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1) Consultant's Musings: Political correctness in the US Military

I love the United States Military. I gave the United States Army 20 years of my life, and served a combat tour in Vietnam as an infantry sergeant in the 101st ABN. Division at the same time a former president was engaged in anti-war activities overseas.

I have great respect for, and honor our young men and women who currently serve in combat in both Iraq and Afghanistan. I met some of these fantastic soldiers when I was a security supervisor at the US Embassy in Kabul. I live near Luke Air Force Base and I assure you that America has never fielded a finer group of young men and women than those who currently serve in our Armed Forces.

I love the US military enough to criticize those who run it when that criticism is justified. And the November 5th killing rampage of Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan at Ft. Hood Texas leaves plenty of room for criticism, not only for the United States Army, but the Armed Forces as a whole. And I will address two issues I am particularly concerned with.

The first issue I wish to take the military to task over is the obvious and rampant political correctness that is blatantly obvious in this incident. After the shootings, many Army officers reported the repeated ant-American and pro radical Muslim statements Maj. Hasan had made to other officers on numerous occasions. This man was loose cannon for some time, yet his chain of command failed to take action. Why?

Anyone who has served in the recent military will immediately know why. Our government has attempted to assure the world that the current war on terror is *not* a war on Islam, and no career minded officer wishes to be perceived as anti-Muslim. Especially if it might be reflected on their efficiency report. Why that might be a career killer! Unfortunately, the lack of action by this officer's chain of command when so much obvious evidence as to his instability ended up being a *people* killer. A *soldier* killer. And the officers who failed to do their duty in regards to this man should be relieved. But don't hold your breath. It won't happen under the current administration.

The second issue that needs serious review is the military's attitude on the personal possession of firearms on military bases. Basically Department of Defense regulations require that all personally owned firearms must be secured in quarters or locked up in arms rooms unless being signed out for transportation to authorized activities. That even includes those soldiers and their dependents that have local concealed weapon permits.

Stop and think about it. On one of our largest military installations, literally teeming with combat trained and combat experienced soldiers, one lone gunman was able to murder 13 people (one of which was an unborn child) and wound many more simply because *no one close by was armed and able to stop him!* It took three minutes for the civilian police to arrive and stop the carnage. Three minutes is a lifetime in active shooter situations.

How many of those dead soldiers and civilians had valid Texas concealed weapon permits and could have stopped this tragedy quickly *had they had access to their firearms?*

Evidently these prohibitions on personal weapons had no effect on Maj. Hasan.

Gun control doesn't prevent violent crime on military bases any more than it does in the surrounding communities.

Isn't it time for the military to start honoring valid concealed weapon permits?

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May God bless and comfort the families of those that perished that day.

2) Personal Security: Travel door alarms

Personal security while traveling can be a constant challenge for the security professional, especially outside the United States where the odds are that local law prohibits you from being armed. This can be a problem especially in hotels, even the more upscale ones. Keeping your door locked is obviously a good idea. But keep in mind that the keys to your hotel room have passed through a lot of hands and that copies are easy to make. Keeping your door secure with your own device while you are in your room can also be a good idea. The following two items are *examples* of the types of inexpensive items the traveling security professional can acquire. There are many designs and products of various design and quality and a bit of research on your part is in order.

The Blockit and Lockit Door Jam.

This device has a siren alarm and can be folded to a convenient size that will fit in your purse, briefcase or backpack.



Available from A1 Self Defense Products at:
www.a1selfdefenseproducts.com

Alarm door jamb.

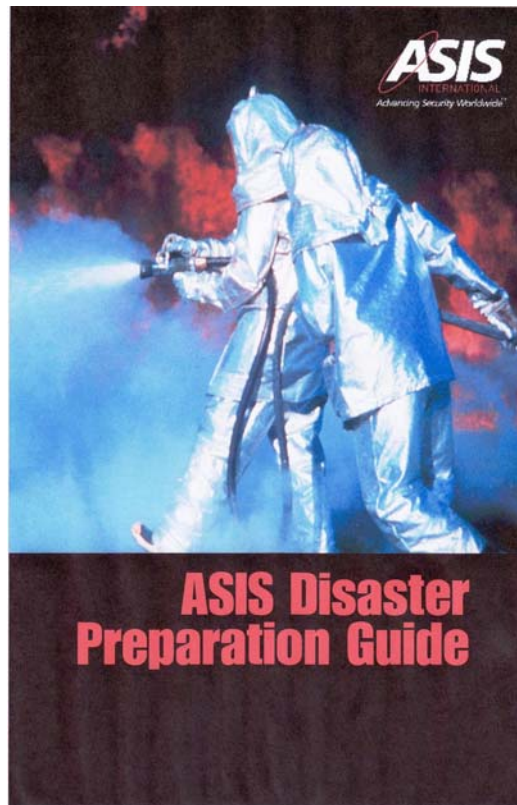
This door jamb has a 125db alarm and a movement sensor that will alert you if the alarm is tampered with.



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3) Book Review: ASIS Disaster Preparation Guide

From ASIS International



This is another one of the excellent pamphlets published by ASIS International. Chapters include Training and Testing for an Emergency, Major Planning Considerations Checklist, Suggestions to consider, Specific Terrorist Threats, and Personal Workplace Disaster Kit. Available for free download from ASIS at: www.asisonline.org

4) Final Thought: Growth Pains

My Stateside operation continues to grow. My small arms training subsidiary "Arizona Weaponcraft Solutions" has completed our first CCW class, and additional NRA certified classes as well as tactical small arms training classes are being scheduled. Security seminars are in the works and I am BUSY!

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