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The Long Road Ahead

By James C. Jones, EMT/CHCM

My childhood experiences make me predisposed to detect and expect survival challenges, and my career as a Hazard Control Manager provide me with the training, tools and experience to anticipate threats to safety and survival. In the midst of an ongoing pandemic, I can foresee further challenges in the months and years ahead, and while I hope that the optimistic predictions of politicians come true, I am obligated to share the following observations.

- **There is no logical or statistical reason to expect that another epidemic or other disaster is less likely to occur next year or in a few years.** In fact a weakened infrastructure and economy makes further disasters more probable.
- While the effects of the lockdown and distancing combined with the warmer weather may reduce the spread of the virus through the summer months, the virus isn't going away. **Cooler weather**

combined with public apathy is bound to result in a resurgence of the epidemic later in the year. Better testing and better preparedness will help, but the number of infected persons who can spread the virus will be much greater in September than it was at the beginning of the outbreak, so a fast jump in cases could result. The CDC has warned that the potential second wave could be "far more deadly" than the first. The effects of a second lockdown in winter could be truly catastrophic.

- As of May the US had about 900,000 known cases of Covid-19 and 52,000 resulting deaths. Extending those rates through the summer could give us 2,000,000. Cases and 100,000. Deaths. **Adding the expected winter bump could bring us to 4,000,000 cases and over 150,000 deaths, a truly horrific possibility.**
- The promise of a vaccine in twelve to eighteen months may be overly optimistic. There still is no vaccine for SARS, MERS, Avian Flu, or Ebola and

they have been around for many years. Early results indicate that those who have recovered from Covid-19 may not be immune to future infection. **This virus could be around for several more years or indefinitely**

- I totally agree that the economy cannot sustain a full lockdown for an indefinite period of time, but as a trained industrial hygienist and EMT I totally agree that expanded human contact will cost thousands of American lives. We absolutely have the right to gather, assemble, and work, but we absolutely have the patriotic duty to voluntarily observe distancing and other precautions to protect ourselves, our families and our fellow Americans. **Don't do it because of orders, do it because you care about others.**
- As expected the Russians and the Chinese are actively using social media to promote confusing and divisive narratives and conspiracy theories to weaken and divided America and deflect blame. **The Chinese laugh while we point fingers at each other and argue about social distancing and whose fault the pandemic is. It's the fault of China and the Chinese Communist Party, end of story.** We can expect the Democratic Party to focus attacks on Republicans for the spread of the virus and imply that they could do better. Of course it's always easy to play political games with 20/20 hindsight and no actual involvement in the crisis. Again: no one will be blaming the Chinese.
- At this point our whole infrastructure, economy and society is unstable and weakened to the point where another major event such as a terrorist attack, cyber-attack, or political upheaval could

result in the collapse of western civilization. Our enemies know this.

- In late April the Chicago Police had to break up over one thousand incidents of mass assemblages of youths on the streets. While there were only a few arrests and minor resistance, this was in cool weather after only a few weeks of the lockdown. What will happen when the weather gets hot and the lockdown has continued for several months? We can anticipate that gangs, agitators and opportunists will try to incite violence and looting on a massive scale. This was as we predicted, but the police misconduct incident served as a detonator. The massive street demonstrations were as much about pent-up lock-down fatigue as it was about the police issue. We can now expect a continuation of street protests and violence around the conventions and elections. All of this will perpetuate and spread the virus.

When and if it's Over

The German psychologist Carl Jung (1875-1961) stated that **"The most intense conflicts if overcome, leave behind a sense of security and calm that is not easily disturbed"**. He was describing the dangerous false sense of security and tendency towards apathy and denial that is a part of human nature. In the aftermath of this pandemic we will be in uncharted territory with a devastated economy, a chaotic political and social infrastructure and all of the remaining threats such as terrorism, war, revolution, natural disasters, and famine still in place. While the tendency may be to rejoice and relax, the necessity must be to be vigilant and rededicated to preparedness, survival

education and self-reliance. **American life and freedom cannot survive another massive calamity if the public is unaware, unorganized and unprepared**

We Saw This Coming and More

The following paragraph is from my article titled "Human Extinction" published in American Survivor newsletter in September of 2018*. The point of the article was that we have over seven billion people on a planet that scientists calculate can only support about five billion people, and that nature and human nature would inevitably start to correct this imbalance through a number of catastrophic trends and event, one of which would be pandemics. I also demonstrated how each disaster would cause a cascade effect that would create additional and worsening disasters. Many readers felt that I was going too far with such grim analyses, but I am cursed with the necessity of logic over wishful thinking.

Impending Epidemics

The horrible reality is that epidemics, wars and famine are the most likely way that the population will be reduced. The population density, migration and travel have set the stage for a world-wide epidemic that could kill millions or even billions. The source could be a deliberate act, a laboratory accident or simply a natural mutation of an existing pathogen. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) and the WHO (World Health Organization) agree that it is not a matter of if, but when this happens. When this occurs it will crash the already fragile economy, cause the infrastructure (police, fire, medical, sanitation, food delivery, electrical power and water pumping) in many cities to shut down for lack of personnel. Civil disorder and outright

revolution may follow. The reduced population might or might not be able to recover civilization.

And here we are!

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REVOLUTION & CIVIL WAR?

Is America Heading for a Political Disaster?

By James C. Jones EMT/CHCM

There comes a time when predictions and advocating of preparedness meets reality and current events. That time is now. The article below was written last year and has been update a bit for publication as we experience its realization.

In examining the many scenarios for future hazards to life and freedom, I would be remiss if I ignored the potential disaster of a revolution or civil war in the next decades. As an avid student of history and human behavior, I cannot ignore the potential for such a development. While the American Constitution has survived for over two hundred years we have experienced several close calls with revolution and one epic civil war. There are a number of differences in the twenty-first Century that make revolution or civil war more likely.

- While past generations of immigrants came to America legally and readily assimilated into the "melting pot" that made America great and united. The obsession with political correctness and diversity has created a fractured and conflicted society. Multi-cultural

societies are inherently unstable and more prone to political manipulation and incitement.

- During America's first two centuries there was still enough land, natural resources and jobs for a growing population. In this century we have a divided population pursuing an increasingly limited supply of land, resources and jobs.
- The internet and social media has made it possible to exaggerate differences, agitate extreme factions and propagate division far beyond the forces of reason, compromise and unity. Violent, far left groups are using the internet to organize violence at otherwise peaceful protests. China is actively using social media and bots to promote violence and division in America to deflect blame for the pandemic and weaken our military and economic position.
- Governmental involvement and intrusion into every aspect of life brings unrealistic expectations, unpopular regulations and unequal and unsustainable taxation. The pandemic and the violent demonstrations throughout the US opens the door for politicians to initiate socialist, and despotic regulations, including gun confiscation, and violations of civil and human rights.
- Big government inevitably results in a larger disparity of power and wealth. The fact that ninety-nine-percent of the wealth is controlled by one-percent of the population and the obvious elitist political "world view" and agenda is bound to fuel growing hostility among much of the population.
- Civil wars are revolutions with a geographic boundary. Certainly large

parts of the United States today are in dispute with other politically dominant regions.

The Northeastern establishment and the Westcoast elitists have ignored the entire Midwest, Southwest, and Southeast and Great plains regions for decades. Urban counties within states such as Illinois wield political power and draw funds from the majority of rural and small town counties. There have been nascent movements by counties to secede from their states and by states to secede from the United States. While these have been mostly just tools to make their disaffection known, they are indicative of how deep these divisions are becoming. The recent sanctuary movement will solidify and grow exponentially if gun laws are initiated by a liberal administration. Attempts by federal or state governments to force compliance on sanctuary states, counties or towns could bring about armed confrontations.

- During the recent it became evident that the extreme left is fully prepared to intimate organized violence to achieve their end and unlike the 1960's they now can coordinate attacks using social-media. The right and extreme right mainly remained on the defensive, focusing on home and family defense, but gun sales skyrocketed as many otherwise passive citizens were driven towards self-reliance. Legislative weakening of the police may further this trend.
- Revolutions are usually the result of multiple issues and faults in the society that are ignited by a single event. Certainly, we are seeing more and more major disasters, civil conflicts and political chaos than in past decades.

While the Election of 2015 indicated a level of anger and frustration by the population, it was not a clear indication of political unity on either side. **The election of 2020 may well bring unprecedented levels of violence and division that could trigger a general revolutionary movement and counter revolutionary movements.**

- Contrary to popular concepts, revolutions are always achieved by small portions of the society while the great majority remains neutral and passive. A fragmented and dissatisfied population will not unite to resist a revolution and various elements will wait to see what side has the most to offer them.

With the singular example of the American Revolution, revolutions never result in the optimistic vision of those involved. The French revolution resulted in an Emperor and endless wars. The Cuban revolution was stolen by a communist dictator. The Russian revolution resulted in brutality and oppression far beyond what the Czars had imposed. Once the established system is destroyed the door is open to the most ruthless and extreme ideologues. Once chaos reigns the pendulum of power can swing both ways. The Nazis in Germany rose partially as a reaction to the earlier communist revolutions there. Intended democratic revolutions in the Middle-East just opened the door for Islamic extremists.

Revolutions may or may not involve large-scale armed conflict. Since the military forces of a nation are composed of the sons, fathers, brothers and sisters of those in revolt, they are unlikely to aggressively combat the rebellion. In such cases a short period of limited violence usually results in

a change of power. If there are multiple armed factions with widely different agendas in play, the result can be that no new or stable state can be established and a long period of chaos and mayhem ensues. This is the case in Syria. It is difficult to say how such a scenario would play out in America today. It is even more difficult to imagine how world politics and foreign involvement could develop. **It is important to keep in mind that the unique inclination of the American public to be armed is a stabilizing factor that discourages the state from oppression, factions from insurgency and foreign powers from intrusion.**

Revolution and civil war was not even on my radar as a potential survival threat a few years ago, but the potential cannot be ignored in the future. Less than six months after I wrote the last sentence the pandemic followed by the financial collapse and then the civil disorder bring us much closer to a revolutionary situation. A prolongation of the virus, financial crisis and civil disorder, or any additional source of destabilization could easily trigger a full scale revolution or civil war. American society stands on the brick of disaster, yet we cannot allow fear and insecurity lead us into accepting public disarmament and governmental coercion.

Regardless of how well-intended revolutionaries may be, a revolution is always a disaster in itself and should be a last resort when faced with irretrievable loss of property, privacy, liberty and security. Once initiated there is no way to assure that the results will be worth the losses. The survivalist may need to take a side based on necessity or propensity or may be able to survive the resulting challenges by remaining self-reliant and independent. We can all hope that revolution and civil war

is not part of the matrix of threats and hazards that Americans face in the coming decades. Broadening the preparedness and self-reliance movement can help us survive or even prevent this additional challenge.

“Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety. “

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

A Letter from the President of Live Free USA.

I'm writing to you from my home office in these strange times for America, with such words as social distancing and self-quarantining being used as everyday terms. A very different time in our country which may have very definite effects on our lives in the coming years. I hope that all of our members and your families have weathered this event with the prepping skills and regiments that we have taught for many years. Regardless of whether you think the virus is real or not or as dangerous as promoted or not we definitely have a growing fallout from this event in American history.

It has caused Live Free USA to not attend our normal gun show tables and we have unprecedentedly skipped this year's Camp Independence because of venue closings and unsure government intervention in our holding the event. We look forward to bringing back this event in 2021 and hope to make it an even better educational venue once more as Live Free has done for many years in the past. Watch the website (AmericanSurvivor.org) and the newsletter for more information as the year plays out.

I would like to take a moment to ask the membership to help build your organization throughout this event in American history. Only you can build the organization by posting

our website address in emails and social media postings as you communicate with others during this pandemic. We would like to continue to build the even though we can't get out to venues with people who are most certainly looking for more self-sufficiency and emergency information and skills. This really is the time to introduce your friends to Live Free USA and what we have striven to supply to the American public for over 50 years now.

Self-sufficiency and emergency skills along with basic repair skill sets really does build a stronger America, an educated America that can go further without the need for government intervention.

In closing I would like to bring to your attention a great loss to the Board of Live Free USA. We lost a great Board member and a Lifetime member on April 7th, 2020. Thomas Garza has passed and we will have a great hole in our Board and Organization from his loss. He was a big supporter of the organization and always offered insight and leadership in our groups endeavors to provide educational services to the public. He will be a great loss to our endeavors in the future and much missed. With that said because of the pandemic we have been forced to put off the annual meeting this year and therefore elections of Officers, we hope to reconvene this task soon as the country has reopened and some normality has returned to our day to day activities.

Look forward to getting back on track and building Live Free USA along with offering educational programs soon.

Sincerely, Mark A. Smith, President Live Free USA

China Must Pay

By James C. Jones

I recently read that dozens of aircraft are bringing protective equipment to the US from China, but we would not have the virus

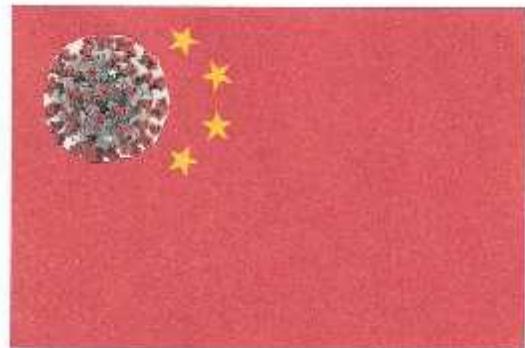
or the shortage of PPE were it not for China's duplicity, and treachery.

- During the early stages of the outbreak, China bought up almost all of the U.S. stock of facemasks, including both cloth masks and N95 respirators. On January 28th a Boeing 747 cargo plane fully loaded with personal protective equipment left Chicago for China
- China tried to corner the market by buying up hundreds of tons of masks, goggles, gloves and respirators while the world was kept in the dark about the emerging pandemic.
- Between January 24th and February 29th, China imported 2.46 billion shipping cartons of supplies for the epidemic including 2.20 billion face masks and 25.38 million protective suits.
- A Chinese front corporation the "Greenland Group" purchased 3 million protective masks, 700,000. Protective suits and 500,000 pairs of protective gloves from overseas and then shipped them to China.
- As the outbreak became world-wide China stopped exports of protective gear and respirators.
- Smithfield Foods is owned by a Chinese Communist Party tied corporation and its South Dakota plant was visited by Chinese representatives a few weeks before the massive outbreak of the virus at that facility.
- So far not a single country or organization outside China has benefited from the Communist Party of China's information or help while the World Health Organization continued to endorse their misinformation and lies.
- Now China is profiting on sales of often substandard protective equipment

needed to defend against the deadly pandemic they created.

- China is now using bot networks on social media to disseminate false and misleading information in order to to deflect the blame for the pandemic away from China and on to the US administration

The United States and all other nations should cancel any debts owed to China, and file suit for the damages and death China is fully responsible for. We must stop being dependent on China for most of our important technical gear, medical supplies and medications now. Our past trade practices has put us in debt, made us dependent, and let China dominate our political, military and economic decisions. China has been at war with America for many decades, while we thought of them as a "trading partner". Will be continue to be fools? As long as China is dominated by an aggressive and oppressive communist regime, we must call China what it is, "the enemy".



Made in China

Ka Bar The Original Survival Knife

Designated the M1, Utility Knife the Ka Bar was the official utility and fighting knife of the U.S. Marines since World War Two. While doing my research, I discovered that there were several ways to spell the name and even a K-BAR brand. I elected to go with the spelling used in World War Two reference books. I guess that I acquired my Ka Bar in the 1960's when they were still common surplus items. Throughout my outdoor training and operations I carried the Ka Bar or the original U.S. Airforce Survival Knife. While the five-inch blade of the Airforce knife was practical and effective for most survival applications the longer, stronger seven-inch blade of the Ka Bar was better for heavy work like shelter building. The Ka Bar design is also more adaptable to combat than most survival knives. My Ka Bar got lost among all of my survival gear and only resurfaced as I was working on my next book. I had adopted the Ka Bar-like Smith & Wesson, Search and Rescue™ knife to my survival pack and the Airforce knife to my belt carry. Original Ka Bars' are hard to come-by today and cost seventy-five to one-hundred and fifty dollars. Ka Bar look-alikes (mostly made in China) run from twenty-to-thirty dollars. I have had good experience with the Smith & Wesson knife that also cost about twenty dollars. It's hard to determine the quality of the Ka-Bar clone, the knife seems to be well made, but the sheath is weak. I highly recommend the basic Ka Bar design for a primary survival knife.



Top: An original U.S. Marine Ka Bar, a bit heavier and made to military specifications.

Center: a twenty-dollar Ka-Bar clone. These are available from a number of manufacturers. This one is from MTech USA.

Bottom: A Ka Bar-like survival knife. This one is a Smith & Wesson Search and Rescue™ It is lighter, thinner and has a rubberized handle

Note: Both the original and the clone came with natural colored leather handles that I dyed and polished.



Top: The original Marine Ka Bar sheath. It has a strong brass snap, heavy leather and a much stronger belt-loop.

Center: The sheath from the Ka Bar clone is made of thinner leather and has a riveted belt-loop

Bottom: The sheath from the Smith & Wesson knife is well made of fabric and plastic with a sharpening stone in the attached pouch

Remembering Thomas Garza

Just after we printed American Survivor in April, we were notified that Tom Garza had passed away from a heart attack on April 7th at the age of 57. Tom attended one of our meetings several years ago and became an enthusiastic and active member. He served on the Board of Directors and was involved in our programs. Both of Tom's sons, Zach and Will, became members and are current members of the Board of Directors. Tom became a friend and advisor to many of us, and his knowledge, leadership and calm presence will be missed. Please go to www.TomGarza.com to sign up for memorial notification and go to (254) TAG-TALK (824-8255) to share stories and express condolences.

LEADERS WANTED!

Live Free USA has lost two of our most active Directors within the last year due to illnesses. We were already short of enough leaders to fill all of the positions on the Board of Directors before these losses. While the Annual Meeting had to be postponed, we will have to fill these positions and restart our programs later in the year. We need to fill two open Directorships and an open Recording Secretary position in addition to electing or reelecting the President. In early 2021 we will have another open Directorship to fill. **WE DO NOT WANT PLACEHOLDER OFFICERS!** Those who take an office should commit to aggressive leadership and self-motivated activity. Any officer should be doing at least eight to ten hours of work for Live Free USA each month. We have the established reputation, we have the funds and equipment, we have the developed programs, but we have far too few WORKING leaders taking the initiative or adopting programs as their own. The recent pandemic will reenergize the whole preparedness industry and establish the importance of our mission beyond question, but if we are not prepared to lead, we will fail our members and our country. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR DEDICATED LEADERS!** While we would hope that some of our readers and members will step up, we may have to reach outside the organization.

NEW LIVE FREE CHAPTERS

Peru Indiana Chapter Organizing

We have a new active chapter in the North Central Indiana region. This is a key area for Live Free as we have held our annual Camp Independence at the nearby

Tippecanoe River State Park for decades, and have accumulated a large membership in the region. We look forward to working with this group as we plan for Camp Independence 2021 and beyond. To get involved and be informed about their activities contact: bushmaster_1776@yahoo.com

Wabash Valley (Lafayette) Chapter Organizing

This chapter is already off to a great start, and leadership is planning activities and meetings to meet the challenges of preparedness and survival for our time. Join now by contacting: srsatlaf@gmail.com

Chicago Chapter Coming Soon

New leadership is working to reestablish Live Free's Chicago area operations. Chicago was the birthplace of Live Free USA, but has been inactive in recent years. While we have had plenty of requests for the development of a chapter there, we have not been able to find aggressive and proactive leaders who would initiate programs and activities. We have a team working to develop a new chapter. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact survivorjj@aol.com, and the email will be routed to the organizers. Watch this newsletter for further information.

No Chapter Near You?

If Interested in joining the growing number of Live Free USA Chapters or affiliating your existing group contact survivorjj@aol.com. We can provide all of the documents and a leader's guide.

ANNOUNCING!

LIVE FREE USA MEMBERS HANDBOOK

This sixty-two page book contains important information about your Live Free organization, how it operates and its philosophy. The handbook also serves as a guide to individual and family preparedness and self-reliance, including important principles of survival, checklists, and medical skills guides.

The Members Handbook will be available to all online member in the Members Only/Special Publications section as a downloadable PDF file. Members can request the PDF file be sent to them by contacting survivorjj@aol.com before April 30th. Printed versions will be available later this year.

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