

MERCENARIES ON OUR BORDER?



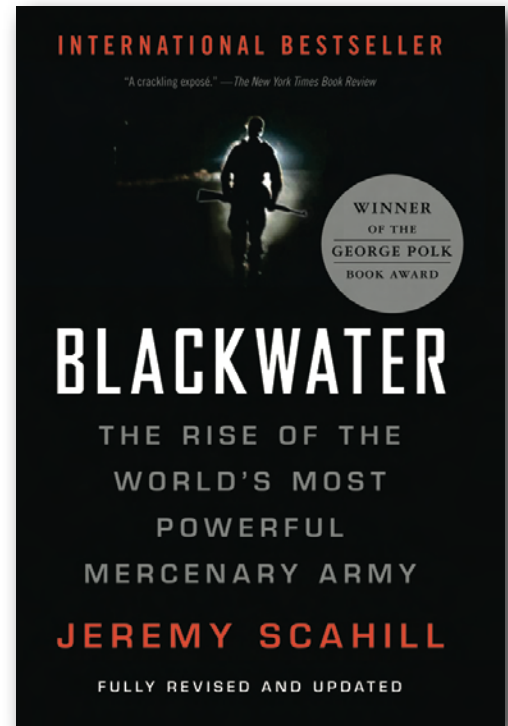
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AUTHOR OF "BLACKWATER: THE RISE OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL MERCENARY ARMY" RETURNS TO SAN DIEGO!

LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING:

Initially released on March, 2007, a fully revised and updated paperback edition of Blackwater featuring an exposé on "Baghdad's Bloody Sunday," a shooting spree carried out by Blackwater in Baghdad's Nisour Square on September 16, 2007 will be released June 1 and available for purchase at the book signing.

Blackwater Worldwide is the fastest-growing private army on the planet, with forces capable of carrying out regime change throughout the world. Blackwater protects top US officials in Iraq and yet we know almost nothing about the firm's military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and inside the US. Founded by the son of a wealthy conservative family known for funding far right-wing causes -- megamillionaire and ex-Navy Seal Erik Prince -- the company is intimately connected to the Bush administration, and as a privatized army, accountable to no one.



Citizens in Potrero and San Diego were successful in blocking Blackwater's attempt to build a training facility in Potrero!

Now Blackwater wants to open an indoor training and shooting facility on Otay Mesa!

Located just 500 yards from the international border, this new facility would exacerbate the potential for increased human and civil rights violations to both migrants and members of border communities.

Come, listen and learn about Blackwater and why this company, with its lack of transparency and accountability, is bad for San Diego and why private companies like Blackwater who profit from war, suffering, insecurity and civil unrest undermine our democratic values.

"Mercenary groups along the US-Mexico border would seek to profit from the instability caused by current tensions in the borderlands. Instead of moving towards mutual support and collaboration between the US and Mexico in dealing with border issues, Blackwater USA would represent a regressive step that could endanger diplomatic relations, place people at risk of harm, and offer no accountability for deadly actions caused by its agents." Pedro Rios, U.S.-Mexico Border Project, American Friends Service Committee.

Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 7 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street, San Diego

\$5-10 Donation requested / no one will be turned away – **Info: 619-263-9301 or 858-459-4650**

Directions: From Washington Street in Hillcrest, turn North on First Avenue three blocks, go left on Arbor one block. The UCSD medical Center will be on your right, Church parking lot on your left.

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