# EXTREMISM & EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS

#### REFERENCES

- ▶ AR 600–20, Army Command Policy
- ▶ DA PAM 600–15, Extremist Activities
- ▶ TC 26-6, Commander's EO Handbook
- FBI 2011 National Gang Threat Assessment

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## ARMY POLICY Equal Opportunity

- It is the policy of the U.S. Army to provide equal opportunity and fair treatment for all Soldiers without regard to race, color, religion, gender or national origin
- Extremist Organizations' goals are inconsistent with the Army's goals, beliefs and values with regard to equal opportunity

#### **PROHIBITIONS**

Soldiers are prohibited from the following actions in support of Extremist Organizations or Activities



- Participating in a Public Demonstration or Rally
- Attending a Meeting or Activity with Knowledge that the Meeting or Activity Involves and Extremist Cause
- Fund Raising Activities
- Recruiting or Training Members
- Creating, Organizing, or Taking a Visible Leadership Role in such an Organization
- Distributing Literature on or off a Military Installation

### **COMMAND AUTHORITY**

Commanders have the inherent authority to prohibit military personnel from engaging in or participating in any other activities the commander determines will adversely affect good order and discipline or morale within the command. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to order the removal of symbols, flags, posters, or other displays from barracks, to place areas or activities off-limits, or to order Soldiers not to participate in those activities that are contrary to good order and discipline or morale of the unit or pose a threat to health, safety and security or military installation

### **TERMS & DEFINITIONS**



#### SUPREMACIST

Any person(s) maintaining the ideology, quality, state of being, or position of being superior to all others in something

#### EXTREMIST

A person who advocates the use of force or violence; advocates supremacist causes based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or national origin; or otherwise engages to deprive individuals or groups of their civil rights

### TERMS & DEFINITIONS cont.

#### IDEOLOGY

A systematic body of concepts especially about human life or culture; a way of thinking used by a group or individual to express their beliefs and social values

#### EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS

A group which advocates the use of force or violence, advocates supremacist causes; based on ethnicity, religion, gender or national origin; or otherwise engages in efforts to deprive individuals or groups of their civil rights

#### TERMS & DEFINITIONS cont.

#### GANGS

A group of individuals who band together, usually along racial or ethnic lines for a political or social belief. Generally, gangs are prone to violent behavior.



#### MILITIA

A body of Soldiers not permanently organized in time of peace. Many militia organizations have been formed because of their objection to national or local government (anti-democratic) policies or programs.

### **MILITIAS**

New groups form and others disappear so frequently it is difficult, if not impossible to track which groups are active at any given moment. The character of these groups also may change rapidly as different factions, some extreme with neo-Nazi ties and other moderates, with law abiding goals.

as different factions, some extreme with neo-Nazi ties and other moderates, with law abiding goals vie for control. In some cases there are support groups that do not engage in military training or typically have rank structures, but instead provide information and materials to militias

#### **MILITIAS**

#### MILITIA MOVEMENT

 In the past 2yrs the movement has made a concerted effort to use social media & internet to in order to recruit



The Hutaree Militia logo, as displayed on their web site, is a patch with the letters "CCR," which stands for Colonial Christian Republic.

- The number of militia groups has increased sharply; 50 groups in 2008 to nearly 200 today
- Influx in the number of young people into the movement
- Primary reason for the rapid resurgence of the militia movement was the election of Barack Obama as president and an overall growth of anti-government animosity in the U.S. over the past 18 months.

### **RECRUITMENT & AFFILIATION**

#### LURE PROSPECTS

 Quietly talking about individual liberties, states' rights, and how, with your help, they can make the world a better place to live

#### HATE SYMBOLS & PARAPHERNALIA

 They are usually hidden until a recruit is hooked on the validity of the ideology

#### MILITARY AFFILIATION

 Groups raise young adults in their ideology and then enter them into the military to gain expertise and knowledge, as well as recruit peers

to join their cause

### **TATTOOS**

- Frequently associated with racist and/or gang activities
- No immediate assumption should be made when strange or suspicious tattoos are observed; however, they may be considered a warning signal something might be worth checking into further
- Detailed information on hate tattoos can be found at <a href="http://www.adl.org">http://www.adl.org</a> (when in doubt, check it out)
- If you identify a recognizable tattoo notify your COC and/or consult with your SJA for clarification and guidance

### **TATTOOS**



#### **Spider Web**



methamphetamine trade.

The letters "AB" represent Aryan Brotherhood, a prison gang that originated in 1967 in the California Department of Corrections at San Quentin. Many members display white supremacist ideology, but they are first and foremost a criminal gang involved in the



Black Guerilla Family "BGF" This gang was started at San Quentin State Prison in California in 1966 by former Black Panther, George L. Jackson. The gang has a strong political ideology that promotes Black revolution and the overthrow of the government.

The spider web design tattoo is often found on the arms or under the arms of racists who have spent time in jail. In some places, one apparently "earns" this tattoo by killing a minority.



#### Nazi Low Riders "NLR"

This street and prison gang with ties to the Aryan Brotherhood. It exploded in membership in the 1990s.. Members of the gang are involved in the drug trade and white supremacist ideology is a strong part of the gang's character.



### Three Leaf Clover with "AB" (Aryan Brotherhood)

The Aryan Brotherhood (AB) is a white supremacist prison gang. The letters "AB" or the number "666" (representing Satan) can often be found written on the leaves of the clover.











### **RACIST ACRONYMS**

- **RAHOWA** *Racial Holy War* (White Supremacist, World Church of the Creator)
- **SWP** Supreme White Power (White Supremacist)
- Cl Christian Identity
- **DOC** Disciples of Christ (Racist Skinhead)
- ORION Our Race is Our Nation (White Supremacist; NeoNazi; Racist Skinhead)
- **ROA** Race Over All (NeoNazi)
- ▶ **ZOG**/**JOG** Zionist-Occupied Govt/Jewish-Occupied Govt

(White Supremacist; Anti-Govt Extremist)

- **WPWW** White Pride World Wide (White Supremacist)
- **United as One** (White Supremacist)
- **KIGY** Klansman, I Greet You (Ku Klux Klan)
- **▶ UNSERE EHRE HEISST TREUE** "Our Honor is Loyalty"

(NeoNazi; White Supremacist; Racist Skinheads)

### **NUMBER SYMBOLS**

- \*We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children"
- ▶ 88 The eighth letter of the alphabet is 'H.' Eight two times signifies 'HH,' shorthand for the Nazi greeting, "Heil Hitler"
- ▶ 5 "I have nothing to say." Code of silence for white racists
- ▶ 311 The eleventh letter of the alphabet is the letter 'K.' Thus 3 x 11 equals "KKK"
- The eight letter of the alphabet is 'H' and the third is 'C.' Thus "Heil Christ," which is a greeting used by racists that consider themselves Christian
- \*Blood & Honour" because 'B' is the send letter of the alphabet and 'H' is the eighth letter
- ▶ 4/20 Anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday
- ▶ 18 The first letter of the alphabet is 'A' and the eight is 'H.'
  Therefore an abbreviation for Adolf Hitler, "AH"
- ▶ 23 The 23<sup>rd</sup> letter of the alphabet is 'W,' an abbreviation for "White"
- ▶ 100% Pure Aryan or white roots
- > 33/6 Thirty- three is 3 times 11. Since the eleventh letter of the alphabet is K, this signifies "KKK." The '6' signifies the 6<sup>th</sup> current era of the Klan; it is often used as a greeting by members

### **NEO-NAZIS IN THE MILITARY**





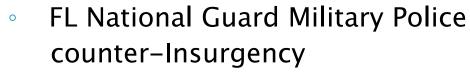
- Gulf War Combat Veteran
- Oklahoma City bombing





- Navy SEAL
- Member of the Fourth Reich





- Neo-Nazi Skinhead / National Alliance
- Lead singer for the hate rock band *Attack*



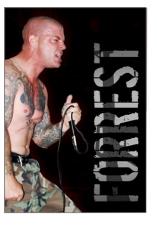












### NEO-NAZIS IN THE MILITARY

 DoD Investigators uncovered an online network of 57 neo-Nazis who are active duty Army and Marines personnel spread across 5 military installations in 5 states



- Fort Lewis
- Fort Bragg
- Fort Hood
- Fort Stewart
- Camp Pendleton







- They are communicating with each other about weapons, recruiting, keeping their identities secret, and about organizing within the military
- Many of these individuals have been deployed to combat missions in Iraq & Afghanistan

### **NEO-NAZIS IN THE MILITARY**

- In May 2003, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division advised the FBI of six active-duty soldiers at Fort Riley, Texas, who were affiliated with the <a href="Aryan Nations">Aryan Nations</a>. One of the six was the neo-Nazi group's point of contact in Kansas and sought to recruit members from within the military
- In September 2006, the leader of the Celtic Knights, a now-defunct splinter faction of the <u>Hammerskins</u> in central Texas, planned to obtain firearms and explosives from an active-duty Army soldier in Fort Hood, Texas. The soldier, who served in Iraq in 2006 and 2007, was a member of the <u>National Alliance</u>, a neo-Nazi group. He is now going through proceedings for military discharge.
- In October 2006, the National Socialist Movement, a major neo-Nazi group, received a number of queries from active-duty Army and Marine personnel stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan that expressed interest in joining the organization and inquired about chapters located near domestic U.S. military bases.
- In mid-2007, two Army privates in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., received six-year prison sentences for attempting to sell body armor and morphine to an undercover FBI agent they believed was involved in the white supremacist movement



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Leon E. Panetta, Secretary United States Department of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20318-9999

RE: Military Religious Freedom Foundation FOB - "Aryan"

Dear Secretary Panetta:

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Our office represents the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (www.militaryreligiousfreedom.org) and its founder, Mikey Weinstein.

Late last night and into the early hours this morning, the Foundation was contacted by 10 members of the "ANA" (Afghan National Army) and 21 members of the United States Armed Forces currently serving in Afghanistan and the U.S., informing the Foundation that a Forward Operating Base (FOB) outside of Kandahar, Afghanistan had been named "Aryan." Please see the attached photograph which was also forwarded to the Foundation.

The implications of the name and obvious discriminatory, religious, and racial connotations are clearly outrageous. Disclosure of the base being named "Aryan" comes only three days after the shocking revelation last week that the Nazi SS insignia had been used by the 1st Recon BN Charlie Company in Sangin, Afghanistan.

The Marine Corps' response last week to the disclosure of the SS flag and a rifle marked with the SS insignia has apparently and sadly been to the effect that although "inappropriate," was inadvertent and not something with respect to which punishment would be warranted.

Today's stunning information concerning the base near Kandahar being named "Aryan" is simply too much to be coincidental. Viewing either as trivially inadvertent would be preposterous. The horrendous religious and ethnic connotations are beyond dispute, as is the horribly wrongful nature of either the base name or use of the SS insignia.



Staff Sqt. Tanner with C Company speaks with an Afghan National Army officer a Combat Outpost Aryan.

### RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM

- EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- IKHWAN or MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD (EGYPT/MUSLIM)
- ULTRA-ORTHODOX (ISRAEL/JUDAISM)
- CHRISTIAN IDENTITY (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- AL QUAEDA (TRANSNATIONAL/ISLAM)
- HAMAS (PALESTINIAN/ISLAMIST)
- ABU SAYYAH (PHILIPPINES/ISLAM)
- KU KLUX KLAN (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- SRI RAM SENE (INDIA/HINDU)
- CATHOLICISM (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- KAHANE MOVEMENT/KACH (ISRAEL/JEWISH)
- ARMY OF GOD (U.S./CHRISTIANITY)
- SUNNI MUSLIMS (IRAQ/ISLAM)
- NATION OF ISLAM (U.S./ISLAM)
- JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (U.S./JUDAISM)
- FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (U.S./MORMAN)
- HUTAREE (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- **⋄** ISLAMOPHOBIA













#### ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS IN THE MILITARY

#### Navy petty officer Hassan Abujihad

Emailed classified military information to jihadists for possible attacks while serving on a U.S. destroyer



#### Ali Abdul Saoud Mohammed

 Army Special Forces instructor at the Special Ops Warfare School at Ft Bragg while at the same time a trainer of Al Qaeda and a double agent traveling overseas to fight with jihadists



#### SGT Hasan Akbar

Killed two Soldiers at a military base in Kuwait & injured 14 others; he wanted to stop the killing of his fellow Muslims



#### Jeffrey Leon Battle

USAR Soldier who enlisted in order to receive training on military tactics and weapons that he intended to use against the U.S. in support of Al-Qaida; got caught when he attempted to travel to Afghanistan to fight with the Taliban as part of the Portland Seven

#### **TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS**















### **GANGS IN THE MILITARY**

- -Enter the military to escape the streets or as an alternative to incarceration, but then end up reconnecting once in
- -Enter the military services specifically for the combat and weapons training
- -Gangs target the U.S. military and defense systems to expand their territory and recruit
- -According to CID, most Soldiers found linked to gangs are junior enlisted members

Female soldiers flashing gang signs and brandishing weapons.



Mexican Mafia graffiti in Iraq.



### **GANGS IN THE MILITARY**

## 53 identified gangs whose members have served in or are affiliated with U.S. Military

#### Among the identified gangs:

Asian Boyz

**Bloods** 

Crips

Gangster Disciples

Latin Kings

MS-13

Sureños

Ting Rascal Gangsters

**Devils Disciples** 

Southside Locos

**Aryan Brotherhood** 

Barrio Azteca

Texas Syndicate prison gangs

**Bandidos** 

Hells Angels

Mongols

Outlaws

Vagos

Peckerwoods

Hatian Mob



SOURCE: FBI 2011 NATIONAL GANG THREAT ASSESSMENT

### GANGS IN THE MILITARY cont.

Law enforcement officials in at least 100 jurisdictions have come into contact with, detained, or arrested an active or former military gang member within the past three years



Army tanker with "support your local Hells Angel" inscribed on back.

Gang members have been reported in every branch of the military, although a large proportion of these gang members are affiliated with the U.S. Army Reserves and National Guard branches



MCAS Beaufort Marines flashing Crip signs as posted on My Space.com.

### **UNIT IMPACT**

- Command Climate Suffers
- Polarization of Groups
- Undermines Confidence
- Productivity is hampered and accomplish of the mission can be seriously affected
- Unnecessary effort are required to recover from neglected situations



### **COMMAND OPTIONS**

- UCMJ Action
  - Articles 92, 116, 117, 134
- Involuntary Separation
  - Unsatisfactory performance or misconduct or for conduct deemed prejudicial to good order and discipline or morale
- Reclassification
- Administrative Action
  - All other administrative or disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the commander, based on the specific facts and circumstances of the particular case (i.e. bar to reenlistment, LOR, etc.)

#### PENNSYLVANIA HATE GROUPS

NAME	ТҮРЕ	CITY
Alliance for Catholic Tradition	Radical Traditional Catholicism	Pleasant Unit
American Third Position	White Nationalist	
Aryan Terror Brigade	Racist Skinhead	
Blood & Honour America Division	Racist Skinhead	
Brotherhood of Klans Knights of the Ku Klux Klan	Ku Klux Klan	
Casa D'Ice Signs	Anti-Muslim	North Versailles
Catholic Apologetics Intl Publishing, Inc	Radical Traditional Catholicism	State Line
Catholic Counterpoint	Radical Traditional Catholicism	Broomall
Council Of Conservative Citizens	White Nationalist	Revere
Crew 38	Racist Skinhead	Allentown
DJ GOR	Racist Music	Bedford
Firm 22	Racist Skinhead	Crum Lynne
Imperial Klans of America Knights of the Ku Klux Klan	Ku Klux Klan	Johnstown
Israelite church of God in Jesus Christ (6)	Black Separatist	Coatesville, Philadelphia (2), Norristown, Pittsburgh, Allentown
Keystone United (4)	Racist Skinhead	Philadelphia, Altoona, Wilkes Barre/Scranton, Harrisburg
Nation of Islam (2)	Black Separatist	Philadelphia & Pittsburgh
National Black Foot Soldier Network	Black Separatist	
National Socialist Movement (3)	Neo-Nazi	Mather, Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley
Poker Face	Racist Music	Allentown
The Creativity Alliance	Neo-Nazi	Philadelphia
Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan	Ku Klux Klan	
United Northern & Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan	Ku Klux Klan	
United White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan	Ku Klux Klan	
Vinlanders Pennsylvania	Racist Skinhead	
Volksfront	Racist Skinhead	Reference: SPLC ( <u>www.splcenter.org</u> )

### 2011 REPORTED INCIDENTS IN PA

- Robinson, PA Michael Duane Bracken, 23, was sentenced to 15 months in prison, and Kenneth Paul Stiffey Jr., 21, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, for their role in burning a cross in 2009 at the residence of a family hosting a black foster child: 09/25/2011
- Carlisle, PA Arrest warrants for ethnic intimidation and disorderly conduct were issued for Brian Fahnestock, 46, after he allegedly threatened a Walmart greeter and made a racial comment: 09/08/2011
- Hempfield, PA Racist and anti-Semitic graffiti was painted on vehicles, driveways and a fence: 08/20/2011
- Harrisburg, PA Kelvin Brian Ford, 25, was arrested following a chase by police, who discovered he was wanted in Maryland for allegedly making racial comments and cutting a man with a box cutter in July: 07/28/2011
- Norristown, PA Colin Andrew Ford, 19, pleaded guilty to 1 count of terroristic threats for spray-painting swastikas and ethnic slurs on a Jewish family's house in FEB: 07/24/2011
- Verona, PA A noose was left hanging from the rafters near a production line where a black employee works in a beverage company: 07/13/2011
- Huntingdon, PA Kory R. Hook, 20, and Joshua T. Wirt, 21, were charged with burglary, criminal conspiracy, criminal trespass and simple assault for allegedly beating a man in his home. Hook faces additional charges of aggravated assault and ethnic intimidation for allegedly using a racial epithet against the victim: 06/25/2011
- Pittsburgh, PA White supremacist Richard Poplawski, 24, was convicted of 3counts of first-degree murder and 25 other crimes in connection for the deaths of 3Pittsburgh police officers in a 2009 ambush. He was given three consecutive death sentences: 06/24/2011
- York, PA The neo-Nazi National Socialist American Labor Party group distributed fliers: 03/04/2011
- > Springettsbury Township, PA The neo-Nazi National Socialist American Labor Party left brochures on cars: 03/02/2011
- Wilkes Barre, PA Two men were sentenced to nine years in prison for beating and kicking a Mexican immigrant to death: 02/23/2011
- Pittsburgh, PA A teenager pleaded guilty to burning a cross in the yard of a mixed-race family: 02/10/2011
  - Franconia, PA Swastikas and "Jew" were spray painted onto a house and cars: 02/05/2011