never bow fished you will want to take the time to practice this before you need the skill. My first time bow fishing, it took me several hours and over 60 shots to get dialed in. When bow fishing, your point of aim will be different than shooting on land because of refraction and it will take some getting used to. When the fish are moving you will have to learn to draw and aim and shoot in one motion or your fish will be out of sight in moments.

I have bow fished with many different types of bows, compound, recurve, crossbow and longbows. My personal favorite is a recurve

for bow fishing. As you are not typically drawing the bow and holding it, a compound bow brings little advantage to this game. Also is the fact that many shots will be very quick, meaning the bow cannot be fully drawn out before releasing your arrow. Recurve bows are perfect for this as they will shoot wonderfully half or three quarter drawn for quick, short distance shots. I suggest doing your internet research to find an inexpensive bow and how to rig it up for bow fishing. It is completely possible to outfit your current bow for fishing, however it's a pain to reoutfit it for regular use and going back and forth with it. I suggest procuring a bow and designate it strictly for this purpose. Practice with it and get proficient before you stow it away.

Another option is to build a fish trap. These can be constructed in many different ways. A net is one form of fish trapping. For the Snook sitting near the top of the water it is possible to net them with a toss. Most fish nets are designed for small fish, so adjustments to the design must be made. I have made many nets over the years using 550 paracord. If the net you are copying is made for three pounds of fish, then you need to upscale your net to accommodate the large fish you are hunting. Using 550 cord will ensure enough strength to hold whatever you catch. Use weights heavy enough to properly cast the larger and heavier net material. If you practice with casting a standard fishing net, then you will know how to build your big fish net. You can adjust your design to make it perform the same. Keeping a fishing net or two in your bug out bag or vehicle can be a great idea in a coastal area, but they are too large to put in a survival kit. You can also cache them near the site you have predetermined to acquire your fish when the need arises.

A proper fish trap is the other form of trapping. These work very well with smaller fish and become less effective with larger fish. Fish traps are typically made of metal wire in the shape of a box. Some are square, rectangular or round, but all work on the same principle. Bait is thrown inside and fish swim in to eat and then cannot find their way back out. These work very well for procuring bait fish, smaller fish that are eaten by predatory fish. Probably the best trap to use for a larger fish is one at the bank. Arranging rocks, sticks, etc. in such a way that fish moving with the current will swim into a pool of water fenced off. The fenced off part of the water is to get shallower the

farther they swim in. The entrance is a neck that is narrow and long. The fish swims in and cannot figure out how to swim back out the same way. The neck ends and opens up into a larger pool of shallow water where the fish are trapped from a lack of logical reasoning. These work well for game-size fish such as Snook, Trout and Salmon. The key is to have the trap orientated in such a way that the fish enter the trap by swimming in the natural direction of the current.

Another good option for Snook can be a fish spear. Using your light source near the water's surface at night, these fish can easily be speared as they move very little when near the top of the water near the light.

Now we have our fish, so how do we eat it? If we are in survival mode and must not waste any proteins or minerals, we need some form of container, even if it's a discarded pop bottle and we will use that to keep the parts that we won't be eating. They will be used for bait for other fish or bait for animals. We will cut off the head right where the gill ends. This is meat, so don't discard it or get it dirty. We need to remove the tail and put it in the scrap bin. You will also need to gut the fish and remove all of its internal organs and place them in the scrap container as well. To gut the fish, insert a blade in the same place as you would a mammal, precisely where the sternum ends at the abdomen. Then slice down the belly toward the tail along the middle of the fish. Next, use your fingers to reach inside the fish and scrape out all of the internal organs. If the fish is female and has eggs, put those with the head. Fish eggs will usually appear a yellowish color and look like a sack of tiny round balls. These are very nutritious and will be worth separating out from the guts. After this you can use the spine of your blade to scrape the outside of the fish. By scraping against the grain, from tail to head, you will remove the scales very easily. This will leave the skin for taste and added nutrients. Once all these steps are complete, we can now cook them for eating. The head and eggs will be thrown into a pot, boiled and eaten/drunk as a soup for nutrients. The large part of the body left over can be prepared in several ways. We can broil it, fry it or put it in a soup as well. All of these things should be cooked until well done. Eating undercooked fish parts can be risky. Season the fish and soup any way that pleases you and drink a lot of water with every serving to prevent dehydration as with any meal.

Since we have chosen to target such a large fish, you will most likely not be able to eat all of it before it starts to go bad, especially if you have gotten more than one. We must preserve the meat. To do this we have a couple of options. We can smoke it, dry it, jerk it and salt it. The first option is done by curing the meat with smoke. Typically, a fire is made, one that produces a lot of smoke either by using wet wood, charcoal or other means and then the meat is placed above it with a tent built around it to trap as much smoke around the meat as possible. You can build one of these makeshift smokers easily while on the move by using sticks and branches and a poncho. Be creative and think outside the box on construction, you are simply hanging meat in a thick cloud of smoke. Drying fish has been done for millennia across the globe with zero technology and it still works today. As you travel across India even now you will see fish being dried in the sun on the sidewalk. All that is required to dry fish is low heat and time. It can be done by putting the fish slabs into direct sunlight on a hard surface, metal being the best option. To jerk the fish meat, you simply need a steady flow of air moving over the meat. The key is to cut the meat into thin pieces and keep it in the constant air flow until fully dried, and you will know this as the meat will be crunchy and brittle. You must fully dry the meat when making jerky. It cannot have any moisture left in it or it can ruin very quickly. Salting is the last option and the idea is to use a spice to keep the meat from going bad for a while. Many people around the world have done this since the beginning of time. This is the reason cultures originated spicy foods, the meat keeps longer if saturated with a spice. From salt to jalapenos to chili used in curry, the purpose was to keep meat longer.

Snook can provide you with sustenance in precarious situations and uncertain times. Enjoy the outdoors. Practice the skills. Build out your gear, and have kits ready to roll before they are needed. ✓

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Soldier shows the damage to his face and his eye protection from an attack in Iraq.



PROTECT YOUR VISION

BY LAWRENCE E. HEISKELL

Military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan demonstrated that about 10 percent of all battle related injuries are eye injuries from shrapnel of improvised explosive devices, mortars and rockets.

The majority of these battlefield ocular injuries are corneal foreign bodies, abrasions and eye lid lacerations. Other causes of eye injuries include chemical conjunctivitis from soldiers handling solvents and fuels. The daily threats include dirt, wind and allergens that are also prolific in the desert environment from the effect of the sun, dry wind and blowing sand. Eye injuries can result from breaking glass or even from lasers. Lasers have been used by saboteurs attempting to blind pilots at airports and lasers have been used by rioters attempting to blind police officers.

WHAT GETS INJURED?

The cornea is the transparent, dome shaped

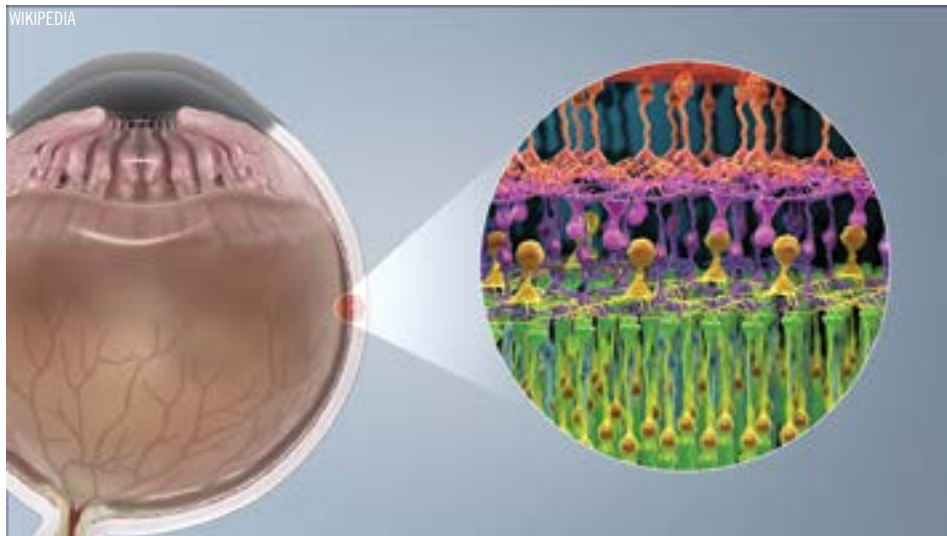
skin covering the surface of the eye. Like the crystal on a watch it provides us with a clear window to look through and this portion of the eye is the most prone to injury. The cornea has no blood vessels and is extremely sensitive. There are more nerve endings in the cornea than anywhere else in the body. The cornea is only about 0.5 millimeters thick. The outer layer of corneal epithelium is only about 5 to 6 cell layers thick and fortunately regenerates quickly when the cornea is injured superficially.

Penetration injuries into the cornea may leave a scar resulting in impaired vision. If the penetrating injury is even deeper, the object entering the eye can damage the iris, lens and even enter the center of the eye. This is

a serious if not a catastrophic eye injury and may result in blindness or the loss of the eye.

DARK ADAPTATION

When you move from a well-lighted area to a relatively dark area, it takes a short amount of time before your eyes can see the details or certain objects that may be present in the dark. This is called "*dark adaptation*". The early evening hours, commonly known as *dusk* are well known to be associated with poor visual perception. This is related to the reduced visual capability of the eye as light conditions change from light to dark. The rate at which dark adaptation occurs depends upon the intensity and duration of previous exposure to light. Those who work



The rods and cones in your eyes are light sensitive cells that need to be protected.

outdoors in the summer, when sky brightness is high, may show a deficit of dark adaptation for several days after exposure to sunlight and will not show absolute thresholds within normal range until the use of dark sunglasses has permitted recovery. Those, on the contrary, who work under artificial illumination may become completely dark-adapted in fifteen to twenty minutes.

RODS AND CONES

Light sensitive cells of the retina fall into two classes, rods and cones. In general, the latter are less sensitive to light, but provide the basis for color discrimination and for finer visual acuity discrimination. The rods, although highly sensitive to light, play no role in color discrimination and give very poor visual acuity, owing to the complexity and multiplicity of their connections in the layers of the retina.

The cones in the retina of the eye experience a diminished sensitivity to color and the decreasing amount of light. The rods in the retina need time and a dark environment to become sensitive to the low intensity light conditions. The adaptation of the human eye to different levels of light and darkness and the ability to see under such conditions is brought about by the reactions of specific components of the eye that respond differently under relatively light and dark conditions.

First, when a person goes from a relatively light area to a relatively dark area, the pupil of the eye increases in size to admit more light. Conversely, the pupil tends to contract

in bright light to limit the light that enters the eye. This process takes a few seconds, and as a person proceeds from one condition of light intensity to another, the person may be partially "blinded" until this process is complete.

A second reaction of the eye involves the reconstitution of the bright-red photosensitive pigment called *rhodopsin* and also known as *visual purple* found in the rods of the retina. Under relatively dark conditions, the cones of the eye lose much or all sensitivity to color and light. Vision under poor lighting is dependent on the functioning of the rods.

The rods do not distinguish color as they process only visual impulses of black and white or a combination of shades of gray. The rods of the eye require rhodopsin in order to function. In well lighted conditions the rhodopsin is bleached out of the rods rapidly. In bright light conditions vision is achieved entirely by the cones. When an individual passes from bright to dim light conditions, rhodopsin must be replenished until this process occurs; vision is seriously impaired.

If you're moving from lighted areas to dark areas, close one eye every time you move into a lighted area. If you keep closing the same eye and protect it from light, you can preserve that precious rhodopsin from being bleached out. When you enter the dark again, open that eye up and it will still be adjusted to the dark. This technique can save your life. Scientific data indicates the rate of rhodopsin re-synthesis process may take place in approximately 10 minutes of total dark

conditions. The same data indicates that the time required for complete dark adaptation can take up to 30 minutes or more.

THE VISUAL ANGLE

Night vision is also affected by what is known as *the visual angle*. When a person wants to see objects in ordinary daylight, the person turns his or her eyes toward the object to be seen, pointing the *fovea* which is a small depression at the back of the retina which is the most sensitive part of the eyes in daylight. Because the cones in the fovea or center of the retina are insensitive to night conditions, looking straight at an object is not effective in seeking out dim targets after dark. As the angle of view from the fovea is increased, the concentration of the rods becomes denser and night vision is enhanced. At night, when illumination is less than that provided by full moonlight, the fovea of the eye is almost "blind," and a person cannot see faint targets by looking directly at them but, rather one must look slightly away from them. Training and practice are necessary to master this skill. If a person wants to see objects at night, one should look about 20 degrees to one side of where the object is expected to be. If you want to identify something at night, you need to look 4 to 8 degrees to one side of it. The characteristics of night vision are very different from those of day vision and practice is necessary if you want see well under low levels of illumination.

LASER THREATS

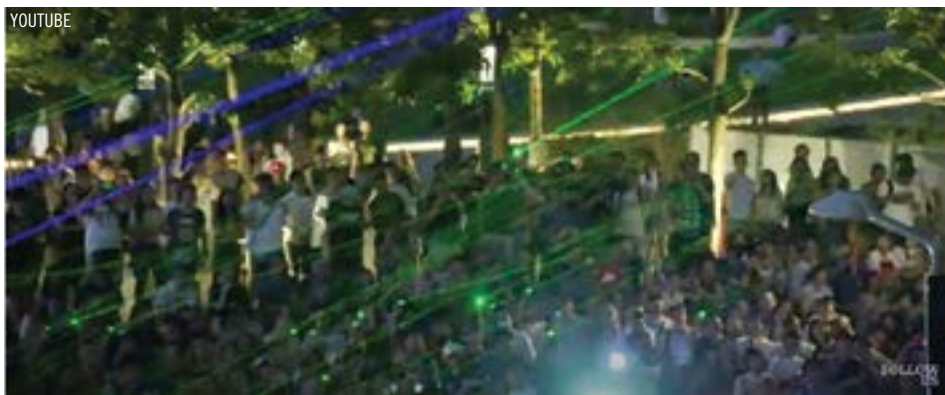
Lasers are classified for safety purposes based on their potential for causing injury to the eyes and skin. Most lasers are required by law to have a label listing the class. For visible beam consumer lasers there are four main classes: Class 2, (0-1mW) Class 3R (1-5 mW), Class 3B (5-500mW), and Class 4 (500mw+). The first two classes are relatively safe for eye exposure, the last two are hazardous. Typically, a serious injury can result if the retina in the posterior portion of the eye is damaged. Because the laser beam spreads, less light will enter the pupil at greater distances. The hazard decreases the farther distance from the laser source and the shorter the exposure time. If you think you have sustained an eye laser injury you should be evaluated by an ophthalmologist as soon as possible.

FLASH BLINDNESS

This is blindness that results from the sudden exposure of very bright light. An example



Left top and center: Hong Kong protestors use lasers to disrupt surveillance.



There is eye protection available to block the various laser wavelengths.

would be looking at the flash of a camera. Bright lasers can cause the same effect. With this type of blindness, the biggest problem is the increased risk of accidents during the time vision is affected.

LASER EYE PROTECTION

It is important to select the proper glasses or goggles. Lasers are typically made in two colors either red or green. Some eyewear are made to block both sets of wavelengths however other models only protect from one or the other. Typically, eyewear that provides protection from light in 615nm-700nm wavelengths will protect against red

laser light. Even though red and green are the most common colors of lasers, there are a few that can produce light on more unique wavelengths. Blue is one that is becoming more popular lately, but other colors are also possible. **Choose eyewear that is made to block multiple colors of laser light and pay attention to the limitations of your eye protection.**

TREATMENT

Superficial injuries caused by dirt or sand can be treated by flushing the eyes with running water. If this is unsuccessful a closer examination will be necessary. Before this can be accomplished the victim will need a few drops of an ophthalmic topical anesthetic. This will allow the victim to cooperate with a visual exam of the eye. If you can see a foreign body and it appears superficial then an attempt to remove it with a cotton tip applicator is worth a try in the field. If you are unsuccessful and you suspect a metallic foreign body embedded in the cornea, you will not be able to remove it without the use of a slit lamp (an adjustable lighted binocular magnifying instrument mounted on a table).

This will require the patient to be transported to a clinic or hospital. At this point it is best to instill a few more anesthetic eye drops and prepare for extrication.

Deep penetrating eye trauma is another story. All of these injuries will need evaluation by an ophthalmologist and it is best to cover the affected eye with a pair of goggles to prevent further injury and transport the patient to the nearest facility capable of surgically treating ocular injuries. If there is an object impaled in the eye or surrounding areas, do not remove it because removal may destroy otherwise salvageable tissue.

EYEWEAR

Obviously, comfort and field of vision is paramount for the user. These two features will determine the next factor which is compliance. If the eyewear does not feel good on your face and does not give you excellent peripheral vision, you will not wear it. The lack of compliance obviously increases the risk of a serious eye injury. In the 1990s the U.S. Army conducted a study and alleged that the reason why compliance was so poor among soldiers is that the goggles issued lacked soldier acceptance because of their appearance. The bottom line is that you want eyewear that is comfortable, looks good and protects well. You want eyewear that meets or exceeds the ANSI Z87.1 - 2003 requirements for high velocity impact standards. Many models meet or exceed the military VO ballistic impact specifications as well. The lenses should be able to block 100 percent of harmful UVA and UVB rays up to 400 nanometers and polarized versions will provide superior glare reduction. ✓

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Illustration from the cover of "Last 100 Yards."

H. JOHN POOLE

LEGENDARY AUTHOR INTERVIEW

BY CHRIS GRAHAM

Editor Chris Graham talks to H. John Poole, author and Marine combat veteran, about his books, life, and America's adversaries.

CG : Was "Last 100 Yards" your first book?

JP: "The Last Hundred Yards: the NCO's Contribution to Warfare" was the first book from posteritypress.org in 1997. It became so popular that a group of high-ranking Fort Leavenworth officers felt the need to publish a look-alike (with different content) in 2019. The original contains what some 2000 Marine E-6 students were able to teach their formerly O-5 instructor at the East Coast Platoon Sergeant's School from 1986 to 1992. Its "collective enlisted wisdom" is the heretofore missing link between commander intentions and unit success on the battlefield.

CG: My recollection (I enlisted in 1989) was that the USMC was a strong proponent of that book. Was it on the CMC reading list?

JP: The book showed up on a new category of Commandant's Reading List for a single year and then lost all official endorsement. The Corps' most progressive recent commandant—Gen. Al Gray—was to participate in no known military reform activity after retirement in 1991. But the book was still to further his Maneuver Warfare initiative by showing how to create the prerequisite level of skill in small units. That is probably why the SOF/SOCOM community has found it so useful over the years. Its detailed discussion of

"terrain association" land navigation became particularly important after the onset of the fragile GPS devices.

CG: Who were your most important mentors?

JP: William S. Lind (Gen. Gray's tactical adviser while commandant) was to write the Foreword on the first three books, then Maj. Gen. Ray L. Smith (my overall commander while at the East Coast SOI) on the next eight, and finally Gen. Zinni on the last nine. But most informative after retirement had been what was learned from the NCOs in my multiday training sessions. The average class in over 60 battalions and schools had contained 30 to 40 E-3 through E-5 infantrymen. It was there that I fully acquired the lost art of field training light infantrymen (those who can still function in the absence of orders). That art involves competition during the field refinement of battle drills. If squads can't be played against each other, then fire teams, buddy teams or individuals can. Another way to stimulate tactical growth is to have each element try to beat its previous score. The most easily measurable indicators of surprise are speed, stealth and deception. For casualty simulation, we sometimes used MILES gear, but more often relied on the honor system. Kills were determined by either three-second sight picture or being covered with flour grenade dust. Then, less predictability or losses equated to better technique.

CG: Which book (aside from your first and last) has been followed most closely? Which book and which ideas carries the ideas you think are most important in the series?

JP: "The Tiger's Way" has probably been followed the most closely. It contains the first detailed description of the vastly superior Eastern maneuvers for squads and below. What makes them different from U.S. technique is the focus on surprising the enemy. With an important election coming up, "Homeland Siege" may now have the most important ideas. It shows how China was finally able to take over Nepal at the ballot box.

CG: Do you believe the most competent/dangerous of America's state/non-state adversaries are currently viewing kinetic action or non-kinetic (such as political warfare, financial warfare and cyber) as the Main Effort in achieving their objectives?

JP: The PRC has now become so proficient at the non-martial aspects of 4th Generation Warfare that it can virtually take over other countries without firing a shot. That process generally starts with economic dependency and then ends up with political blackmail. Much of what is going on in America today closely follows the Chinese *modus operandi*: (1) constantly discrediting the regime in

“The PRC has now become so proficient at the non-martial aspects of 4th Generation Warfare that it can virtually take over other countries without firing a shot.”

power; (2) getting the most naive segments of a population to push for any change at all; and (3) riots where political subversion has been too slow.

CG: Am I correct in assessing that your writing features PRC as America’s most dangerous enduring adversary throughout the series? When did you first come to that conclusion and how has your perspective on that evolved over the years?

JP: After a side trip to still rebellious Tibet, I and the wife were almost kidnapped in China around 2003. Such a thing is much less exciting in real life than in the movies. Once the story takes on a Hollywood quality, it often has an unhappy ending. On this particular occasion, the first indication of trouble came in the cab ride from the airport to the hotel. When we started driving through a lifeless neighborhood, I told the wife to get ready for trouble. I didn’t have any particular plan or skill, but was just running a bluff as one would to avoid being mugged in Chicago. The local cab driver apparently spoke a little English and wanted to avoid any stray rounds because he immediately turned his cab around. Then, on the day we were supposed to board our Yangtze River boat, the tour company had yet to tell us where. Early in the morning I started asking hotel management to find out. After several hours of no help whatsoever, a man from hotel security put us into a cab at the back door with instructions to the driver on where the boat was. He had apparently seen some unusual cab activity at the front of the hotel. When we finally got to the boat, the female purser/greeter looked surprised. She said she had just received a phone call that we weren’t coming. In China, when one gets kidnapped, it’s not for ransom. The victim simply disappears without a trial into a nearly invisible gulag system. My early books had already discussed China, so I concluded a kidnapping had gone awry.

Having fought in Vietnam, I had been following the illicit activities of all Asian Communist nations for quite some time. The reference to “tall buildings” and “plane hijacking” (twice each) in the PLA Publishing House’s “Unrestricted Warfare” of 1999 had also left a distinct impression. That same

document talks about “biological weapons” three times.

The underlying problem in Mainland Asia remains the fact that the same regime in power during the Korean War still is in Beijing. Besides the martial bullying of neighbors (most notably India and North Vietnam), it has a continuous history of subverting other countries throughout the world that has been hidden from the American public by its own news media. The most glaring current example is in the Eastern DRC, where instability and genocide are still encouraged by China to scare off Western competition for the minerals.

CG: What are the most dangerous/competent non-PRC adversaries or challenges you see?

JP: The most dangerous/competent non-PRC adversary is North Korea. It is not as good at the non-martial aspects of 4th Generation Warfare as China, but because of less interest in technology (and more digging), it may be better at the martial aspects.

CG: What motivated you to release “Super Squad”?

JP: After 15 months in the field in Vietnam, I eventually realized that small U.S. units were being under-trained, under-trusted and under-utilized. Then, those 3000 enlisted students showed me where the Corps’ tactical wisdom had resided all the while. For years, I assumed everyone could see the glaring deficiency between Eastern and Western squad tactics. Then, I decided to irrefutably prove it through “Super-Squad.” That book was to be the culmination of over 50 years of research. But even I was surprised at what the in-depth study showed. Because the big Eastern armies had focused on beating an opponent having more firepower, they had all arrived at almost identical ways of solving the most common combat scenarios (the tactical state of the art). Meanwhile, their Western counterparts had sought only to increase their own firepower and thus forfeited the same tactical growth. Only in sheer desperation (like at Bairoko or Iwo Jima,) had some U.S. Marine units done the same kinds of things (like attacking through a row of mutually cooperating fire

teams with no supporting arms to worry about).

CG: What distinguishes it from the rest of the series? What are the biggest differences between this and your earliest ideas and writing?

JP: The only difference between the earlier and later writings is the amount of accumulated proof on all major points. If the Pentagon would now like to decisively win its first extended ground conflict since WWII, it has what it will take to do so. With training manuals and methods from Posterity Press, it can start fighting tactically from the bottom up, instead of shock-and-awe-wise from the top down. Whether or not that ever happens, U.S. individuals, small units and large units can all learn from our books how to more effectively operate. They will help the individuals to survive, small units to become more self-sufficient and large units to establish momentum. Their ultimate goal, of course, is to help America to start winning wars with the minimal loss of life.

CG: John, thank you for giving us a glimpse into how this fascinating series came to be. I have to admit I took different things from your books at different stages of my USMC experience. From private to lieutenant colonel, and before and after each combat deployment I have found them valuable and applicable whether with Simunitions and contemporary training aids or with nothing at all.

These books certainly don’t provide “conventional wisdom”, but if you are a student of history, a student of tactics or the parent of a soldier, Marine or a young person interested in intelligence or politics you cannot afford to overlook these books and there is no reason not to attack them from back to front starting with the latest: “Super Squad”. ✓

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MIKE ROGERS

Surveillance Act (FISA), Section 702 Item #17. The unauthorized upstream data collection of emails, and phone call surveillance of U.S. individuals within NSA surveillance appeared to be the most prolific violation. In mid-2016 Admiral Rogers ordered the NSA compliance officer to run an audit on NSA 702 compliance. He was reportedly briefed by that compliance officer on October 20th, 2016 and immediately ordered the 702s, item #17 "About Query" activity to stop. He reported the

illicit activities to the DOJ, and then informed the FISA court that he had learned of unlawful surveillance and collection against U.S. persons. Rogers is believed to have uncovered the Obama/Biden administration's pretextual espionage operation against President (originally Candidate) Trump and his associates at Trump Tower. Judge Rosemary Collyer reportedly found that of 40,000 searches conducted on behalf of Obama/Biden DCI John Brennan and Obama/Biden DNI James Clapper, 34,000 of them were illegal.

During that same time frame, FBI lawyer Lisa Page texted FBI Assistant Deputy Director Peter Strzok, "[Trump is] not ever going to become president, right?" to which he replied, "No he's not. We'll stop it...". Additionally, during that time frame Strzok appears to have communicated in other messages an awareness that no legitimate

evidence connected President Trump to any wrongdoing.

As soon as Donald Trump was elected, Admiral Rogers traveled to Trump Tower. The day after the visit, President-elect Trump moved his transition team out of Trump Tower to Bedminster, New Jersey. Within days, Obama/Biden DCI John Brennan waged a public campaign to get Rogers fired.

We can now see that a cabal of corrupt FBI executives attempted a coup d'état against our Constitutional Republic apparently with the encouragement of senior Obama/Biden officials. At least dozens of government officials were in positions to *see* what was going on. At least hundreds of government officials were in position to *understand* what was going on, but it appears that Admiral Mike Rogers was the only one with the courage and integrity to live up to his oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic".

If Admiral Rogers had not acted, we would likely have a neutered and controlled President Pence at present unless a pretext to take him down could have been found as well. If the revolution succeeds, few Americans will ever know the name Mike Rogers. If the insurgents are brought to justice and the revolution is defeated, Admiral Rogers may be remembered alongside the greatest American Patriots. May all government officials be strengthened by Rogers' example to live up to their oath of office. ✓

In 2016, FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe led an investigation into some of Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton's apparent criminal activities. Around the same time, McCabe's wife decided to run for political office for the first time and was given a "campaign contribution" of approximately \$500,000 by a Clinton associate. FBI investigative policies were routinely violated creating a long list of "errors" in Clinton's favor and subsequently fired FBI Director James Comey held a press conference confirming facts that justified a long list of felony charges for the deliberate mishandling of classified information that was certainly accessed by foreign intelligence services, but inexplicably insisted on a recommendation not to charge her.

Also, in 2016, NSA Director Admiral Mike Rogers became aware of a large number of apparent violations of Foreign Intelligence