



Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan

Aaron Hughes served in the U.S. Army National Guard, and served as a truck driver in Iraq from 03-04. Aaron was one of the initiators of Winter Solider. Aaron is an artist and blogs at www.aarhughes.org.

Camilo Mejia is a former Staff Sergeant of the Florida National Guard, and the first conscientious objector to the Iraq War. Mejia was placed under court-martial, and left his post in order to avoid duties that included the abuse and torture of prisoners. Since his release, he has spoken publicly about his experiences and his opposition to the occupation of Iraq. Mejia has recently written a book entitled *Road from Ar Ramadi: The Private Rebellion of Staff Sergeant Mejia* which recounts his journey of conscience in Iraq. Camilo is the Chair of the Board of IVAW.

Captain Luis Montalvan is the highest-ranking IVAW member. He served in the U.S. Army for 17 years and will be testifying about accountability and corruption in the US military. He also has been diagnosed with PTSD and is currently struggling to receive services and support from the Department of Veterans Affairs. CPT Montalvan is from Brooklyn, NY.

Cliff Hicks enlisted in the U.S. Army in Iraq at seventeen, and served as a tank driver and .50 caliber machine gunner from 2003-2004. Three of his best friends died in Iraq; the first burned to death when his tank was hit by a rocket, the second was shot by a sniper, and the third was killed by an IED. Cliff will be testifying at Winter Solider about an air strike on an apartment building full of civilians. He hails from Gainesville, FL.

Garrett Reppenhagen enlisted in the U.S. Army one month before September 11th. He was stop-lossed and performed sniper missions in and around Baquaba in the Diyala Province for one year. While in service in Iraq, he was outspoken against the war in one of the first military blogs "Fight to Survive" which he shared with a handful of fellow soldiers. Garrett joined IVAW while deployed in the summer of 2004.

Geoff Millard enlisted in the New York Army National Guard at age 17. He performed security details at Ground Zero after 9/11 and served in Iraq for 13 months. He now resides in DC and is a founder of the IVAW house in Washington.

Jabbar Magruder is still an active member of the U.S. Army National Guard. He served in Iraq in January, 2005 in Tikrit. He hails from Los Angeles, CA.

Jason Hurd was born in Kingsport, TN where he lived his entire life until enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1997 at age 17. In November 2004 he deployed to central Baghdad with Bristol, Tennessee's Troop F 2/278th Regimental Combat Team after a 5-month long train-up. He served as a medic in Baghdad. He will testify about the practice of shooting civilians from convoys, as well as the abduction of young male Iraqis. He is the president of IVAW's Asheville, NC chapter.



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Jason Lemieux, a former Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, served three tours in Iraq from 2003-2006. He participated in the invasion and march to Baghdad. While deployed to Ramadi, he “fought in a war that was already lost.” Jason is the president of the Los Angeles chapter, and hails from Anaheim, CA.

Jose Vasquez refused to go to Iraq. He spent 14 years in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve as a cavalry scout. He applied for Conscientious Objector status in January 2005, and it was approved in May 07. He has been involved in Winter Solider as a leader of the verification and corroboration process for all Winter Solider testimony.

Joshua Casteel served 8 years in the U.S. Army, including a tour as an Arabic linguist and interrogator at Abu Ghraib. He was discharged as a Conscientious Objector in May 2005. He is now a student and lives in Iowa.

Kelly Dougherty is the Executive Director of IVAW. She served as a Military Police Officer in Iraq, and will testify about her experiences working at check points in occupied Iraq. She will also discuss leading the IVAW organization through exponential growth in the last year as more and more veterans and soldiers are speaking out and resisting the war.

Logan Laituri served 6 years in the U.S. Army, receiving an honorable discharge in November 2006. Many of the pictures in the Winter Solider web video are his own. He is from New Jersey, and lives in Pennsylvania. He is deeply motivated as a person of Christian faith.

Perry O’Brien deployed with the 82nd Airborne Division in 2003 to Afghanistan where he served as a medic. He was a Conscientious Objector and was discharged in 2004. He created peace-out.org as a resource for soldiers. Perry has been leading the Winter Solider “verification” team.

Selena Coppa is a Military Intelligence Sergeant in the U.S. Army, a patriot, and a mother. She will be testifying at Winter Solider about the breakdown of the military in recent years due to mismanagement in Iraq and beyond. She is in charge of active duty outreach and blogs from Activedutypatriot.blogspot.com.