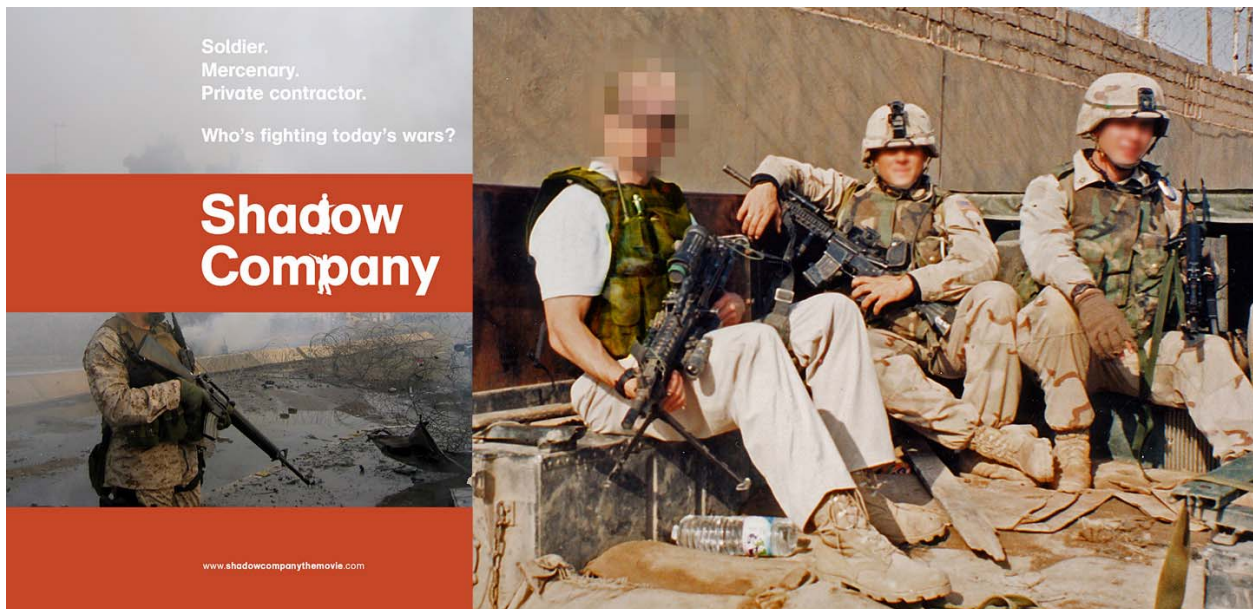


YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW OF “SHADOW COMPANY”



Friday, June 23rd, 2006

Screening 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Discussion 4:40pm – 6pm

Location: Capitol Building, Mansfield Room S207

Finger foods, snacks, cookies and drinks provided

RSVP Required.

WHY THIS FILM MUST BE SEEN

In the spring of 2004, four civilian contractors employed by Blackwater USA were brutally murdered in Fallujah and the world began to ask itself who these men were. When the city was destroyed as payback, most of the Islamic world branded armed contractors as thinly disguised mercenaries.

According to Robert Young Pelton's upcoming book "Licensed To Kill – Hired Guns in the War on Terror" there are now over **70,000** armed men working as security contractors in Iraq.

A shocking number.

As the US begins to draw down troops, private security companies will provide much of the muscle and steel in Iraq. Are these new hired guns an anomaly or the future of warfare? Should the US expand the use of private contractors as proxy forces or reign them in before they trigger more Fallujahs?

Where did these men come from? How are they used? Are they mercenaries or security guards? Is America well served by outsourcing security and creating a new class of "Ronin"?

Only one film dares tackle this problem head on:

SHADOW COMPANY, by Nick Bicanic and Jason Bourque, is the groundbreaking feature-length documentary that reveals the origins and destinations of these modern-day guns for hire.

The only documentary that takes you inside this world.

See a trailer at - www.shadowcompanythemovie.com

THE RULES OF WAR HAVE CHANGED.

This is a unique opportunity to view a film about an industry that changes the way wars are fought. Edward Zwick (director of "Last Samurai", "Legends of the Fall" and the upcoming "Blood Diamond") called this film "The best documentary he has ever seen."

Critically acclaimed at the highest levels of Washington and Hollywood, "Shadow Company" presents the players, the facts and the opinions in a way that allows the audience to make up its own mind about a politically charged and complex subject

The film explores the moral and ethical issues "private military" solutions create for Western governments and the United Nations and addresses the risks of allowing profit-motivated corporations into the business of war.

Please join us for a provocative panel discussion and Q&A session immediately following the film.

Special Introduction to the Film:

Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA)

Featured Panelists:

Pratap Chatterjee, Executive Director, CorpWatch

Nick Bicanic, Director/Producer, *Shadow Company*

Mark Lonsdale, Director of US operations, Hart Group Security

David Isenberg, Senior Analyst, British American Security Information Council

Colby Goodman, Director of Government Relations, Amnesty International USA

Biographies:

Pratap Chatterjee, the Executive Director of CorpWatch is an investigative journalist and producer, who has traveled to Iraq 4 times in the last three years alone with plentiful interaction with private military contractors and the companies they work for.

He is the author of "Iraq Inc.: A Profitable Occupation" (Seven Stories Press, 2004) and "The Earth Brokers" (Routledge Press, 1994). He has many years of experience working in radio, print and digital media, winning many awards for his work in Afghanistan including the best business story award from the National Newspaper Association (US). He has also appeared as a commentator on numerous radio and television shows ranging from BBC World Service, CNN International, Democracy Now!, Fox and MSNBC.

Nick Bicanic, a co-founder of Purpose Films - www.purposefilms.com, Nick comes to the Film and Television industry with 8 years of experience in the world of New Media. In the late 1990's, Nick abandoned PhD studies in Chemistry at the University of Cambridge to found and run a multimedia design and strategy company in London. After steering the company successfully through wild changes in the Internet marketplace (and writing numerous newspaper articles and books on the industry in the process) the company was sold and Nick took this opportunity to freely explore ways of fusing his two main interests – storytelling and technology.

Shadow Company is his first feature length project.

Mark Lonsdale is presently the Director of US Operations for Hart Group Security, a world leader in the private security industry. He is an internationally recognized advisor on tactical training for all forms of special operations. Prior to joining Hart Group Mark founded the training organisation STTU and began developing advanced mission-specific training programs.

In addition to having personally trained several hundred police and military operators, Mark has taught instructor level programs for Federal Agencies and the US Military; run advanced Raid programs for the DEA and NTF; and supplied Sniper and CQB training to US Marines prior to deployment in the Gulf Crisis. Recently Mark has been working as a military advisor in the Afghan theatre of operations and is actively involved in pre deployment training of US military intelligence personnel and coalition Special Operations Forces.

David Isenberg is the Senior Analyst at the British American Security Information Council. He is one of the world's most qualified analysts in the field of Private Military Companies.

He has over 15 years direct employment, analyzing and writing about U.S. defense, foreign policy, national and international security issues. He has testified before Congress and lectured to the military on topics as vital as U.S. military force structure, defense budgeting, WMD proliferation, terrorism, homeland security, counterdrug, peace operations, intelligence policy, international arms trade, small arms proliferation, operations other than war, information warfare, private military companies, biological weapons, and general arms control issues.

Colby Goodman is the Advocacy Associate for Military, Security, and Police (MSP) issues for Amnesty International USA. He has served in this capacity since August 2004 and is the lead staff member of the AIUSA Control Arms Campaign team and Amnesty International USA's Government Relations program. As Advocacy Associate he represents the organization before the U.S. government and diplomatic community on issues related to human rights, arms control, and military training.

Mr. Goodman has written testimony for hearings in both the U.S. Congress and the United Nations and has been interviewed for documentaries and quoted in news articles on arms trafficking. He holds a Master's degree in International Policy Studies with a focus on international development and security from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California.

Available on DVD worldwide from www.shadowcompanythemovie.com on June 27 2006