

My name is Darnell Stephen Summers,

I'm a Viet Nam Veteran and believe me I know what I'm talking about. I'm a member of the Stop The WAR Brigade and the Viet Nam Veterans Against The War(AI). I've been active in the anti-war movement for over 40 years.

Since my arrival in Ansbach earlier this week people have told me that I'm being watched. The authorities are listening to my every word and waiting for an opportunity to arrest me if I insult Public Officials or high ranking US Military Personnel. They are even worried about my attire, what I'll be wearing. Over the years it has been customary for veterans in the US and abroad, myself included, to wear some form of military attire at anti-war demonstrations. That allowed veterans to be immediately identified as such and it also sent a clear message to the world that resistance inside the US War machine is a reality and growing. Recently I have been wearing articles of clothing from so-called deserters at demonstrations such as this. That hasn't set too well with your bosses. The authorities want to put a stop to that at any cost.

This military installation here in Katterbach has a long, bloody and violent history. A history that no one can or should be proud of. I don't know what your commanders have told you, but judging by how most of you are behaving, I doubt that you really know the truth about anything concerning this base. If you did, considerably more of you would be up in arms about being so cruelly deceived.

On March 21, 1937, the Base here in Katterbach was activated and became the home of the "Condor Legion". A Condor by the way, is a vulture, which feeds on carrion. A brief history of this installation can be found on an Army website which, incidentally, glosses over the crimes that have been committed and many important historical facts. This Installation is literally swimming in blood.

It is an abomination. It is an affront to common decency and civilization.

On April 27th 1937, Elements of the Condor Legion, having been earlier transferred to Spain, attacked the Basque "Capitol of Hearts", Guernica. As a result "Carpet Bombing" became a standard military term. Pablo Picasso would later paint his most famous work "Guernica" which depicted the suffering and immense loss of life as a result of that attack, an attack planned and carried out by Spanish fascists and German Nazis. These were some of the same scum that our Fathers, Brothers, Grandfathers & Uncles fought against during WWII. Just to put this all in perspective, I'm 61 years old, I was born in 1947, 10 years after that attack, and I served in Viet Nam which was not so long ago. Some of you who are perhaps listening will never live to see 61 let alone 31. Your lives will be sacrificed for nothing.

After all these years have passed your corrupt-ass government still hasn't learned anything. They are now worse than the nazis who were defeated and they are dragging you along in tow.

It's clear, however, that some of you may know what's going on, now, at this time. The carnage that has been perpetrated reaches far beyond the boundaries of Germany. The suffering was and is international. No one knows exactly how many people have lost their lives because of the existence of this base. Bombs have rained down on innocent victims over a 72 year period. These bombs were carried to their targets by all sorts of aircraft including the German JU 52 and the modern American attack and transport helicopters maintained right here at this base.

Let's not beat around the bush. This place where we stand houses instruments of death.

The main reason why those who know the truth want to keep as many people in the dark as possible is quite simple to fathom. They don't want informed soldiers. They want a strong back and a weak mind. The US Military is always quick to say, "We don't pay you to think!!" and they mean just that. Sure you get a steady diet of CNN, Fox News and other

major new services. Television Blah Blah. But can anyone argue that what these agencies serve up as news has anything to do with real information and that it's not colored by their own dishonest agenda.

Many of you will have no idea about what I'm talking about. But some of you may. Most of you have been miseducated and deprived of a good education. Even your commander in chief, Barack Obama, talks about a total restructuring of the US Educational system. One of the main deficiencies is History. Your president must also take a few history lessons. His lack of knowledge is beginning to show. People barely know when they were born. They have no perspective on the future and past history for them is what happened just a few days ago.

There was a famous philosopher by the name of Cicero who once said that "he who knows not history is destined to remain a child". Well that's true. If you have no grip on reality, you can be told and be made to accept anything. Now, that's not always the case, because there are always a few people who can see through the lies and/or have experiences which expose those lies. The US Military preys on the young. It's fuels its military adventures with the body and soul of an unwitting and uninformed nation.

We stand here today on the verge of a large-scale escalation in Afghanistan. Business as usual. Nothing has really changed and they have the nerve to talk about disarmament while they are preparing to widen the war in Afghanistan. Iraq is still in a state of emergency. Iraqis are still being slaughtered. US Soldiers continue to kill and be killed.

President Obama, like those who came before him, most recently that idiot George Bush, is nothing more than a puppet. When you look at his performance on the international stage you can see that Obama is ill-advised and ill-informed. He can come with the pious platitudes and slick slogans but words are not enough.

We've heard all of this hypocritical banter before. They've been talking about nuclear disarmament since Hiroshima. Talk, nothing but talk. Anything to divert us from their real intentions. Dressed as a peacemaker but underneath nothing but a warmonger.

Here's a subject that's very close to home. Everyone here should know that a soldier in your ranks has come out strongly against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

SPC Andre Shepherd who is stationed here in Katterbach is now seeking political Asylum here in Germany. Right now his case is being considered. That is his right. He has stated clearly that he will not support the wars on Iraq and Afghanistan. A court here in Germany has ruled that these wars are illegal. Not everyone in the German Government agrees with the court's ruling, but the ruling stands nonetheless.

Is SPC Shepherd a coward? No! Is he a traitor? No! If he would support these wars knowing full well about all of the crimes being committed against Humanity he would certainly be a coward and a traitor to the human race. You're a coward and a traitor if you don't stand up. Those of you who go to foreign lands and kill and maim without conscience or mercy are nothing more than common murderers.

This isn't just about complaints about loud helicopter training flights over Ansbach and outlying areas. To reduce it to that would be to call it a local issue and that it is not.

The blood trail reaches right across the whole planet. This is about war. A war that people here in Ansbach only see on TV or read about in newspapers.

This community allows American combat units to practice their deadly trade right in their backyard. That fact alone makes Ansbach and in a larger sense the German government culpable, directly responsible. The blood is on their hands.

Many of you know what's going on. Why don't you act? I'll tell you why. Because you're being lied to, intimidated, threatened & bullied. You see no way out of this morass. Others follow the orders of their commanders without question, intoxicated by some misguided patriotic zeal.

This so-called war on Terror is lost. It can never be won. It's all a lie. This is about natural resources and the control of vital sea and land routes which will facilitate the transport of those supplies which are the lifeblood of the western economies.

Kurt Tucholsky said, "All soldiers are murderers". I understand the sentiment but I don't exactly agree with that statement because there are soldiers who refuse to murder, pillage and plunder. There are soldiers who resist once they've seen the light and know the truth.

A friend once said to that to die in a war is a terrible thing but to die for a lie is the worst thing that can happen.

I don't maintain that all soldiers are murderers but there are murderers among you. Some of you do not value human life. Some have even been charged and convicted of these crimes by the US military. That's a fact. There are pedophiles, rapists, sadists, you name it's they're there.

What ultimately gives them an opportunity to act, is an unjust cause, built on a lie. Any reasonable person would agree that what I'm saying is the truth. But unfortunately there are those among you who live by the lie and die for the lie.

We support these soldiers. The ones who take a stand. The ones who fight back against crimes against humanity. The soldiers who condemn imperialist wars. The soldiers who have learned from their mistakes.

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Two things are certain: Some of you will die in an unjust War, but on the other hand, some will resist and we will do all that's in our power to protect those who have the courage and will to "Just Say NO"!!

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