

# Internet becomes a double-edged sword

My most important possession is my father's World War II diary he gave to me before he died 21 years ago. It covers the years he spent in the jungle living in a tent waiting for the Japanese to enter his field of operations.

That old brown diary has specific words related to operational security (OpSec) surgically cut out from dozens of pages.

This meticulous informational filtering was done by hand from Army intelligence personnel on not only my dad's diary but every other military person's correspondence or personal logging documentation. This was consistently done for the security of our nation even after the conclusion of the war in 1945.

My old man is probably rolling over in his grave about the WikiLeaks.org posting of the Afghan War Diary which is an extraordinary secret compendium of over 92,000 reports covering the war in Afghanistan from 2004-10.

These illegally obtained classified documents describe the majority of lethal military actions involving the United States military.

The comprehensive details includes the number of persons internally stated to be killed, wounded, or detained during each action, together with the precise geographical location of each event, and the military units involved and major weapon systems used.

I went to the [www.WikiLeaks.org](http://www.WikiLeaks.org) site to view some of these stolen secret documents about the war we are currently fighting and getting killed in, and was shocked, saddened and enraged. My first thought was the fear that my Iraq veteran



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son's Army reserve unit may get called up for Afghanistan duty.

This web site is laid out in 15 languages, including Arabic. The thousands of incident and mission reports have unit names, latitude/longitude data and even satellite maps overlaid with operational troop movement drawings.

July was the deadliest month for our troops in Afghanistan and reading this online goldmine of the enemy made blood shoot out of my eyes.

In other words Wikileaks.org just gave the holy grail of military intelligence to the Islamic terrorists with a goal of wiping both the USA and Israel off the map. Who did this? Who is using the Internet has the digital highway of treason?

Julain Assange, who has no home and lives out of a backpack, says Fox News Channel is the founder and webmaster of WikiLeaks.org. This liberal Australian dirt bag obtained, formatted and uploaded 92,000 Afghanistan war logs for the whole world to see and our enemies to use against us.

This Islamic Jihadist sympathizer Assange allegedly had help from an Army PFC named Bradley Manning, 22, who was already charged by the U.S. military with illegally disseminating a classified video. In my father's day, this little traitor would be executed for treason by a firing squad before the fall.

So if I understand this right, a vagabond foreigner with a laptop linked up with an American traitor used the World Wide Web to expose the classified tactical history of our war effort and may have severely damaged our chances of winning this nine-year war.

These two anti-war heroes of the far left will be celebrated for bringing to light the accidental killing of civilians and journalists. That is why true American heroes say war is Hell and very bad things happen.

Hopefully we can actually defeat the enemy and leave that caveman land sooner rather than later.

How do we keep this from happening again? My vote is to make the two traitors into worm food, but what about the Internet? This instant mass distribution to our enemies all over the world in multiple languages could not have happened back in WWII, Korea, Vietnam or even the first Gulf War back in the early 1990s.

My nephews who fought to liberate Kuwait did not have laptops, digital camcorders or access to the Internet. Of course they would not have ever thought about leaking critical information to the enemy.

What I don't want to happen is an overreaction of the U.S. government on behalf of the military to censor or even take over the content of the Internet. That would be like if the executive branch shutdown deepwater offshore drilling just because one well blew out and cause a major oil leak.

Oh wait, the Obama administration has actually done that and is now slowing killing our petroleum industry in the Gulf.

Being a first amendment advocate and a second amendment zealot, I believe we cannot let this horrendous breach of digital security pave the way for the bureaucrats governing the Internet. This would be like banning guns from law abiding citizens in large cities because gang bangers pop caps in each other.

Oh wait, Chicago and Washington, D.C. have done that for decades and continues to do so even

after the recent Supreme Court ruling clarifying the second amendment does enable citizens to protect themselves with firearms.

Our informational arsenal to expose government corruption includes websites such as YouTube, blogs and news sites. We cannot let an ever-growing government start censoring our free speech over the web.

That said, when bad guys use this powerful digital medium for ill will and put lives at risk here and abroad, we as a society for the sake of survival need to eliminate those evil doers.

Even sites like WikiLeaks.org should not be shutdown by government entities. What needs to happen is we should find and terminate the sources that feed secret military documents about an active conflict our men are dying for on a daily basis.

I say again, whistle-blower websites like WikiLeaks.org should remain untouched by the government. But after reading those leaked reports my son, brother, nephews and the ghost of my old man would probably like to really reach out and touch that WikiLeaks' webmaster Julain Assange in a harsh and brutal manner for risking the lives of our brave service men and women protecting this nation.

Bottom line: The Internet is a double-edged sword when it comes to informational freedom, but that is the price we pay living in a truly free society.

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