

UPDATE Trading deserters for detainees? The "official story" and the truth are not congruent...

UPDATE: AP Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, 34, turned himself in and was being flown Sunday from an undisclosed location in the Middle East to Norfolk, Va. He is to be moved Monday to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, according to a spokesman, Capt. Eric Flanagan.
<http://news.yahoo.com/marine-disappeared-iraq-2004-back-us-200407495-politics.html>

Despite his fifteen minutes of fame on Al-Jazeera and his "good-guy Muslim" appearance as propaganda fodder for the American media, Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun was revealed to be nothing more than a common military deserter – although a flamboyant one – still a lying, traitorous deserter.

The corporal's hearing on the Iraq desertion charge was delayed until Jan. 13 to allow Hassoun to hire a civilian lawyer to assist his military attorneys. After taking a

holiday leave, Hassoun was required to return to Camp Lejeune by noon Tuesday, but did not report for duty.

Hassoun's command -the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade – officially declared him a deserter and issued authorization for civil authorities to apprehend Hassoun and return him to military control. Today it was revealed that Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, using techniques learned from watching old MacGiver reruns, has successfully escaped the U.S. and is believed to be hanging out with his old Muslim pals once again in Lebanon.

ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha, Allah be praised!!!

I was his team leader, the truth? yes, he was seditious, a malingerer, and a coward...a traitor? that may be stretching it; nevertheless, he will live his remaining days without honor. There are so many details regarding this case that have been left unknown to the public...not because they were necessarily classified, but because NCIS dropped the ball. I'll give you one piece...the day before he "disappeared"...Hassoun cashed a max allowance of \$500 dollars at base disbursing. In case you don't understand the significance of that, nobody ever max cashed a check because there was nothing to spend your money on, you didn't need to have that kind of cash on you...and we were scheduled to go back to Mahmudiyah within that week. Once at Mahmudiyah, his chances of jumping the wall would have diminished greatly. Just saying.
http://psychedelictourist.blogspot.com/2005/02/strange-case-of-marine-cpl-wassef-ali_20.html

'The Deserter': Story of U.S Marine Who Faked Kidnapping

to Become Hollywood TV Movie

“United States [Marine Corps](#) Corporal Wassef Ali Hassoun hit headlines in 2004 when he was charged with desertion for leaving his unit, after allegedly working with others to **construe a hoax to make it appear as though he had been kidnapped by terrorists on June 20, 2004 while serving in Camp Fallujah, Iraq.**

A few days after Hassoun’s disappearance, a photo of him, blindfolded and with a sword brandished behind his head, appeared on the Arabic news network Al-Jazeera, along with a message that he was being held captive and on the verge of being decapitated by a group called the National Islamic Resistance unless detainees in “U.S.-led occupation prisons” were released.

However, the following month the Marine emerged unscathed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, prompting a five-month military investigation into his “disappearance” which resulted in criminal charges for of desertion, loss of government property, and theft of a military firearm. At the time, Hassoun emphatically denied that he deserted his post.

Hassoun was again charged with desertion in 2005 after failing to return to his base in North Carolina after authorized leave. **Now Hassoun’s tale is headed for [Hollywood](#). Los Angeles-based image consultant Michael Sands, who served as a representative for Hassoun’s family in 2005 while also working as media liaison for [the Pentagon](#) and Marine Corps Public Affairs, has written the television movie script “The Deserter” with retired [FBI](#) agent and author, Bob Hamer.**

“Hollywood is not seeing a realistic picture of heroic marines and military in most films, so the time has come to tell the story of these people and the sacrifices they make,” Sands told FOX411’s Pop Tarts. “Wassef wanted to leave the military

but he didn't do it in an appropriate, truthful way. I think this is an important story to be told."

In 2005, Sands negotiated book and movie deals on Hassoun's behalf in an effort to clear his name, however those deals fell through.

Attempts to reach Hassoun were unsuccessful, and his brother Muhammad did not respond for comment.

It is believed Hassoun resides in Lebanon, returning to his birth country amid the criminal charges were filed against him, and he has yet to appear in a military court and face these charges. Hassoun's file remains open, however in keeping with but in keeping with Corps policy for deserters, the military would only attempt to pick him up and return him to base if competent civilian authorities were to arrest him.

"Perhaps over time the family may want to clear their name and will continue to offer more information," said the film's theatrical agent, [Jeff Fisher](#). "The Hassoun family gives a little information as they go, but if they can get Wassef to come forward – that's gold. We hope the family will want their story told and maybe then Wassef will come out of hiding."

And unlike a lot of what is churned out of Hollywood, co-writer Hamer said it will be absolute priority that military life is portrayed as realistically as possible.

"I understand the military judicial system. I understand the reports. I understand the lingo, I understand the brotherhood. I can give a realistic vision. Most importantly, I was also a Marine, and the truth is the audience wants to see heroes. I don't think we see enough real heroes," Hamer said. "I think (most Americans will be shocked to see) the rollercoaster ride of a Marine who is initially thought to have been a deserter, then a hero, then a deserter." In addition, Sands and Hamer intend to spin the made-for-television movie off into a television series."

<http://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/2011/02/11/deserter-story-marine-faked-kidnapping-hollywood-tv-movie/>

What Happened to Marine Deserter Wassef Ali Hassoun?

“Ten years ago this month, U.S. Marine Wassef Ali Hassoun disappeared from Camp Fallujah in Iraq. After a five-month military investigation, he was charged with desertion and theft, brought back to Virginia’s Quantico Marine base and then transferred to North Carolina’s Camp Lejeune for trial.

Yet, a full decade later, Hassoun is as free as a bird.

The accused deserter’s whereabouts are unknown. No trial ever began. No punishment ensued. And our leaders in Washington don’t seem to be doing a thing about this.”

<http://www.libertynews.com/2014/06/what-happened-to-marine-deserter-wassef-ali-hassoun/>

What is a Kaafir? Ask Bowe Bergdahl

(iv) The kaafir when he becomes a Muslim, because of the report narrated by Abu Dawood (356) which says that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) commanded a kaafir man who had become Muslim, “Shave off the hair of kufr and get circumcised.” (Classed as hasan by al-Albaani in Saheeh Abi Dawood; see also al-Mughni, 1/276; Sharh al-‘Umdah by Shaykh al-Islam, 1/350) <http://islamqa.info/en/14051>