The number of hate groups, extremists and anti-govt organizations in the U.S. has continued to grow over the past three years, according to reports by the Southern Poverty Law Center. They increased to 1,018 in 2011, up from 1,002 in 2010 and 602 in 2000.

The striking rise is fueled by the superheated fears generated by economic dislocation, a proliferation of demonizing conspiracy theories, the changing racial make-up of America and the prospect of 4 more years under a black president who many on the far right view as an enemy to their country.

The rise in hate crimes and extremism outside the military may be an indication of internal issues all services will have to face.
References used when preparing this brief, it is the EO’s responsibility to train on extremism, but I am in no way an SME for this topic. I’ve done hours of research, but if you have specific questions about groups or cases please see LTC ______ who is very educated on this topic.
Icebreaker
The Army realizes that individuals do not set aside their prejudices, biases, and perceptions in favor of the Army’s values immediately upon joining the Army, however, it is vital that all Soldiers and Civilians are educated on Army Policy and what is expected of them while serving either in our ranks, or in support of our Soldiers.
PROHIBITIONS

Soldiers are prohibited from the following actions in support of Extremist Organizations or Activities

- Participating in a Public Demonstration or Rally
- Attending a Meeting or Activity with Knowledge that the Meeting or Activity Involves and Extremist Cause
- Fund Raising Activities
- Recruiting or Training Members
- Creating, Organizing, or Taking a Visible Leadership Role in such an Organization
- Distributing Literature on or off a Military Installation
In addition to the Army’s policy on participation in extremist organizations or membership in extremist groups, Commanders always reserve the right to specifically address detractors that effect the good order and discipline of our units.
Extremists are advocates of racial, gender, religious or ethnic hatred......these individuals believe that they are superior to others based on any of these categories

**TERMS & DEFINITIONS**

- **SUPREMACIST**
  Any person(s) maintaining the ideology, quality, state of being, or position of being superior to all others in something

- **EXTREMIST**
  A person who advocates the use of force or violence; advocates supremacist causes based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or national origin; or otherwise engages to deprive individuals or groups of their civil rights
Ideologies justify, legitimize and rationalize one particular version of reality despite other explanations and ideas.

Extremist Organizations follow ideologies which are considered extreme by societal norms....and we are talking about this today because individuals who hold extremist views that conflict with Army Values are sometimes inadvertently recruited.
TERMS & DEFINITIONS cont.

› GANGS
   A group of individuals who band together, usually along racial or ethnic lines for a political or social belief. Generally, gangs are prone to violent behavior.

› MILITIA
   A body of Soldiers not permanently organized in time of peace. Many militia organizations have been formed because of their objection to national or local government (anti-democratic) policies or programs.

Read Slide...comment on photo of Soldier in U.S. military attire
The militia movement is very fluid. New groups form and others disappear so frequently it is difficult, if not impossible to track which groups are active at any given moment. The character of these groups also may change rapidly as different factions, some extreme with neo-Nazi ties and other moderates, with law abiding goals vie for control. In some cases there are support groups that do not engage in military training or typically have rank structures, but instead provide information and materials to militias.
Read Slide....comment on photo of Hutaree

Hutaree defend against “New World Order” – believed conspiracy to establish a totalitarian one-world government. These groups are concentrated in the areas of Southern Michigan and Indiana, Northwestern Ohio; and a new unit has been formed in Teague, Texas who is currently holding organized training events.
Ask Question: what is a great lure for these groups right now? .....economic crisis and war in the Middle East

August Kreis, a long time Neo Nazi convicted of fraud related to his veterans benefits said, “it was all about income equality...the worse the economy gets, the more the groups are going to grow. White people are arming themselves and black people too. I believe its going to come down to a civil war because we are being divided by economic lines”
TATTOOS

- Frequently associated with racist and/or gang activities

- No immediate assumption should be made when strange or suspicious tattoos are observed; however, they may be considered a warning signal something might be worth checking into further

- Detailed information on hate tattoos can be found at [http://www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org) (when in doubt, check it out)

- If you identify a recognizable tattoo notify your COC and/or consult with your SJA for clarification and guidance

Read Slide, elaborate on the excellent pictures and information found at www.adl.org
Neo-Nazis, racist skinheads, white supremacists and others in the hate movement use symbols like swastikas, "SS" thunderbolts, runes and group logos to intimidate individuals and communities. Hate symbols are more than just "signs" demonstrating racist, anti-Semitic and anti-Christian attitudes and beliefs -- these symbols are meant to instill a sense of fear and insecurity. One finds hate symbols scrawled on the outside walls of synagogues, churches and schools; depicted on fliers and literature distributed in communities; tattooed on the bodies of white supremacists, or proudly displayed as jewelry or on clothing. These symbols give haters a sense of power and belonging, and a quick way of identifying with others who share their ideology. They offer a visual vocabulary that is used by a variety of extremists including the Ku Klux Klan, the neo-Nazi National Alliance and such Identity groups¹ as Aryan Nations and the Posse Comitatus.
Comment on being aware as leaders of the meanings behind certain tattoos; reminding Soldiers that if they suspect a Soldier of having a tattoo that indicates their participation in a hate group, that they are to contact their COC, not take matters into their own hands.
Comment on photos
Christian Identity: These letters stand for Christian Identity, which holds that white Europeans—not Jews—are the real Biblical "Chosen People," that the white race is inherently superior, that Blacks and other nonwhite races are soulless "mud peoples" on the same level as animals, and that Jews are descendants of Satan.
NUMBER SYMBOLS

- **14 words**: “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children.”
- **88**: The eighth letter of the alphabet is ‘H.’ Eight times two signifies ‘HH,’ shorthand for the Nazi greeting, “Heil Hitler.”
- **5**: “I have nothing to say.” Code of silence for white racists.
- **311**: The eleventh letter of the alphabet is the letter ‘K.’ Thus, $3 \times 11$ equals “KKK.”
- **83**: The eighth letter of the alphabet is ‘H’ and the third is ‘C.’ Thus “Heil Christ,” which is a greeting used by racists that consider themselves Christian.
- **28**: “Blood & Honour” because ‘B’ is the second letter of the alphabet and ‘H’ is the eighth letter.
- **4/20**: Anniversary of Adolf Hitler’s birthday.
- **18**: The first letter of the alphabet is ‘A’ and the eighth is ‘H.’ Therefore an abbreviation for Adolf Hitler, “AH.”
- **23**: The 23rd letter of the alphabet is ‘W.’ an abbreviation for “White.”
- **100%**: Pure Aryan or white roots.
- **33/6**: Thirty-three is 3 times 11. Since the eleventh letter of the alphabet is ‘K,’ this signifies “KKK.” The ‘6’ signifies the 6th current era of the Klan; it is often used as a greeting by members.
The armed forces are supposed to be a model of racial equality. American soldiers are supposed to be defenders of democracy. Neo-Nazis represent the opposite of these ideals. They dream of race war and revolution, and their motivations for enlisting are often quite different than serving their country.

State that there are many more neo-nazis documented within the armed forces, these are just a few selected for this presentation.
Read slide, comment on extremist symbols

Storm Front- white nationalist neo-nazi internet forum...internets 1st major hate site
NEO-NAZIS IN THE MILITARY

- In May 2003, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division advised the FBI of six active duty soldiers at Fort Riley, Texas, who were affiliated with the Aryan Nation. One of the six was the neo-Nazi group’s point of contact in Kansas and sought to recruit members from within the military.

- In September 2006, the leader of the Celtic Knights, a now-defunct splinter faction of the Hammerskins in central Texas, planned to obtain firearms and explosives from an active-duty Army soldier in Fort Hood, Texas. The soldier, who served in Iraq in 2006 and 2007, was a member of the National Alliance, a neo-Nazi group. He is now going through proceedings for military discharge.

- In October 2006, the National Socialist Movement, a major neo-Nazi group, received a number of queries from active-duty Army and Marine personnel stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan that expressed interest in joining the organization and inquired about chapters located near domestic U.S. military bases.

- In mid-2007, two Army privates in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., received six-year prison sentences for attempting to sell body armor and morphine to an undercover FBI agent they believed was involved in the white supremacist movement.
This photo made the Army Times on February 27, 2012. Although these Marine snipers posing in front of the Nazi-associated SS insignia, deny that this flag indicates a link to Nazis and white supremacists, the message that it sends to many who see it is not positive.
Just days after the release of the SS insignia flag picture on the previous slide, news broke of a base near Kandahar, Afghanistan being named Combat Out post Aryan, a term linke to Nazis and white supremacists. Many believe that the stunning information concerning this base and the SS insignia flag are “simply too much to be coincidental”
Extremism is a complex phenomenon; it is defined as beliefs, attitudes, feelings, actions, or strategies of a character far removed from the “ordinary.” Because “ordinary” is subjective, no religious group would label itself extreme or its doctrine “extremism.” However, religious extremism is not limited to any single religion, ethnic group, or region of the world; every religion has some followers that believe that their beliefs, customs and traditions are the only “right way” and that all others are practicing their faith the “wrong way,” seeing and believing that their faith/religion superior to all others.

Extremism

- EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- IKIWIAN or MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD (EGYPT/MUSLIM)
- ULTRA-ORTHOodox (ISRAEL/JUDAISM)
- CHRISTIAN IDENTITY (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- AL QAEDA (TRANSNATIONAL/ISLAM)
- HAMAS (PALESTINIAN/ISLAMIST)
- ABU SAYYAH (PHILIPPINES/ISLAM)
- KU KLUX KLAN (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- SRI RAM SENE (INDIA/HINDU)
- CATHOLICISM (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- KAHANE MOVEMENT/KACH (ISRAEL/JEWISH)
- ARMY OF GOD (U.S./CHRISTIANITY)
- SUNNI MUSLIMS (IRAQ/ISLAM)
- NATION OF ISLAM (U.S./ISLAM)
- JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (U.S./JUDAISM)
- FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (U.S./MORMON)
- HUTAREE (U.S./CHRISTIAN)

- ISLAMOPHOBIA
### ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS IN THE MILITARY

- **Navy petty officer Hassan Abujihad**  
  - Emailed classified military information to jihadists for possible attacks while serving on a U.S. destroyer

- **Ali Abdul Saoud Mohammed**  
  - Army Special Forces instructor at the Special Ops Warfare School at Ft Bragg while at the same time a trainer of Al Qaeda and a double agent traveling overseas to fight with jihadists

- **SGT Hasan Akbar**  
  - Killed two Soldiers at a military base in Kuwait & injured 14 others; he wanted to stop the killing of his fellow Muslims

- **Jeffrey Leon Battle**  
  - USAR Soldier who enlisted in order to receive training on military tactics and weapons that he intended to use against the U.S. in support of Al-Qaida; got caught when he attempted to travel to Afghanistan to fight with the Taliban as part of the *Portland Seven*

Although there are many other cases of Islamic Extremists that have served in the Armed Services, only a few were selected for this presentation. Those presented here have been convicted for their involvement in hate crimes or plan for hate crimes in the name of Islam
MANY ISLAMIC EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS ARE TERRORIST GROUPS AS WELL, AND TERRORIST GROUPS USE DISTINCT SYMBOLS TO CONVEY THEIR IDEOLOGY AND GOALS.

Picture 1: Islamic Palestine Block, green is color if Islam, rifle and flag symbolize militancy, Koran is seated a bottom because considered the foundation of the movement, green map of Israel. Recruitment of college students into terrorist groups...”green house for , martyrs”, glorifies suicide bombings

Picture 2: Muslim Brotherhood, swords symbolize militancy and groups commitment to Jihad, Koran: spiritual foundation, “be Prepared” to fight the enemies of God

Picture 3: Hamas means Muslim resistant movement, phrase “be prepared”, Koran-Muslim declaration of faith, Cross swords evoke Jihad and allude to the group’s dedication to violent struggles

Picture 4: AQIM Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, black background denotes death, globe for world wide ambitions, flag and rifle symbolize militancy, declaration of faith
Read slide and comment on photos

Reinforce the high volume of reports of gang related graffiti turning up in all the major Theaters of Operation in the Middle East
GANGS IN THE MILITARY

53 identified gangs whose members have served in or are affiliated with U.S. Military

Among the identified gangs:

Asian Boyz
Bloods
Crips
Gangster Disciples
Latin Kings
MS-13
Sureños
Ting Rascal Gangsters
Devils Disciples
Southside Locos

Aryan Brotherhood
Barrio Azteca
Texas Syndicate prison gangs
Bandidos
Hells Angels
Mongols
Outlaws
Yagos
Peckerwoods
Hatian Mob

SOURCE: FBI 2011 NATIONAL GANG THREAT ASSESSMENT
GANGS IN THE MILITARY cont.

- Law enforcement officials in at least 100 jurisdictions have come into contact with, detained, or arrested an active or former military gang member within the past three years.

Gang members have been reported in every branch of the military, although a large proportion of these gang members are affiliated with the U.S. Army Reserves and National Guard branches.

Read Slide comment on photos
UNIT IMPACT

- Command Climate Suffers
- Polarization of Groups
- Undermines Confidence
- Productivity is hampered and accomplish of the mission can be seriously affected
- Unnecessary effort are required to recover from neglected situations

Read slide and ask if anyone in the audience has been in a unit effected by gangs or hate groups
Possible command punishments imposed for participating in activities that undermine the good order and discipline of our units and our Army
The Southern Poverty Law Center counted 1,002 active hate groups in the United States in 2010. All hate groups have beliefs or practices that attack or malign an entire class of people, typically for their immutable characteristics. Hate group activities can include criminal acts, marches, rallies, speeches, meetings, leafleting or publishing. Listing here does not imply the group advocates or engages in violence or other criminal activity. Organizations appearing to be merely the work of a single individual, rather than that of a group, are not included in this list.

In 2010 there were 36 active hate groups in Pennsylvania
Comment on documented activity in the state of PA

Take Questions at this time....