

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

- I) Situation** – In response to the assertion of treaty rights, citizen 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) Enemy 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) Enemy's Most Likely Course of Action – we will likely be gassed, pepper sprayed, shot with rubber bullets, hit with batons and briefly arrested.
 - 4) Enemy's most dangerous Course of Action – live fire with lethal rounds.
- b) **Friendly Forces** – Veteran and Tribal protestors
- 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 anti-social 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.
 - 4) Desired Endstate – Our desired endstate 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 then hold a press conference to confirm the rightness of our cause to the national press. We will then board the 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 – TBD – Evolving and briefed as needed for operational security.

d) Coordinating Instructions

1) UNIFORM – Wear one of your old uniforms, Class A, BDU's, police or firefighter uniform (with long underwear beneath it!). Name tags, unit patches and awards are fine but do not wear rank as we're brothers and sisters.

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....you know the drill.

3) DO NOT BRING WEAPONS, DRUGS OR ALCOHOL!

IV. Administration/Logistics

- a) **Admin** – Michael Wood Jr and Wes Clark Jr are doing the initial organizing but we need an S1 (to track personnel, medical and legal), S2 (to provide constant updates on enemy disposition), S3 to help with the actual operation, S4(to help organize transportation to and from Standing Rock for veterans) and S5 (to facilitate with press and tribe). If you feel you have the experience to fill these positions, please contact us at VeteranStandingRock@gmail.com, with back up to @MichaelAWoodJr Twitter direct messages, and www.michaelawoodr.net contact page.
- b) **Logistics** – the Sioux will house us, feed us and water us.
- c) **Registration** – Process will update, but begin providing attendance information. (If your worried about personal safety, this is wrong operation to attend).
 - a. Check in with the Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1136540643060285/>
 - b. Email: VeteranStandingRock@gmail.com
 - c. Follow on Twitter: @MichaelAWoodJr - @WesClarkJr
 - d. Share GoFundMe & raise funds: <http://bit.ly/2eOuLDi>

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