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Air Force Officer Dead; Likely a Suicide

By Sharon Weinberger July 29, 2008 | 11:16:25 AM Categories: Planes

The Air Force's bad year just got a whole lot worse. A general who spent nearly two years as the executive officer to the recently ousted Air force chief of staff has died in an apparent suicide at his home in Alaska, AP reports:

Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Tinsley suffered a gunshot wound to his chest late Sunday night and was pronounced dead within a half hour, said Col. Richard Walberg, who assumed command at Elmendorf Air Force Base after Tinsley's death.

Tinsley, the commander at Alaska's Elmendorf Air Force Base, previously worked at the Pentagon under General T. Michael "Buzz" Mosely, who along with Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne, was recently forced to resign.

The suicide is a serious blow to the service, which yesterday saw two more resignations of senior Air Force officials. There was also another suicide last year. Charles Riechers, a former top Air Force acquisition official, committed suicide last year after a sadly flawed newspaper article asserted that he had been given a "no work contract."

The Air Force's misfortunes actually extend back several years, beginning with initial Air Force tanker lease deal with Boeing. Since that time, a number of scandals ranging from nuclear bungling to acquisition mismanagement (and the occasional hyped non-scandal) have led to the departure of a series of senior service officials.

With a decapitated leadership and a dwindling senior acquisition work force, the Air Force is no doubt in for more tough times.

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"apparent"

by jimbo on 03.08.2008 [12:57]

suicide? yeh! "murder BY suicide" sounds abt right!

was either gunna "blow the whistle" on the many & repulsive crimes of fedZOGjew-SA and/or refused to be part of the 'war crime' of invading a peaceful, sovereign nation; viz: Iran!

VNN 'thread' on this topic ht tp://vnnforum.com/showthread.php?t=77058

Clnl....

by jimbo on 03.08.2008 [13:02]

"Richard Walberg" ... ?..... sounds suspiciously yooish to me!

Any one ever hear a suicide mode by

by djandjolik on 03.08.2008 [13:09]

"a gun shooting on his/her own chest"????? funny story tell!!

May be he said this befor his dead!! Oohoooo

by djandjolik on 03.08.2008 [13:13]

putting "nuke cruise missiles on my plane to Iran??? no no nope!! over my dead body, and thereafter he suffered chest pain!!!! and reported that his is suicide!!!!

Contemplating about this ...

by LittleHelper on 03.08.2008 [15:45]

People often die corresponding to what they were doing during their lives.

Therefore it is not unusual to see an accumulation of suicides among army people, police and so on.

Because those people exerted a violent approach to others all through their carrier.

Thus, chances are high, they will exert violence also against themselves.

But looking at the US army, there has been some new factor arising, I think.

I think, lots of US army officers feel somehow uneasy with the direction of the US army and with the direction of their country in general.

They feel, that something is going/has gone terribly wrong, but they do not have the power to change it.

Thus, they start to show dissociative behaviour. They do not like anymore, what they are doing, they don't want anymore to carry out the orders they receive.

At some point, maybe suicide is the only way out of this dilemma.

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