

MILITARY WASTE

Most Americans do not know that the Department of Defense (DOD) has not passed an audit in 20 years. "All the other large federal departments have passed an audit since it became a requirement in 1994," but not the DOD. Many DOD watchers have publicly stated that, even though it is required to do so by 2017, they do not see this happening—not without huge public pressure. Here is a small sample of why we need an audit.

Source: Department of Defense's Unending Nightmare: Pass an Audit by 2017 by Dina Rasor 11/28/11

Financial Waste

- In 2000, an inspector general found \$2.6 trillion in untraceable, unaudited military spending
- In 2003, the U.S. Army completely lost 32 tanks, 36 missile launchers, and 56 airplanes
- In just one year, the military purchased \$100 million in airline tickets that it never used
- Last year, ½ of all military contracts were left uncompleted

Source: Congressman DeFazio (D-OR) Takes on Wasteful Military Spending

<http://www.irregulartimes.com>

Flawed Initial Cost Estimates and Inefficiencies

- The F-35, earmarked to become the main fighter aircraft for the Air Force, Navy, and Marines, had many problems that occurred when the Pentagon changed the capabilities it sought or rushed production before critical technologies were ready. Revamping the program twice last year added \$34 billion to the already expected \$300 billion cost of development and production.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/30/business/30military.html>

- Huge amounts of surplus rounds of live and blank ammunition, left over from training camps, were disposed of on a firing range by being blasted off with automatic weapons until all were gone.

Source: <http://onviolence.com/?e=279>

- In Iraq and Afghanistan, an estimated \$60 billion in U.S. tax dollars has been lost over the past decade in U.S. backed construction, transportation and agricultural through tax oversight of contractors, poor planning and payoffs to warlords and insurgents.

Source: Commission of Wartime Contracting Report/

www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/08/30/military-spending-waste_n_942723

- The U.S. Dept. of Defense (DOD) cannot account for billions in Iraq: \$2 billion it was given to cover reconstruction projects and, of the \$3 billion the DOD was given to pay certain bills, it can only account for 1/3 of the funds. "The bulk of the records are missing," but they are searching for them, they say.

Source: Josh Levs from CNN

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