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Hamilton Group Promoting Extremism, Not “Celebrating Conservatism:” Second Militia Speaker Coming to Town in Two Months

The Bitterroot-Valley based Celebrating Conservatism is bringing in their second anti-government militia speaker in two months. Following the appearance of former Arizona sheriff Richard Mack in early July, the group will feature Jack McLamb on Aug. 18, 2009.

“Featuring Jack McLamb and Richard Mack is a clear indication that Celebrating Conservatism is dedicated to reviving and mobilizing militia sentiment in the Bitterroot Valley,” said the Human Rights Network’s Travis McAdam. “They are digging up militia agitators from the 1990s and bringing them into the community. They should consider renaming their group to accurately reflect their political philosophy, maybe something like ‘Celebrating Right-Wing Extremism.’”

Like Richard Mack, Jack McLamb has made his mark trying to recruit law enforcement and military personnel into the militia movement. Based out of Kamiah, Idaho, McLamb runs a group called Police and Military Against the New World Order. His major contribution to the militia movement was his book *Operation Vampire Killer 2000*, which outlined how and why law enforcement and military personnel needed to be ready to fight off the New World Order. According to *Operation Vampire Killer*, the New World Order conspiracy was supposed to come to fruition by the year 2000.

Back in the 1990s, one watchdog group called McLamb the “self-appointed ambassador and evangelist from the Christian Patriot Movement to the law enforcement community.” He plainly states his tactic is to infiltrate and disrupt law enforcement agencies.¹ His militia recruiting efforts led to him being fired on multiple occasions from law enforcement jobs.²

“Celebrating Conservatism seems to think that bringing in former law enforcement officers as speakers will enhance their credibility,” McAdam said. “However, both Mack and McLamb couldn’t keep their jobs because they are anti-government extremists. These are not good role models for anyone, especially law enforcement.”

Like other militia activists, occasionally McLamb’s rhetoric exhibits racist underpinnings. In *Operation Vampire Killer 2000*, McLamb wrote that a “race-mixing program” was promoted by supporters of one-world government, because they believed that “when all other humans are of one color, (brown), then

they will be more easily managed.”³ Likewise, at a Seattle Preparedness Expo, he told the crowd that “globalists” supported interracial marriage (which he said went against God’s plan) because it would facilitate people becoming “slaves.”⁴

McLamb is also a longtime friend and colleague of Bo Gritz, the militia icon. Gritz is a follower of Christian Identity, which is based on a racist interpretation of the Bible teaching that Jewish people are the literal offspring of Satan and people of color are sub-human “mud people.” Gritz also ran for vice-president of the United States on a ticket with former Klansman David Duke.⁵ Gritz and McLamb have frequently appeared in public together and even started their own “constitutional communities” in Idaho. McLamb’s website features a link to Gritz’s website.⁶

“The anti-government movement is beginning to mobilize with new energy all across the country,” McAdam said. “Montana was a hotbed of militia activity during the 1990s, and it would be nice if we could avoid it this time. However, groups like Celebrating Conservatism are making sure that anti-government zealots have venues to spread their ideology. Communities cannot be duped into following them and their shallow appeals based on false patriotism.”

The “Patriot Police Officer:” Background on Jack McLamb

Promoting “New World Order” Conspiracy Theories

- At Ron Paul’s March on Washington D.C. in July 2008, Jack McLamb peddled his most recent one-world government conspiracy theory. He said there are red and blue dots being put on mailboxes by the government. This is being done to facilitate “foreign troops” that will be brought into America once “martial law” is declared. He claimed a red dot means “they take you out immediately and shoot you right in the head.” He said a blue dot means you would be taken to one of the “concentration camps” being built by Halliburton that will house “50 million Americans.” He said, if a pink dot is placed on your mailbox, it means they think you’ll be a “good slave” and “serve our international anti-Christ masters.”⁷
- McLamb has repeatedly stated that the 9/11 terrorist attacks against America were perpetrated by one-world government forces, which includes our federal government. At the Ron Paul event in Washington D.C., he said the attacks were “an inside job.”⁸ During another interview, he said the “internationalists” were behind terrorist attacks. He claimed terrorism was the “only way you get the American people to beg for martial law and to give up their rights.”⁹
- McLamb has stated the federal government furnished the explosives and trained the terrorists who bombed the World Trade Center in 1993. He also claims that the Oklahoma City bombing, perpetrated by militia adherent Timothy McVeigh, was “state-sponsored terrorism.”¹⁰
- In 1999, he asserted that Vice President Al Gore intended to reduce the world population by 90% through an end-of-the-millennium conspiracy plot. He has also claimed that Communist-led Latinos plan to take over southwest America.¹¹

Support for Militias and So-Called “Patriots”

- McLamb has frequently encouraged citizens to form militias and has offered his organization’s help in starting them in communities.¹²

- In 1996, he spoke at a militia meeting in Washington State with the Militia of Montana's John Trochmann. "You're the good guys of the country," he told attendees. "But you are public enemy #1 to the government that has jumped way out of its legal bounds."¹³
- In 2002, McLamb publicly defended Idaho tax protestor Dave Hinkson. Hinkson's house was raided after he failed to pay almost a million dollars in income taxes between 1997 and 2000. After the raid, McLamb asked Edgar Steele, a former Aryan Nations' attorney who is a favorite on the white supremacist speaking circuit, to contact authorities on Hinkson's behalf. McLamb said Hinkson was a "hard core, well studied, American patriot who has done much for America and many of our folks who love God and country." In 2004, Hinkson was convicted on 26 tax-related charges. In 2005, he was convicted of trying to hire an assassin to kill three government officials.¹⁴

Excerpts from *Operation Vampire Killer 2000*¹⁵

- "Many of our nation's INTERNAL PROTECTORS know of the well-laid plan which will culminate before the year 2000, to usher the United States, along with the rest of the nations of the world, into a 'utopian' global community allegedly under control of a 'philanthropic' United Nations." (p. 3)
- "...the [New World Order] plan calls for the elimination of the other 2.5 people billion through war, disease, abortion, and famine by the year 2000." (p. 3)
- "They, the Globalists, have stated that the date of termination of the American way of life is the year 2000." (p. 5)

Jack McLamb and Bo Gritz

McLamb and militia icon Bo Gritz are hardly just acquaintances. They have traveled together for years and inserted themselves into both the standoffs between law enforcement and Idaho's Randy Weaver and the Montana Freemen. They were able to leverage their anti-government beliefs into being negotiators both times. McLamb's promotional materials routinely take credit for resolving these two situations.

Gritz and McLamb were able to take credit for resolving the standoff at Idaho's Ruby Ridge. However, they had no success with the Montana Freemen. Karl Ohs, a former state legislator who later served as lieutenant governor, also tried to negotiate an end to that standoff. Years later, he said the Freemen resented people like Gritz and McLamb who just showed up for the media attention and to promote their own agendas.¹⁶

Jack McLamb on the Anti-Government Speaking Circuit

During his time as a so-called "patriot" activist, McLamb has spoken at many events with notorious anti-Semites, racists, and tax protestors. The following examples help illustrate the company he keeps and the ideological perspective of the people he considers his base of support.

- He spoke at the 2004 "Health and Freedom Rally" held in California. Other speakers included Willis Carto (a notorious anti-Semite and Holocaust denier) and Joe Banister (a former IRS agent who now claims the income tax is unconstitutional).¹⁷
- He spoke at the 2002 "Tax Freedom Rally" held in California. Other speakers included Red Beckman (an anti-Semitic tax protestor who lost his property in Billings for not paying his income taxes), Joe Banister, and other tax protestors.¹⁸

- At a 1997 Preparedness Expo in California, he was a featured speaker, in addition to two other militia icons, Bo Gritz and the Militia of Montana's John Trochmann.¹⁹
- McLamb spoke at the "Freedom Rendezvous" held in Missoula in April 1996. The event was organized by the Citizens to Preserve the Second Amendment, a gun rights group that routinely promoted militia ideology. The featured speaker at the event was Larry Pratt, leader of Gun Owners of America, which caters to people who think the NRA is too soft on gun issues. Pratt was forced to leave Pat Buchanan's 1996 presidential campaign when his connections to white supremacists and anti-government "patriots" surfaced.²⁰
- McLamb spoke at the 1995 Preparedness Expo in Seattle. Also speaking were the Militia of Montana's John Trochmann and Kim Badynski of the Northwest Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.²¹
- Along with Bo Gritz, McLamb came to the "No More Wacos" meeting held in Billings in 1994. The event was to show support for anti-Semite Red Beckman who had his property seized for failing to pay taxes. McLamb told the crowd, "I'm happy to be here, Red, and I love you brother." He also said, when he was trained as a cop, he was brainwashed by a criminal government whose agents "burn people alive."²²

¹ Coalition for Human Dignity, "Patriot Games," 1994.

² "Jack McLamb Interview Video 'The Constitution vs. The New World Order,'" <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3730036840062852356>.

³ Police Against the New World Order, *Operation Vampire Killer 2000* (1992), p. 34.

⁴ Coalition for Human Dignity, "Patriot Games," 1994.

⁵ Anti-Defamation League, "James 'Bo' Gritz," *Extremism in America*, <http://www.adl.org>.

⁶ Southern Poverty Law Center, "True Gritz," *Intelligence Report*, Fall 1998; Coalition for Human Dignity, "Patriot Games," 1994; *LA Times*, "Survivalists Certain: Chaos 'Still Coming,'" Jan. 3, 2000; Jack McLamb, website, <http://www.jackmclamb.community.officelive.com>.

⁷ "Officer Jack McLamb Exposes FEMA Death Camps...," <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NzIMtx6PGE>.

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⁹ "Officer Jack McLamb- Martial Law is Coming to America," <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5T2i8fbv2KE>.

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¹¹ *Southern Poverty Law Center*, "False Patriots," *Intelligence Report*, Summer 2001.

¹² Coalition for Human Dignity, "Patriot Games," 1994.

¹³ *Billings Gazette*, "Militia Takes Message to Washington State," Aug. 11, 1996.

¹⁴ Jack McLamb, e-mail, Nov. 21, 2002; Anti-Defamation League, "Anti-Government Extremist Convicted in Plot to Kill Federal Officials," Feb. 2, 2005; Montana Human Rights Network, *The Constitution Party of Montana* (2006), p. 18.

¹⁵ Police Against the New World Order, *Operation Vampire Killer 2000*, 1992.

¹⁶ David Neiwert, *In God's Country* (1999), pp. 63-67 and 137-142; Montana Human Rights Network, archives, notes from Karl Ohs presentation to a Montana State University class about the Montana Freemen, Oct. 24, 2006.

¹⁷ *American Free Press*, "Tax Patriots Gather in Southern California," March 29, 2004; Anti-Defamation League, "Willis Carto," *Extremism in America*, <http://www.adl.org>; Montana Human Rights Network, *Network News*, July 2008.

¹⁸ Free Enterprise Society, flier, undated.

¹⁹ Preparedness Expo, speaker list, Feb. 28, 1997.

²⁰ *Missoula Independent*, "Pro-Militia 'Freedom Rendezvous,'" April 18, 1996; Montana Human Rights Network, *Shooting for Respectability* (2003).

²¹ *The Nation*, "Camouflage Days, E-Mail Nights," Oct. 23, 1995.

²² *Billings Gazette*, "Gritz, Others Show Support for Beckman," Jan. 31, 1994.