

U.S. Senate deny Supreme Court Justice appointment...while police lose their lives upholding 1st Amendment law

By Hamm



The feeling of chagrin swept over me watching the Dallas, Texas service paying respect and honor for the 5 police officers killed while seeing to it that marchers were protected protesting the deaths of 2 blacks killed by police in Louisiana and Minnesota and the professionalism they showed upon coming under attack by aggressively moving

towards the field of incoming fire and not forgetting to protect the protesters, moving them from the field of fire.

President Bama was correct when he said, "we will never know the number of lives they saved."

Senator John Cornyn presence

It struck me in seeing Senator John Cornyn as a participant at the event when

he is one of the republican senators opposed to the appointment of Supreme Court nominee judge Garland being appointed to fill the vacancy of Justice Scalia, leaving the judge "twisting in the wind."

I felt he should not have been there as a Dais participant, because he "choked" in his responsibility to see that a vote had

been fulfilled to seat a supreme justice in order that our nation had seated a full nine member U.S. Supreme Court, because he does not like President Barack Obama, while the 5 officers being mourned had followed through and carried out the law enforcement responsibility expected of them to protect and serve, resulting in their death.

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Election Fever Grips City of Enterprise

By Hamm

With Enterprise popular Mayor Kenneth Boswell in the running for reelection and with many saying he should not be opposed because of his solid work performance incumbency, apparently fell on deaf ears because he does face opposition regardless of his great work performance.

Also reported scheduled for the city council

race are incumbent councilmen Tommy Johnson



Enterprise, Alabama Mayor Kenneth Boswell

and Kirk Donaldson. Perry Vickers, Turner Townsend and Rhett Marques seek seats on District 2, 3 and 5.

Candidates seeking a seat as mayor are Milton Shipman and Lister Reeves.

Candidates are invited to attend the July 20, luncheon at the Enterprise Country Club \$12.00 fee luncheon, which begins at 11a.m.

Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission: Remove Chief Justice Roy Moore from the bench now

By Kent Faulk

The Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission on Friday responded to suspended Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore's efforts to have the judicial ethics charges against him dismissed.

Instead of dismissing the charges, the Alabama Court of the Judiciary should issue a summary judgment in its favor and remove Moore now from the bench, the JIC states in its response.

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Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore responds Wednesday, April 27, 2016, to complaints made in January by various groups protesting his administrative order explaining the legal status of the Alabama Sanctity of Marriage Act and the Alabama Marriage Protection Act in Montgomery, Ala.

Most of us are Non-Killers:

The Dallas killer of the police, his training, experience and consequences

By Heather Gray

Research has found that throughout history, in any war, only 15% to 20% of the soldiers are willing to kill. This low percentage is universal and applies to soldiers from every country throughout recorded history.

After WWII, American officials were not pleased that most Americans in the war were not willing to kill their fellow human beings, whether enemy or not, so America changed its military training.

On Thursday, July 7, 2016, Micah Xavier Johnson killed the five Dallas police officers. He had been in the US Army Reserves and had served in Afghanistan for 8 months. It is noted that "Johnson was well trained. He served as an Army reservist for six years until 2015 and was deployed to Afghanistan between November 2013 and July 2014" (Daily News). He would have been trained in the army to kill the

enemy and that's what he did. He killed the enemy who, to him, were white police officers who were killing his people. By doing this he followed his U.S. trainers instructions. Johnson would also in the past have been put into the hands of vicious U.S. military trainers who had been a part of an intensification of what could be essentially considered "hate training" that has been in place since after WWII.

It is certainly true that mostly white police officers and some black officers have killed black citizens at alarming rates. And nothing, absolutely nothing of consequence has been done to address the violent and militaristic behavior by America's police departments.

It has been recommended that its time we finally took guns and military equipment out of the hands of America's police, as well as to not allow military personnel to join police forces for 2-3 years after returning from com-

bat. I think these are excellent ideas. But there's more to this story. The parallel of war and domestic violence by police departments is compelling.

Contrary to the US military instructions, there's nothing glorious about war or in killing. The human cost of war reaches far beyond the battlefield - it has a lasting affect on spouses, children, brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles for generations. And the impact goes beyond our families directly to our communities as well.

It has also been found, however, that most soldiers throughout history are not willing to kill other human beings and to do so apparently goes against their very nature. As a license to use violence in resolving conflict, then, the consequences of killing in war are dire...and the aftermath of violence sanctioned by the state is usually devastating for both the so-called winners and losers. It's a no-win situation.

In his 2002 State of the Union speech, President George W. Bush said that we faced the peril of the "axis of evil" being Korea, Iran and Iraq. Whereas, Martin Luther King, Jr. said the intractable evils in the world are poverty, racism and war. King's triple evils are played out every day in U.S. domestic and international policies. Perhaps if Bush had really been interested in ending terrorism he would have looked more closely at King's far more profound analysis.

Throughout history, debates have ensued on how best to resolve conflict. The choices are generally violence and non-violence. There also appears to be a resolute difference in attitudes between how "individuals" within a state resolve conflict and how conflicts between "states" are resolved. It is in these conflicts and their resolutions that poverty, racism and war interact.

The vast majority of people in the world resolve individual con-

licts through non-violent methods (i.e. discussion, verbal agreements). Dr. King said the purpose of non-violent social change or non-violent conflict resolution is not to seek revenge but to change the heart of the so-called enemy. "We never get rid of hate by meeting hate with hate; we get rid of an enemy," he said, "by getting rid of enmity. By its very nature hate destroys and tears down."

Most countries also have laws against the individual use of violence. In the U.S. civil society, for example, an individual is not supposed to deliberately kill another person. If so, they are vulnerable to prosecution by the state that might result, after a jury trial, in the state itself killing the individual for committing such a crime. Most punishment in the US, however, is generally reserved for those without resources. It is worthy of note that the United States is the only western country that still uses the (Continued on page 9A)