



Bowe Bergdahl

Bowe Bergdahl of Hailey, Idaho is American's only known living Prisoner of War in Afghanistan.

He was captured by the Taliban on June 30, 2009 and has been at an unknown location in either Afghanistan or the Pakistani tribal regions that border Afghanistan.

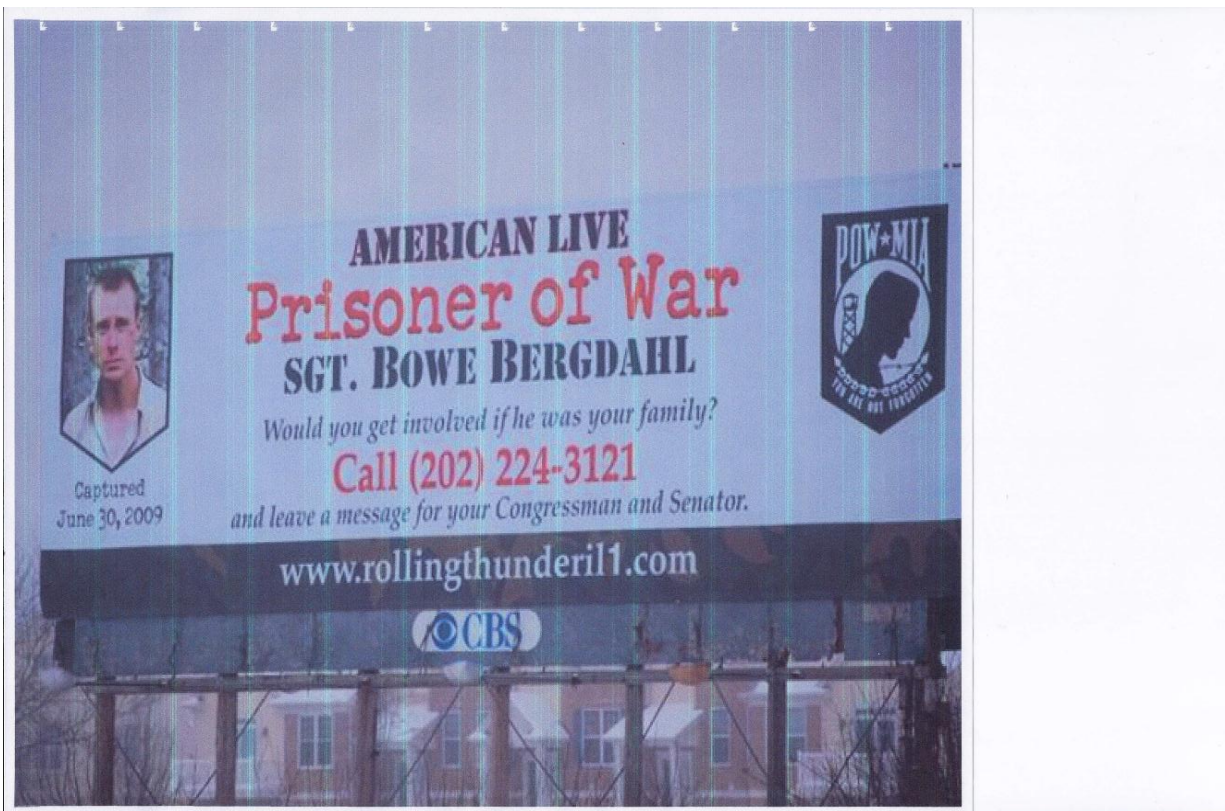
Bowe joined the U.S. Army at the age of 21 as a Private First Class. Bowe was assigned to a Combat Team in Paktika Province when he was captured by the Taliban.

Reliable sources report that the Taliban had been trying to isolate and capture an American soldier in Afghanistan for some time to use for propaganda purposes emulating Hamas capture of Israeli Defense Forces soldier Gilad Shalit. As you may know, Shalit was released after five years of captivity in return for Israeli release of over 1000 terrorists serving prison time in Israel. The Taliban also expect a similar swap for members of their terrorist organization held at Guantanamo and Bagram.

His Idaho neighbors and friends have held numerous rallies in his support, including a rally in Hailey, Idaho that was the subject of a state wide live broadcast at which two of America's most revered former POWs, Commander Render Crayton and Lt. Jerry Coffey spoke for Bowe. Crayton and Coffey spent collectively 5,000 days of captivity in Vietnam.

Bowe has now served over 930 days in captivity. During that time the Taliban has released five videos of Bowe: the last one in May 2011 contains evidence of bruises on his face that suggest he may have been recently beaten. During his captivity the U.S. Army has promoted Bowe to the rank of Sergeant.

The U.S. Military Command has decided not to make Bergdahl a major public symbol out of concern that to do so would enhance the Taliban's negotiating position. However, honoring Bowe by wearing a POW wristband and praying for Bowe's safekeeping and return would be greatly appreciated by his family.



Rolling Thunder®, Chapter 1 IL worked with the CBS billboard company and placed three billboards around the Chicago area asking for public support for the return of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl.

Contact Rolling Thunder, Chapter 1 IL, Warrenville (Pres. William Sharpness, www.rollingthunderil1.com) for information about placing a billboard in your local area requesting support for the safe return of Sgt. Bergdahl.