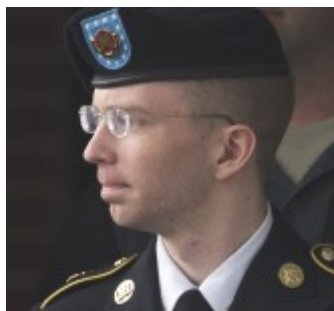


## Pfc. Manning Honoured with Award from Intel Veterans

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Pfc. Bradley (Chelsea) Manning has been honoured by his (military) intelligence peers this week for his singular courage and exceptional moral integrity in the face of enormous pressures, including relentless victimisation and torture. Manning emerged intact, stronger and finally victorious in his fight for justice. The treatment he received at the hands of the criminal U.S. military constitutes torture regardless of the neutered opinion of U.S.-controlled UN officials, are you reading this, Ban Ki Moon, you lapdog?



***Pfc. Chelsea (Bradley) Manning***

Manning steadfastly refused to be socialised into the criminal mindset of the modern gangster military; he refused to conform to the now KNOWN criminal, mass civilian killing, DISHONOURABLE, corporate serving Pentagon.

Manning is without peer as the bravest person of the century, though many, not least Julian Assange and Ed Snowden, tagged along for the ride. I am in awe of this person and his exceptional valour, bravery and ability to endure and overcome against overwhelming odds.

Manning was clearly victorious in his fight for JUSTICE as he forced the accused criminal U.S. military to conduct an overtly biased non-legal trial -- ***the criminally accused is simply not in a legal position to sit in judgement of the accuser under any circumstances! Manning's 'trial' represents a MONUMENTAL miscarriage of justice, which the USA will never live down in all recorded history.*** Manning single handedly made a mockery of the U.S. 'justice' system and the DEVOID of HONOUR, corporate controlled U.S. military.

Manning stands alone at the forefront of moral conviction, bravery, steely will and mettle of heroic proportions; this person's character is almost other worldly, he/she is without doubt the bravest individual alive today. No-one alive would attempt to singlehandedly confront the most powerful amoral criminal force on earth. ***Manning took to the beast HEAD-ON and defeated it under every known moral, legal and civilised standard!***

As a former military intelligence officer I know how extra-ordinary his effort was and is today. The despicable, COWARDLY American population allows this HERO to languish in jail for upholding the law, the military CODE OF HONOUR and civilised social values. Manning had no choice but to expose the military CULTURE of CRIME, his conscience, moral integrity and his SWORN oath of allegiance would not allow him to conform to murder and gangsterism. Sir, for your remarkable

achievements and other exceptional qualities -- regardless of whether you choose to be a woman, unicorn, or budgerigar -- I SALUTE YOU!

Story from Consortium News follows:

### **US Intel Veterans Honor Pvt. Manning**

A group of former U.S. national security officials will bestow its annual award for integrity in intelligence on U.S. Army Pvt. Manning, honoring the imprisoned whistleblower's release of evidence showing the human consequences of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence (SAAII) have voted overwhelmingly to present the 2014 Sam Adams Award for Integrity in Intelligence to Chelsea (formerly Bradley) Manning.

A Nobel Peace Prize nominee, U.S. Army Pvt. Manning is the 25-year-old intelligence analyst who in 2010 provided to WikiLeaks the "Collateral Murder" video - gun barrel footage from a U.S. Apache helicopter, exposing the reckless murder of 12 unarmed civilians, including two Reuters journalists, during the "surge" in Iraq.

The Pentagon had repeatedly denied the existence of the "Collateral Murder" video and declined to release it despite a request under the Freedom of Information Act by Reuters, which had sought clarity on the circumstances of its journalists' deaths.

Release of this video and other documents sparked a worldwide dialogue about the importance of government accountability for human rights abuses as well as the dangers of excessive secrecy and over-classification of documents.

On Feb. 19, 2014, Pvt. Manning - currently incarcerated at Leavenworth Prison - will be recognized at a ceremony in absentia at Oxford University's prestigious Oxford Union Society for casting much-needed daylight on the true toll and cause of civilian casualties in Iraq; human rights abuses by U.S. and "coalition" forces, mercenaries and contractors; and the roles that spying and bribery play in international diplomacy.

The Oxford Union ceremony will include the presentation of the traditional SAAII Corner-Brightener Candlestick and will feature statements of support from former SAAII awardees and prominent whistleblowers. Members of the press are invited to attend.

On Aug. 21, 2013, Pvt. Manning received an unusually harsh sentence of 35 years in prison for exposing the truth — a chilling message to those who would call attention to wrongdoing by U.S. and "coalition" forces.

Under the 1989 Official Secrets Act in the United Kingdom, Pvt. Manning, whose mother is British, would have faced just two years in prison for whistleblowing or 14 years if convicted under the old 1911 Official Secrets Act for espionage.

Former senior NSA executive and SAAII Awardee Emeritus Thomas Drake has written that Manning "exposed the dark side shadows of our national security regime and foreign policy follies ... [her] acts of civil disobedience ... strike at the very core of the

critical issues surrounding our national security, public and foreign policy, openness and transparency, as well as the unprecedented and relentless campaign by this Administration to snuff out and silence truth tellers and whistleblowers in a deliberate and premeditated assault on the 1st Amendment.”

Previous winners of the Sam Adams Award include Coleen Rowley (FBI); Katharine Gun (formerly of GCHQ, the National Security Agency’s equivalent in the UK); former UK Ambassador Craig Murray; Larry Wilkerson (Col., US Army, ret.; chief of staff for Secretary of State Colin Powell); Julian Assange (WikiLeaks); Thomas Drake (NSA); Jesselyn Radack (former ethics attorney for the Department of Justice, now National Security & Human Right Director of the Government Accountability Project); Thomas Fingar (former Deputy Director of National Intelligence, who managed the key National Intelligence Estimate of 2007 that concluded Iran had stopped working on a nuclear weapon four years earlier); and Edward Snowden (former NSA contractor and systems administrator, currently residing in Russia under temporary asylum).

The Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence are very proud to add Pvt. Manning to this list of distinguished awardees.

Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence was established in 2002 by colleagues and admirers of the late CIA intelligence analyst Sam Adams to recognize those who uphold his example as a model for those in intelligence who would aspire to the courage to speak truth to power. In honoring Adams’s memory, SAAII confers an award each year to someone in intelligence or related work who exemplifies Sam Adam’s courage, persistence, and devotion to truth — no matter the consequences.

It was Adams who discovered in 1967 that there were more than a half-million Vietnamese Communists under arms. This was roughly twice the number that the U.S. command in Saigon would admit to, lest Americans learn that claims of “progress” were bogus.

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