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U.S. war resister ordered deported from Canada

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Another U.S. war resister has been ordered to leave Canada with his family after living in Toronto for the past four years.

Sgt. Patrick Brendan Hart, 34, was informed that he and his family do not qualify under the Pre-Removal Risk Assessment (PRRA) program. (The program requires that people will not be deported if it would put them in danger or where they would face the risk of persecution.) Their request to stay in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds was also turned down.

Hart left U.S. military before his second deployment in Iraq because he believes the military occupation in that country is "illegal and unnecessary."

"When I was deployed in 2003, I was hearing a lot of stories that made me disgusted to be an American soldier," said Hart.

He and his wife, Jill, and their 6-year-old son Rian, who suffers from epilepsy, will be deported to the U.S. on Oct. 30, although he plans to appeal the decision.

"It's tragic, but we expected this," said Jill Hart.

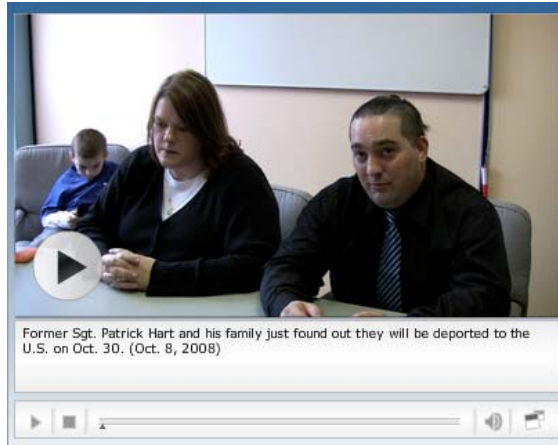
"I always say they can break our heart but can't break our spirit." said Jill Hart, who said she was physically threaten by a U.S. soldier in her garage in August 2005 after her husband's desertion.

According to the court documents, Hart had first volunteered for the U.S. Army in May of 1992, after his graduation from high school. In 1995, he received an honourable discharge. In May of 2000, he was once more accepted into the U.S. Army and sent to Fort Riley, Kansas.

After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, he said he decided to go to Iraq to protect the U.S. from foreign attack.

Two other war resisters – Corey Glass and Jeremy Hinzman – were both ordered to leave Canada earlier this year as well, although the Federal Court stayed their removal orders pending appeals. Corey has been granted an appeal and Jeremy will hear soon whether or not he will have an appeal heard as well.

VIDEO: U.S. war resister faces deportation



Former Sgt. Patrick Hart and his family just found out they will be deported to the U.S. on Oct. 30. (Oct. 8, 2008)

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Posted by transitman at 7:13 AM Friday, October 10 2008

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What is going on here?

He deserted the army because of stories that he heard other soldiers saying? Stories? I think the main problem here is that Sgt.Hart called being a soldier a "job". It is not a "job", a job is being a car salesman, or selling vacuums, being a soldier is a calling and duty that you take on yourself. I think these desertions are highlighting the beginning of a new phase in our western world. Those that don't take the decisions they make seriously enough, and those that commit without having commitment.

Posted by City_West at 8:18 PM Thursday, October 09 2008

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Dear Sgt Hart

When you sign up with the Military, your Job is to also follow YOUR commander-in-chief orders. You also have the democratic choice to vote for a commander-in-chief who will make the right decisions. So what you need to do now is: - pay your dues for not following your previous commander-in-chief's (BUSH) command - vote for a new commander-in-chief (OBAMA) who shares your values - apply for Canadian immigration in the future if you truly value our values....we welcome you then

Posted by LongandShort at 6:48 PM Thursday, October 09 2008

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Canadian Citizenship

The value of Canadian Citizenship has eroded the last couple of decades because of lax govt immigration policies. Yes we need immigrants, but not losers. We need poeple who will stay and contribute, not people who are shopping around for a better life. We should stop becoming the dumping ground for cowards and fake refugees. 3 further things to make Canada be Canadian: 1) throw the multiculturalism concept out the window..unless you want to build ghettos 2) disallow dual-citizenship...this will filter out people shopping for free public services vs true citizens 3)The RCMP should get rid of those stupid hats and put on berets...I tired of all those jokes.

Posted by LongandShort at 5:23 PM Thursday, October 09 2008

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Nuremburg

There is a limit to the soldier's obligations of duty: that was the point of the Nuremburg trials, and what, in the end distinguished our side from the enemy during the Second World War. Some commenters here seem to be advocating the opposite. A war conducted on the basis of fraudulent claims, against a non-aggressor country is an illegal war. US Gen. Curtis Lemay stated that many of the US's WWII actions would be war crimes -- if they did not end up the victors. These men have a higher standard, in line with Nuremburg. Americans understand that trusting their government is not something any citizen should do without question. Soldiers are still citizens. Hart, Glass and Hinzman are upholding a far higher virtue than their president and vice president, who evaded service for much baser reasons.

Posted by omnivore at 4:50 PM Thursday, October 09 2008

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Sgt Hart

2nd part of comments I loved my job and being a soldier. It would have been much easier to just go on and deploy to Iraq. I walked away from a career because I lost faith in the system I was serving. We were lied to. I could of stayed in, faked it. But if your hearts isn't in it, no matter what job you have, your going to make mistakes. When you make mistakes in Iraq people Die. SGT

Patrick Hart

Posted by SGT_Hart at 4:07 PM Thursday, October 09 2008

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Sgt Hart

1st part of comments Ok I spent 9 years of active duty served on 2 deployments. the first a humanitarian mission, the second in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I couldn't file for conscientious objector status. the questions they give you when you try o file for that status is ridiculous. "If someone breaks into your home and has your wife at gunpoint would you kill them?" If you say yes then you are not an objector. You must object to all violence. in the military's eyes, to get that status. I never received a \$ bonus, the GI Bill that I earned i was never allowed to use because my command never gave me the time i needed to continue my education. The substandard health care my family and I were misdiagnosed several times. their way of dealing with seizures is to tranquilize my infant son so he's in a coma for days. while I get ready to deploy. If you are below the rank of E-5 you live at poverty level.

Posted by SGT_Hart at 3:46 PM Thursday, October 09 2008

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Canada

I am from Middle East and was raised as Muslim. Before 9/11, I had not much of sympathy for the US and American culture. When 9/11 happened, I felt a strong empathy for American people who were attacked and lost their lives. As I was watching civilians who jumped from collapsing buildings, I felt for them. When US decided to hunt Bin Ladin, I agreed with the decision. Considering me feeling like this as this horrific incident happened, I am not surprised that many American people volunteered for the army service. However, the war turned ugly. Innocent people were punished and lost their lives in Iraq. The war itself became a tool to achieve some strategic goals in Middle East. The war is unjustice. What I don't understand is how Canadian people can be such arrogant about people like this one. Talking about someone's life is not that easy. A whole nation has been misled in the US and they are suffering from this. If this guy went to Europe, he would be treated more humanly.

Posted by truthaboutcanada at 1:18 PM Thursday, October 09 2008

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Unbalanced Story

This article didn't present the full story... This article is much better.
<http://www.torontosun.com/news/canada/2008/10/09/7024841-sun.html>

Posted by GetItStraight at 9:52 AM Thursday, October 09 2008

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What if the war is proved to be illegal?

Usually when people are put up for trial for war crimes and they make an excuse that 'I was only following orders', we reply that you had the chance to opt out of it and who told you obey the orders...right? So here we have cases where people don't want to take part in an illegal war and they want to opt out of it and they don't want to kill people but we are calling them deserters or resisters? That doesn't make sense!

Posted by peacetoall at 8:52 AM Thursday, October 09 2008

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U.S. Soldier

He should be sent back home to face the music. Nobody forced him to join up and he did take an oath to serve. Cases like this make a mockery out of our immigration system. And I wonder if his case is being paid for by Legal Aid?

Posted by albundy at 7:44 AM Thursday, October 09 2008

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War resister?

What the heck is a war-resister? Is this the new Star term for deserter?

Posted by eastern at 7:44 AM Thursday, October 09 2008

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