

9/11, Al Qaeda, The Deep State and Me

by Anthony C Heaford

Dave Dean

Dean told me he was nineteen years old during the infamous battle for Hill 937 in Vietnam, so going off that he was born around 1950. He's mentioned by name in Samuel Zaffiri's book *Hamburger Hill* for an outstanding act of courage, humanity, reckless bravery and professionalism at the height of that most horrific of battles. Dean spoke little of his military service but he did tell me the following in 1988 when driving between an industry exhibition in Birmingham England, and Manchester airport:

- His military career ended quickly, after 'breaking nearly every bone in my body' during a parachute training accident in Vietnam.
- Dean said his parachute had become entangled with the jungle canopy they were deliberately landing in, and he'd been swung like a pendulum into a heavyset rainforest tree trunk.
- I confirmed that the accident was 'in-country' because such training in a conflict zone is unusual. Dean confirmed his parachuting accident was in Vietnam.
- After recovering in the Philippines he medically discharged and remained there for the rest of the war. Dean said he ran a go-go bar besides Clark air base in Angeles town, one frequented by US service personnel. The CIA used Clark air base in the 1970s for clandestine Air America activity and to train foreign guerrillas forces such as the Hmong tribesmen of the Vietnamese highlands.

The only such parachute training - in-country / jungle landing - at that time was run by a top secret special forces unit called Military Assistance Command Vietnam - Studies and Observations Group (MACV SOG). Using the High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) parachuting technique to insert small special forces units into North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia was the brainchild of Sergeant Billy Waugh, a Korean war veteran and special forces specialist. The project was a failure, with missions often suffering 100% casualty rates. A North Vietnamese spy in the MACV SOG HQ was eventually uncovered - they'd been relaying US landing zone coordinates to the North Vietnamese forces. MACV SOG was disbanded in 1972 and Sergeant Billy Waugh medically discharged too. Waugh became a US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) contractor, something that gave him indemnity in the 1970s for his involvement in the training of Libyan special forces and the supply of twenty tonnes of C-4 plastic explosives to Colonel Gaddafi. His associate in that matter, Edwin P. Wilson, was not contracting for the CIA at the time and he was imprisoned for decades.

In a 2004 autobiography Billy Waugh admits training Al Qaeda fighters, sometime in 1990s Yemen:

1989-2001: CIA Contractor Trains Al-Qaeda and Related Organizations

CIA contractor Billy Waugh trains various al-Qaeda operatives around the globe, possibly for more than a decade. In his 2004 autobiography he will write, "I worked right there with these al-Qaeda operatives and heard these arguments [about the badness of US policy] firsthand many times, especially during an assignment in Yemen." This training must take place between 1989, when he is hired by the CIA, and 2001, when he begins his last assignment for the agency in Afghanistan. The reference to Yemen may indicate that Waugh worked there during the 1994 civil war, when the US supported the religiously-oriented North Yemen against the breakaway south (see May 21-July 7, 1994).

This image is a screen shot from the now defunct historycommons.org - it was the single best collation of 9/11 and Al Qaeda related material

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Dave Dean (continued)

During our week together in 1988 Birmingham Dean told me he was my Father's new US salesman, and new to the printing industry but familiar with electronics and the [explosive] chemicals used in printing. I noticed a curiosity about Dean that lasted our entire acquaintanceship: he never allowed his photo to be taken. This fact - Dean ducking to tie his shoelace at the appropriate photo moments - clearly amused the senior international service technician David Hughes, but he never actually said anything. Hughes did tease Dean in the evenings over a drink, asking him to tell us about his military service (which Dean wouldn't), or goading him to recite every King and Queen of England for us - their names, history and politics being something Dean had reputedly set to memory.

One time, on mine and my Father's arrival in the USA, Dean met us at the airport with his young girlfriend who drove us in her Saab convertible sports car to a bar she and Dean ran together. It was called the Skybox, a sparsely furnished, windowless first floor unit of a factory building inside the cargo handling area of Chicago's O'Hare international airport. That setup made me think of the 1970s go-go bar besides Clark air base in the Philippines that Dean said was frequented by US air crews.

Another time Dean told me he could've got me out of some legal trouble I'd had in 1994 Manila. While on holiday I'd been arrested for carrying less than one gram of cannabis; I settled the matter through negotiation, but my passport was lost in the process. Dean told me he could've resolved the matter through his still high level, high influence contacts in the Philippines. Abu Sayyaf terrorist group (named after a Saudi sponsored, NATO backed, Wahhabi Afghan Warlord) had been active in the Philippines since 1989. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was in Manila in 1994 too, planning airline bombings with his nephew Ramzi Yousef. KSM and Yousef were trained/employed/mentored by that same Saudi sponsored, NATO backed, Wahhabi Afghan Warlord - Abdul Rasul Sayyaf to who we will return to in October 2001, when the CIA visited him and paid him a substantial cash dollar retainer.

My brother Paul Heaford lived in the USA in the 1990s, working directly for Dave Dean rather than my Father. It was Paul who installed the first machine sold to the multi-billion dollar global conglomerate I now know to have been 9/11 terrorist Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's financiers. Paul travelled to Yemen in 1993 to install a gravure proofing press in a factory I think likely to have been an Al Qaeda front company. That assertion is based on my experiences installing another machine for this customer in 1997 Yemen, and this statement by the former US Ambassador to Yemen, Barbara Bodine:

"When I got there in 1997 there was already an Al Qaeda presence. We knew about it. The Yemenis knew about it. Everyone knew about it. One of the best ways to describe the presence is that they were largely warehousing lower-level [foreign national] people in peripheral areas."

Summary: I believe Dave Dean is a Deep State operative. After medically discharging from the highly secretive MACV-SOG Special Forces the same time as Billy Waugh (1972), I think they continued to work together. Whether Dean ever became a CIA employee, or just a sub-contractor to a CIA contractor like Billy Waugh, I'm not sure. I do believe my employer's 1993 and 1997 machine sales to Yemen were related to Al Qaeda's presence there. Those CIA trained Al Qaeda fighters fought on the US allied Yemeni government's side in the 1994 civil war, fighting against the Saudi, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman and Kuwait backed southern separatists. I suspect the 1993 machine installation in the frontline city of Taiz was just to provide a front company for the Al Qaeda presence there that Barbara Bodine described as:

"... warehousing lower-level [foreign nationals] in peripheral areas."

I know without any shadow of a doubt that my employer's 1997 machine sale to the frontline city of Taiz was to provide a front company for an international terrorist organisation. I know because I was the technician sent to Yemen in 1997; the technician taken to 'the Base' one mile from Al Qa'idah town; the technician who met the terrorist there too - this time it was Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. He was wanted for his part in the February 1993 World Trade Center bomb attack but had fled his sanctuary in Qatar in 1996, after their authorities came under pressure from US Intel agencies.