



Working in the Underground

During the Gulf War, our Outpost in Savannah, GA, told us how the anti-war movement there became intimidated by Rambozoids and eventually stopped having demonstrations, while the city fathers held daily flag parades downtown. "What can be done," the Outpost asked, "to carry on in this climate?"

Our roots are in the anti-war GI movement of the Vietnam days and let's face it, everything we did then was illegal. On base we couldn't openly distribute literature, have demos or anything. But we were still able to find ways to organize. The example of GI resisters, taking action no matter what personal consequences, serves as an inspiration and example for us all. Every anti-war action doesn't require the same risk. So if the intimidation is too great, don't give up—just remember the principles of the guerillas and go underground! This means doing things like:

- holding meetings in houses and small groups to discuss and debate the issues,
- get VCR tapes from us and others, have showings and talk about them,
- take groups from your area to nearby cities to participate in their demos,
- gather support from groups in other cities and areas,
- do surreptitious postering, graffiti and stickers,
- leave leaflets in places where people will find them,
- create contact lists and do frequent mailings and/or faxes,
- make calls to radio talk shows and write letters to the editor,
- organize parties to write letters of support to GI resisters,
- finally, send any of your ideas and experiences to StormWarning! and other 'zines to be spread around the country and world.



Most of all, remember that sometime the most appropriate action is to be brave in the face of danger. Bold actions taken in unfriendly political territory can often change the situation dramatically. ☸

What does an Outpost do?

First of all, you probably are wondering what the heck is an "Outpost?" Early in the days of *StormWarning!*, we were talking about vets and particularly those who are in areas more or less by themselves—without the ability to be full blown chapters of VVAW AI—but who we need to be more a part of our inner network. Nothing like naming something to make it come true, so we laughingly came up with the term "Outposts of Freedom" for those who have tighter unity, distribute the literature, and interact on a higher level than a "subscriber." (Hey, if the VFW has "Posts"—it seems like the vets who say "We are all outlaws in the eyes

of Amerikkka" can have "outposts!")

An Outpost gets a bundle of each issue and takes responsibility to sell them. Some Outposts take a stack of 5, others take as many as 100. Outposts need not be veterans, they only have to support our work well enough to take responsibility for spreading it.

In addition to *StormWarning!* distribution, an Outpost receives our press releases and other communications. They try to get the press releases into the hands of the commercial and alternative press, including student publications, radio stations, TV or whatever exists in their area. That ensures that our message gets wide distribution in many places we couldn't possibly find or reach ourselves. Similarly, when we issue leaflets, we generally send a master of them to Outposts. The Outpost then figures out how to reproduce it and where it

can be distributed or posted.

Finally an Outpost acts as a "Listening Post" for VVAW AI, sending us news, material for *StormWarning!*, leads or information that needs our attention.

There is no other group like VVAW AI, nor any other publication like *StormWarning!* We hope you will consider becoming a VVAW AI Outpost. ☸



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