

FROM WOUNDED KNEE TO IRAQ: A CENTURY OF U.S. MILITARY INTERVENTIONS

The following is a partial list of U.S. military interventions from 1890 to 2009. by Dr. Zoltan Grossman



- SOUTH DAKOTA-1890-Troops-300 Lakota Indians massacred at Wounded Knee.
- ARGENTINA-1890-Troops -Buenos Aires interests protected.
- CHILE -1891-Troops-Marines clash with nationalist rebels.
- HAITI -1891-Troops-Black revolt on Navassa defeated.
- IDAHO-1892-Troops-Army suppresses silver miners' strike.
- HAWAII -1893 (-?) -Naval, troops-Independent kingdom overthrown, annexed.
- CHICAGO -1894-Troops-Breaking of rail strike, 34 killed.
- NICARAGUA -1894-Troop -Month-long occupation of Bluefields.
- CHINA-1894-95-Naval, troops-Marines land in Sino-Japanese War
- KOREA-1894-96-Troops-Marines kept in Seoul during war.
- PANAMA-1895-Troops, naval-Marines land in Colombian province.
- NICARAGUA-1896-Troops-Marines land in port of Corinto.
- CHINA-1898-1900-Troops-Boxer Rebellion fought by foreign armies.
- PHILIPPINES -1898-1910(-?) -Naval, troops-Seized from Spain, killed 600,000 Filipinos
- CUBA-1898-1902 (-?) Naval, troops-Seized from Spain, still hold Navy base.
- PUERTO RICO -1898-Naval, troops-Seized from Spain, occupation continues.
- GUAM-1898-Naval, troops-Seized from Spain, still use as base.
- MINNESOTA -1898-Troops-Army battles Chippewa at Leech Lake.
- NICARAGUA -1898-Troops-Marines land at port of San Juan del Sur.
- SAMOA-1899-Troops-Battle over succession to throne.
- NICARAGUA -1899-Troops-Marines land at port of Bluefields.
- IDAHO-1899-1901-Troops-Army occupies Coeur d'Alene mining region.
- OKLAHOMA -1901-Troops-Army battles Creek Indian revolt.
- PANAMA -1901-14-Naval, troops=Broke off from Colombia 1903, annexed Canal Zone 1914.
- HONDURAS -1903=Troops=Marines intervene in revolution.
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-1903-04 -Troops-U.S. interests protected in Revolution.
- KOREA-1904-05-Troops-Marines land in Russo-Japanese War.
- CUBA-1906-09-Troops-Marines land in democratic election.
- NICARAGUA -1907-Troops-"Dollar Diplomacy" protectorate set up.
- HONDURAS-1907-Troops-Marines land during war with Nicaragua
- PANAMA-1908-Troops-Marines intervene in election contest.
- NICARAGUA -1910-Troops-Marines land in Bluefields and Corinto.
- HONDURAS -1911-Troops-U.S. interests protected in civil war.
- CHINA-1911-41-Naval, troops-Continuous occupation with flare-ups.
- CUBA-1912-Troops-U.S. interests protected in civil war.
- PANAMA -1912-Troops-Marines land during heated election.
- HONDURAS-1912 -Troops-Marines protect U.S. economic interests.
- NICARAGUA -1912-33-Troops, bombing -10-year occupation, fought guerillas
- MEXICO-1913-Naval-Americans evacuated during revolution.
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC -1914-Naval -Fight with rebels over Santo Domingo.
- COLORADO -1914-Troops-Breaking of miners' strike by Army.
- MEXICO-1914-18-Naval, troops-Series of interventions against nationalists.
- HAITI -1914-34-Troops, bombing -19-year occupation after revolts.
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC -1916-24-Troops-8-year Marine occupation.
- CUBA-1917-33-Troops-Military occupation, economic protectorate.
- WORLD WAR I-1917-18-Naval, troops-Ships sunk, fought Germany for 1 1/2 years.
- RUSSIA-1918-22-Naval, troops-Five landings to fight Bolsheviks
- PANAMA-1918-20-Troops-"Police duty" during unrest after elections.
- HONDURAS-1919 -Troops-Marines land during election campaign.
- YUGOSLAVIA-1919-Troops/Marines-intervene for Italy against Serbs in Dalmatia.
- GUATEMALA -1920 -Troops-2-week intervention against unionists.
- WEST VIRGINIA -1920-21-Troops, bombing -Army intervenes against mineworkers.
- TURKEY-1922-Troops-Fought nationalists in Smyrna.
- CHINA-1922-27-Naval, troops-Deployment during nationalist revolt.
- HONDURAS-1924-25-Troops -Landed twice during election strife.
- PANAMA -1925-Troops-Marines suppress general strike.
- CHINA-1927-34-Troops -Marines stationed throughout the country.
- EL SALVADOR-1932-Naval-Warships send during Marti revolt.
- WASHINGTON DC -1932-Troops-Army stops WWI vet bonus protest.
- WORLD WAR II-1941-45-Naval, troops, bombing, nuclear -Hawaii bombed, fought Japan, Italy and Germany for 3 years; first nuclear war.
- DETROIT-1943-Troops-Army put down Black rebellion.
- IRAN -1946-Nuclear threat-Soviet troops told to leave north.
- YUGOSLAVIA-1946-Nuclear threat, naval-Response to shoot-down of US plane.
- URUGUAY-1947-Nuclear threat-Bombers deployed as show of strength.
- GREECE -1947-49-Command operation-U.S. directs extreme-right in civil war.
- GERMANY-1948-Nuclear Threat-Atomic-capable bombers guard Berlin Airlift.
- CHINA-1948-49-Troops/Marines-evacuate Americans before Communist victory.
- PHILIPPINES-1948-54-Command operation-CIA directs war against Huk Rebellion.
- PUERTO RICO-1950-Command operation-Independence rebellion crushed in Ponce.
- KOREA-1951-53 (-?) -Troops, naval, bombing , nuclear threats-U.S./So. Korea fights China/No. Korea to stalemate; A-bomb threat in 1950, and against China in 1953. Still have bases.
- IRAN-1953-Command Operation-CIA overthrows democracy, installs Shah.
- VIETNAM-1954-Nuclear threat-French offered bombs to use against seige.
- GUATEMALA-1954-Command operation, bombing, nuclear threat-CIA directs exile invasion after new gov't nationalized U.S. company lands; bombers based in Nicaragua.
- EGYPT-1956-Nuclear threat, troops-Soviets told to keep out of Suez crisis; Marines evacuate foreigners.
- LEBANON-1958-Troops, naval-Marine occupation against rebels.
- IRAQ-1958-Nuclear threat-Iraq warned against invading Kuwait.
- CHINA-1958-Nuclear threat-China told not to move on Taiwan isles.
- PANAMA-1958-Troops-Flag protests erupt into confrontation.
- VIETNAM-1960-75-Troops, naval, bombing, nuclear threats-Fought South Vietnam revolt & North Vietnam; one million killed in longest U.S. war; atomic bomb threats in 1968 and 1969.
- CUBA-1961-Command operation-CIA-directed exile invasion fails.
- GERMANY-1961-Nuclear threat-Alert during Berlin Wall crisis.
- LAOS-1962-Command operation-Military buildup during guerrilla war.
- CUBA- 1962- Nuclear threat, naval-Blockade during missile crisis; near-war with Soviet Union.
- IRAQ-1963-Command operation-CIA organizes coup that killed president, brings Ba'ath Party to power, and Saddam Hussein back from exile to be head of the secret service.
- PANAMA-1964-Troops-Panamanians shot for urging canal's return.
- INDONESIA-1965-Command operation-Million killed in CIA-assisted army coup.
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-1965-66-Troops, bombing-Marines land during election campaign.

GUATEMALA-1966-67-Command operation-Green Berets intervene against rebels.

DETROIT-1967-Troops-Army battles African Americans, 43 killed.

UNITED STATES-1968-Troops-After King is shot; over 21,000 soldiers in cities.

CAMBODIA-1969-75-Bombing, troops, naval-Up to 2 million killed in decade of bombing, starvation, and political chaos.

OMAN-1970-Command operation-U.S. directs Iranian marine invasion.

LAOS-1971-73-Command operation, bombing-U.S. directs South Vietnamese invasion; "carpet-bombs" countryside.

SOUTH DAKOTA-1973-Command operation-Army directs Wounded Knee siege of Lakotas.

MIDEAST-1973-Nuclear threat-World-wide alert during Mideast War.

CHILE-1973-Command operation-CIA-backed coup ousts elected marxist president.

CAMBODIA-1975-Troops, bombing-Gas captured ship, 28 die in copter crash.

ANGOLA-1976-92-Command operation-CIA assists South African-backed rebels.

IRAN-1980-Troops, nuclear threat, aborted bombing-Raid to rescue Embassy hostages; 8 troops die in copter-plane crash. Soviets warned not to get involved in revolution.

LIBYA-1981-Naval jets-Two Libyan jets shot down in maneuvers.

EL SALVADOR-1981-92-Command operation, troops-Advisors, overflights aid anti-rebel war, soldiers briefly involved in hostage clash.

NICARAGUA-1981-90-Command operation, naval-CIA directs exile (Contra) invasions, plants harbor mines against revolution.

LEBANON-1982-84-Naval, bombing, troops-Marines expel PLO and back Phalangists, Navy bombs and shells Muslim positions.

GRENADA-1983-84-Troops, bombing-Invasion four years after revolution.

HONDURAS-1983-89-Troops-Maneuvers help build bases near borders.

IRAN-1984-Jets-Two Iranian jets shot down over Persian Gulf.

LIBYA-1986-Bombing, naval-Air strikes to topple nationalist gov't.

BOLIVIA-1986-Troops-Army assists raids on cocaine region.

IRAN-1987-88-Naval, bombing-US intervenes on side of Iraq in war.

LIBYA-1989-Naval jets-Two Libyan jets shot down.

VIRGIN ISLANDS-1989-Troops-St. Croix Black unrest after storm.

PHILIPPINES-1989-Jets-Air cover provided for government against coup.

PANAMA-1989 (-?)-Troops, bombing-Nationalist government ousted by 27,000 soldiers, leaders arrested, 2000+ killed.

LIBERIA-1990-Troops-Foreigners evacuated during civil war.

SAUDI ARABIA-1990-91-Troops, jets-Iraq countered after invading Kuwait. 540,000 troops also stationed in Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, UAE, Israel.

IRAQ-1990-?-Bombing, troops, naval-Blockade of Iraqi and Jordanian ports, air strikes; 200,000+ killed in invasion of Iraq and Kuwait; no-fly zone over Kurdish north, Shiite south, large-scale destruction of Iraqi military.

KUWAIT-1991-Naval, bombing, troops-Kuwait royal family returned to throne.

LOS ANGELES-1992-Troops-Army, Marines deployed against anti-police uprising.

SOMALIA-1992-94-Troops, naval, bombing-U.S.-led United Nations occupation during civil war; raids against one Mogadishu faction.

YUGOSLAVIA-1992-94-Naval-NATO blockade of Serbia and Montenegro.

BOSNIA-1993-?-Jets, bombing-No-fly zone patrolled in civil war; downed jets, bombed Serbs.

HAITI-1994-Troops, naval-Blockade against military government; troops restore President Aristide to office three years after coup.

ZAIRE (CONGO)-1996-97-Troops-Marines at Rwandan Hutu refugee camps, in area where Congo revolution begins.

LIBERIA-1997-Troops-Soldiers under fire during evacuation of foreigners.

ALBANIA-1997-Troops-Soldiers under fire during evacuation of foreigners.

SUDAN-1998-Missiles-Attack on pharmaceutical plant alleged to be "terrorist" nerve gas plant.

AFGHANISTAN-1998-Missiles-Attack on former CIA training camps used by Islamic fundamentalist groups alleged to have attacked embassies.

IRAQ-1998-?-Bombing, Missiles-Four days of intensive air strikes after weapons inspectors allege Iraqi obstructions.

YUGOSLAVIA-1999-Bombing, Missiles-Heavy NATO air strikes after Serbia declines to withdraw from Kosovo. NATO occupation of Kosovo.

YEMEN-2000-Naval-USS Cole, docked in Aden, bombed.

MACEDONIA-2001-Troops-NATO forces deployed to move and disarm Albanian rebels.

UNITED STATES-2001-Jets, naval-Reaction to hijacker attacks on New York, DC

AFGHANISTAN-2001-?-Troops, bombing, missiles-Massive U.S. mobilization to overthrow Taliban, hunt Al Qaeda fighters, install Karzai regime, and battle Taliban insurgency. More than 30,000 U.S. troops and numerous private security contractors carry our occupation.

YEMEN-2002-Missiles-Predator drone missile attack on Al Qaeda, including a US citizen.

PHILIPPINES-2002-?-Troops, naval-Training mission for Philippine military fighting Abu Sayyaf rebels evolves into combat missions in Sulu Archipelago, west of Mindanao.

COLOMBIA-2003-?-Troops-US special forces sent to rebel zone to back up Colombian military protecting oil pipeline.

IRAQ-2003-?-Troops, naval, bombing, missiles-Saddam regime toppled in Baghdad. More than 250,000 U.S. personnel participate in invasion. US and UK forces occupy country and battle Sunni and Shi'ite insurgencies. More than 160,000 troops and numerous private contractors carry out occupation and build large permanent bases.

LIBERIA-2003-Troops-Brief involvement in peacekeeping force as rebels drove out leader.

HAITI-2004-05-Troops, naval -Marines land after right-wing rebels oust elected President Aristide, who was advised to leave by Washington.

PAKISTAN-2005-?-Missiles, bombing, covert operation-CIA missile and air strikes and Special Forces raids on alleged Al Qaeda and Taliban refuge villages kill multiple civilians.

SOMALIA-2006-?-Missiles, naval, covert operation-Special Forces advise Ethiopian invasion that topples Islamist government; AC-130 strikes and Cruise missile attacks against Islamist rebels; naval blockade against "pirates" and insurgents.

SYRIA-2008-Troops-Special Forces in helicopter raid 5 miles from Iraq kill 8 Syrian civilians

This guide does *not* include: mobilizations of the National Guard, offshore shows of naval strength, reinforcements of embassy personnel, the use of non-Defense Department personnel (such as the Drug Enforcement Administration), military exercises, non-combat mobilizations (such as replacing postal strikers), the permanent stationing of armed forces, covert actions where the U.S. did not play a command and control role, the use of small hostage rescue units, most uses of proxy troops, U.S. piloting of foreign warplanes, foreign or domestic disaster assistance, military training and advisory programs not involving direct combat, civic action programs, and many other military activities.

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