

VETERANS STAND FOR STANDING ROCK
OPERATIONS ORDER | DECEMBER 4-7 2016

- I) **Situation** – In response to the assertion of treaty rights, citizen’s rights, tribal rights, and protection of the most valuable of resources, water, the Sioux tribes and allied comrades, are under sustained assault by agents of and working for private interests under the color of law. First Americans have served in the United States Military, defending the soil of our homelands, at a greater percentage than any other group of Americans. There is no other people more deserving of veteran support and this situation encapsulates whether we are called heroes for violence and cashing paychecks or for justice and morality.
- a) **Opposing Forces** - Morton County Sheriff’s office combined with multiple state police agencies and private security contractors.
- 1) Composition, Disposition, Strength – we will face between 500-1000 police and contractors with approximately 300 in riot gear.
 - 2) Capabilities & Limitations – Enemy has rubber/plastic bullets, CS gas, pepper spray, and an LRAD sound cannon. They will be limited in their violence against us by US and international human rights laws, a national press presence and observers from the US Congress.
 - 3) Most Likely Course of Action – we will likely be gassed, pepper sprayed, shot with rubber bullets, hit with batons and briefly arrested.
 - 4) Most dangerous Course of Action – live fire with lethal rounds.
- b) **Friendly Forces** – Veteran and Tribal protests
- 1) Higher’s mission & Intent – our intent is to honor the giants on whose shoulders we stand, such as Gandhi’s salt protest or MLK’s Selma protest. In the ultimate expression of alliance, we are there to put our bodies on the line, no matter the physical cost, in complete non-violence to provide a clear representation to all Americans of where evil resides. The Water Protectors are leading the way against this same evil which we must all face globally, saving ourselves and our children from the apocalyptic outcome of climate change.
 - 2) Adjacent Units – there will be no adjacent units. We are there to give the Sioux a breather from the abuse they’ve been taking and allow them a couple days of warrior’s respite.
 - 3) Supporting Units – there will be civilian and tribe members watching us from behind but nobody supporting us – we are the cavalry.
 - 4) Attachment/Detachment – Medical Detachment will be led by Aaron Mischler. If you are a trained combat medic, contact Aaron at Phireman481@gmail.com
 - 5) Civil/Terrain Considerations – the national press will be on location filming our entire action which is why it is critical that we demonstrate discipline, resolve and bravery. This is not an action of violence, if you feel any potential for violence or antisocial behavior, do not participate in actions, contact us for resources to address that first. Anytime one of us who speaks to a camera

or tweets something out, you are a representative of all of us, feel no shame in leaving that to members more experienced in that lane.

II. **Mission** – Our mission is to prevent progress on the Dakota Access Pipeline and draw national attention to the human rights warriors of the Sioux tribes regarding the United States lack of treaty enforcement.

III. **Execution**

- a) **Intent** – Our intent is to slow construction of the DAPL and draw attention to both the injustice committed there and the danger to our families posed by an increase in greenhouse gas emissions.
- 1) Center of Gravity – Our center of gravity will be the center of our lines. We must hold the center and quickly replace any gaps caused through attrition.
 - 2) Critical vulnerability – We are vulnerable to being goaded into fighting or destroying private property – this must not happen under any circumstances.
 - 3) Exploitation Plan – If we have a gap in police lines we will maneuver through and head straight for the drilling pad, which we will surround arm in arm. If DAPL personnel need to access this pad for safety reasons, we will permit them entry. Nothing can be destroyed or sabotaged.
 - 4) Desired End State – Our desired end-state is to create an uproar in the country over the failure to honor our treaty obligations, and to halt construction of new projects in the gas and oil industry.
- b) **Concept of the Operation** - There will be three phases of the operation:
- 1) MUSTER DEC. 4th – we will muster at noon on December 4th outside the school gymnasiums at Fort Yates, which is on the Standing Rock Reservation. We will then quickly form into platoons and companies and brief following day actions.
 - 2) TRIBAL WELCOME AND FRONT LINES DEC. 5th – we will be bused 20 miles from the gymnasiums to the main Sioux Camp for a dawn welcome ceremony. The tribal elders will then perform a cleansing ceremony to wash away our sins and steel us for the days ahead. A few veteran members of US House of Representatives will hold a press conference to confirm the rightness of our cause to the national press. We will then board buses and be transported to the front line. Upon exiting the bus we form up into our platoons and companies, transitioning into one massive line of us all wrapped arm in arm marching toward our first encounter. At sundown, we will board the bus and return to the gymnasiums, where we will be fed by the Sioux.
 - 3) FRONT LINES DEC 6th & DEC 7th – After morning chow we will deploy on buses to the front lines in the same formation each day and return to billet at sundown.
- c) **Tasks to subordinate units**
- 1) Regional Team Leaders (RTL) will coordinate travel and logistics and develop a movement plan. If you are traveling by Personally Owned Vehicle (POV) you still must coordinate with your RTL.
 - 2) Advance party will designate Muster and bivouac sites upon arrival.
 - 3) Sign in to S1 upon arrival to Fort Yates. Billet assignment (if needed), priorities of work and assignments will be given at check in. S1

sign in for all Travel Vouchers, required for reimbursements.

Remember, this is a mission, not a vacation. We are going to help and protect the Tribe. There is work to be done.

- 4) Be Prepared to receive non-violent Front Line training from Veterans for Peace.
- 5) TBD – Evolving and briefed as needed for operational security.

d) Coordinating Instructions

- 1) **UNIFORM** – If you are comfortable and able, wear one piece of your old uniforms, Class A, BDU's, police or firefighter uniform (with long underwear beneath it!). Name tags, unit patches awards, your personal “touchstone” reminders of your service are fine but do not wear rank as we're brothers and sisters. Do not wear full uniforms.
- 2) **EQUIPMENT** – Body armor, protective mask, hearing protection (both plugs and mufflers), sleeping bag, military headcover or black Stetson if you've got it, long underwear, cold weather gear, canteen, multiple pairs of warm socks, cold weather gloves or mittens, foot powder, toothbrush, reusable eating and drinking utensils....you know the drill. **Your priority of equipment is cold weather gear.** If you plan on going to the front line bring raincoats, garbage bags, or some other sort of water protection for defense against water cannons and fire hoses. We have some sets of protective gear available for those on on Front Line Duty.
- 3) **Packing list at end of order.**
- 4) **DO NOT BRING WEAPONS, DRUGS OR ALCOHOL!** This is the Policy of Sacred Stone Camp. We are guests on their lands and we will respect their rules and customs.

IV. Administration/Logistics

- a) **Admin** – Michael Wood Jr and Wes Clark Jr are doing the initial organizing but we have an S1 (Sean Sullivan), S2, S3(Chris Duesing), S4(Thomas Etienne) and an S5 (Anthony Diggs).
- b) **ROSTER IS FULL** for this operation. Direct logistical, Staff Leadership & Command general questions to VeteranStandingRock@gmail.com
- c) **Logistics** – The Sioux of Standing Rock have maintained ongoing opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline for months and have established essential service and support services for visitors supporting their struggle. **HIGH ATTENDANCE of veterans will likely place a strain on their support capacity.** Plan for individual sustainment during travel and days spent on site.
 - a. Shelter: The Fort Yates school system is being engaged to house several hundred personnel. Many personnel will also need to be housed in tents or vehicles. **A sleeping bag designed for severe cold-weather is required to ensure personal safety during rest periods.**
 - b. Food: The Sioux of Standing Rock operate (5) kitchens to sustain on-site supporters. Meal lines and wait times will be considerable for kitchen prepared meals. Individual food supplies should be brought to ensure proper nutrition throughout the 4-day time span. High caloric foods are recommended given the additional strain of cold weather. Special dietary needs must be coordinated by individuals. Resources are limited on the reservation. Please bring a reusable set of drinking and eating utensils.

- c. Water: The Sioux of Standing Rock have routine water truck deliveries on site. Demand may be overwhelmed and all personnel traveling should bring at least (2) days worth of drinking water. Water from the Missouri River can also be rendered drinkable with proper treatment.
 - d. Sanitation: The Sioux of Standing Rock maintain portable toilets on site but may encounter reduction in servicing due to cold weather. Engagement with tribal leadership to ensure sufficient sanitation is available at camp sites is underway.
 - e. Presence Awareness: We must remember that we are all guests here and we need to be respectful to our hosts. Be aware of the impact you are having on the areas around you. Always police up after yourself and leave no trace behind. We want to leave the land and buildings we occupy better than when we arrived. We discourage the use of disposable items, bring reusable goods whenever possible.
 - f. Equipment: Ground reporting indicates that considerable donated equipment is present at Standing Rock reservation due to the extended duration of the conflict. **Bringing personal cold-weather clothing is an absolute necessity for safety. Certified service animals welcome.**
 - g. Parking: Dedicated areas of land have been allocated for supporters to encamp. There is some general division between long and short-term supporters and engagement with tribal leadership to dedicate areas to Veterans for Standing Rock is ongoing. Refer to your RTL for details.
 - h. Travel Near Standing Rock: Expect presence of law enforcement in the vicinity of Standing Rock reservation. Utilizing alternative routes is recommended. **DO NOT TRAVEL** with any prohibited substances in the State of North Dakota to and from the event as you will very likely be prosecuted to fullest extent of the law. Harassing actions or seizure of property is a risk for all personnel in the area.
 - i. Social Media/OpSec: We would like to encourage everyone to use social media to spread awareness about the operation and the situation at Standing Rock (see more below). While doing so, please remember to be mindful and practice operational security. **Do not post about specific times or meeting places.**
- d) **Registration – ROSTER IS FULL** for this Operation. If you've not already rostered and you are interested in subsequent operations please fill in our [Stand By Roster](#). (If you're worried about personal safety, this is the wrong operation to attend).
- a. Check in with the [Facebook Event Page](#)
 - b. Join our [Facebook Community](#)
 - c. Email for onboarding and travel requests:
VeteranStandingRock@gmail.com

- d. Share [GoFundMe](#) & Raise Awareness
- e. Follow on Twitter: @MichaelAWoodJr - @WesClarkJr
- f. Fill out the Living Op Order Questionnaire at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/UETQya707cF04K6w1>

V. **Command/Signal**

- a) Primary – Short range and Bluetooth redundant handheld radio
 - a. Team leaders at minimum
- b) Alternate – Text messaging and social media to command center
 - a. Wireless and Wi-Fi extender technology will supplement and cover current infrastructure
- c) Contingency – Command center, local FM transmission
 - a. Download and test FM cellphone apps, even old cell phones, as they are all FM receivers.
 - b. Inexpensive FM receivers will be supplied
- d) Emergency – Traditional
 - a. Assigned runners
 - b. Pre coordinated SOS burn to signal distress

Standing Rock Recommended Packing List

Clothes – Emphasis on WARM Clothing

- _Thermal Underwear
- _Wool Socks (with several dry backup pairs)
- _Insulating Underlayer (Fleece, Jacket, Pants)
- _Warm Waterproof Outer Layer (Jacket, Snowpants)
- _Water protection against water hoses
(Rain Gear, Trash Bags, Ponchos)
- _Dry Clothing for After Hours
- _Insulating Hat
- _Balaclava or Face Protection
- _Glove Liners
- _Warm Gloves
- _Waterproof Overmitts
- _Insulated Boots
- _Liner Socks
- _Gaiters

The weather is going to be cold and we will likely be sprayed by water cannons. Having dry clothes to swap to is a necessity to avoid hypothermia.

Gear

_Body Armor - **Note:** If you have ever been convicted of a felony, federal law prohibits the possession or wearing of ballistic armor. If arrested this can increase time in jail.

_Gas Mask with Spare Filters

_Cold Weather Sleeping Bag & Cots

_Ear Plugs

_Shooting Hearing Mufflers

_Alternative Armor - Hard Motocross armor, Catchers shinguards

ABSOLUTELY NO WEAPONS WILL BE PERMITTED. NO EXCEPTIONS. Including - Firearms, Fixed Blade Knives, Batons, Etc.

ABSOLUTELY NO AMMO POUCHES ON GEAR.

Although we all know that ammo pouches make good containers for other items, we are promoting peace. Please leave ammo pouches at home.

Medical – Some of this is for the medical personnel

- Trauma Dressings
- Bulky Dressings
- Gauze Rolls
- Splints
- N95 & P100 Masks
- Blankets
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Combat Gauze

- Medical Tape
- Shears
- Occlusive Dressings
- Quick Clot
- Tourniquets
- Ibuprofen
- Acetaminophen

Note: You are responsible for your own medication. Medical Cannabis is not legal where we will be, so please leave that at home if you utilize it. If we get caught having it on us, it will hurt the cause we are working for.

Accessories

- Belts
- Waterproof Bags for Gear
- Ziplock Bags
- Towels** - As we are anticipating being sprayed, it is important to have multiple dry towels.
- Reusable Plate, Bowl, Cup, and Spoon/Fork

Electronics - High Risk of Being Destroyed

- Go Pro Cameras with Waterproof Case
- Cell Phone
- Two Way Radios
- Chargers for Devices (though Unsure of what access for charging will be like)
- Backup Batteries

This is a recommended packing list. It is in no way a definitive list of what you need. Use experience and common sense while packing yourselves up for this mission. Again, I must reiterate, absolutely NO Weapons, Ammo Pouches, Drugs or Alcohol will be allowed. Where we will be, medical cannabis is NOT legal and if found to have, will ruin what we are working towards. Please leave this behind if you utilize it. Thank you for your understanding in our mission of peace.

Social Media Amplification

Support Veterans Stand for Standing Rock by joining our [community](#) AND telling the story of Standing Rock to the world through your experience. The momentum around this movement has taken off through YOUR dedication to service of country and your fellow man. You've told us your stories and we've listened while we laughed, cried, hoped and just got the "feels" hearing why so many of you answered our call. Thank you. #VeteranStand is our rally cry to stand in peace and unity. #VetsStand with our brothers and sisters, locked in arms and demanding attention to the atrocities occurring on our home soil, to our own people. This is everybody's cause.

When you come to Standing Rock come with your phones, tablets, cameras, GoPro's- anything you can use to capture the story of what's happening through your eyes and amplify that out into the world using #VeteranStand, #VetStand, #VeteransStand #VetsStand as your hashtags. Mix it up for impact by adding #worldiswatching, #selflessservice or other phrases that tell how participating in operation this makes you feel and what you learned. Show the world what's really happening. This may be the only deployment you'll be able to share real time, go for it! (OPSEC guidelines permitting)

"If you're a conservative, then this is about limited government. If you're a libertarian and you want freedom for your people. This is it right here. If you're against money in politics and you don't want to see our police and soldiers being treated like private employees to beat our citizen's. It doesn't matter where you come from in your approach. THIS IS YOUR FIGHT."

[Michael Wood Jr. , NOW THIS](#)

You can start by just updating your profile photo (see below)

Please direct all media inquiries and press contacts to veteranstandingrockpr@gmail.com

Update your profile photo across all social media platforms to the following [image](#).



When you update please make sure to zoom out so that the square logo fits neatly in the thumbnail:



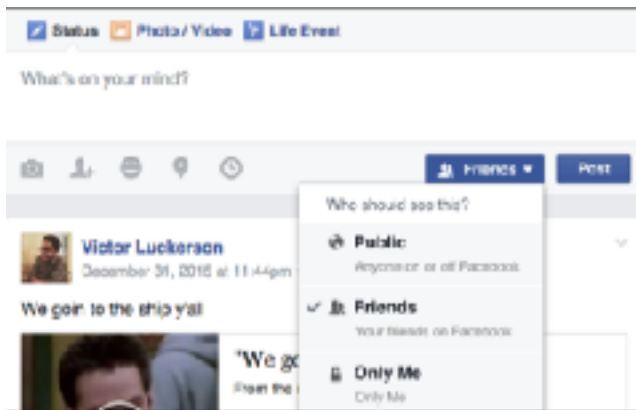
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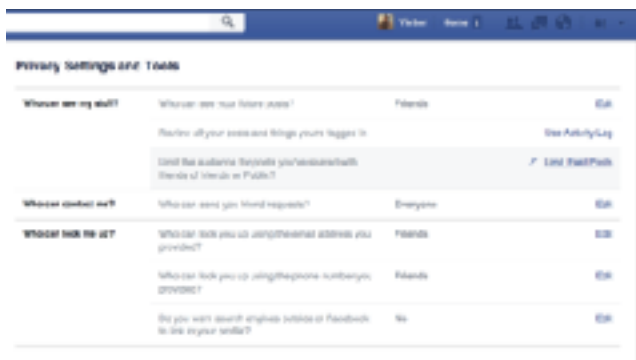
If you choose, you should also make your Facebook private. (SEE BELOW)

Facebook Privacy Setting Update:

To the left of the “Post” button, you’ll see a box that shows who will be able to see a given piece of content. Click the box to choose an audience from a drop-down menu—the most common are “Only Me,” “Friends,” and “Public” (which includes anyone on or off Facebook). You can also share posts with people in your current city or create custom lists. That lets you share your baby photos only with family members, for instance.



Whatever audience you select for a certain post becomes the default going forward. So if you make one “Public” post, Facebook will default to making all your posts “Public” thereafter. If you find you’ve inadvertently been making too many posts Public, Facebook also has an option buried in its settings to retroactively make old posts more private. Click the down arrow in the top right corner of Facebook, then select “Settings” from the drop down menu. On the Settings screen, click “Privacy” in the left-hand rail, then select “Limit Past Posts” in the “Who Can See My Stuff?” section.



Facebook made all user profiles searchable back in 2013, making it easier for other people to find you on the site. But users still have the ability to stop Google and other search engines from listing their profiles in search results.

On the Settings screen, select “Privacy” in the left-hand rail, then answer “No” to the final question listed, “Do you want search engines outside of Facebook to link to your profile?” On the same screen you can also choose whether you want anyone to be able to send you friend requests or only friends of friends.



You can block specific users by selecting the “Blocking” option on the left-hand rail of the Settings menu. You can block users outright, meaning the users can’t see your profile or add you as a friend. You can also block users from doing specific actions, like sending you event invites or app game invites. Also note that there’s a separate blocking option for Facebook Messenger on this settings page as well.



Users can also add users to a “Restricted List” on this page. Anyone on the list will only be able to see the posts and information you share with the entire public—and they won’t know they’ve been placed on this list. So if you want your co-workers to see your helpful Facebook privacy articles and not your raucous party photos, you might consider placing them on this list (and labeling certain posts “Public” as needed).

