D. Cleavon Gilman returned from Iraq to find an even more deadly war raging in America. Coronavirus Trumps even Isis.

Gilman, a Southwestern College alumnus and emergency medical physician, is in the trenches of a pandemic battle that has killed more Americans than the Revolutionary War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam combined. Gilman and his colleagues have engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the novel coronavirus and its enablers — denial, misinformation, political cowardice and anti-maskers.

Gilman said he recently worked a fortnight without sleep. Even for a war-banded former Navy corpsman, battling this pandemic is a nightmare. “I’ve seen more death in this pandemic than six months in Iraq,” he said with a sigh. “I’m in a war zone at home.”

Former President Trump and his supporters deserve an overwhelming share of the blame, Gilman said, with politically-motivated coronavirus denial and damaging rhetoric. Gilman said he was saddened and offended by the disregard for the health of Black, Latino and Native Americans by the government.

“ ‘I’m watching people who do not care about this war (on COVID-19),’ he said. ‘Returning to America was like going back into the war zone, being traumatized again and watching my (Black) community die.”’

STELLAR EDITOR SHINES AT HBCU

By Julia Woock

Gaines’s passion is journalism, and in this moment for Black, Latino and Native Americans, that is more urgent than ever. As a graduate of Southwestern College, a portion of the HBCU’s student body, it was a no-brainer for her to work at El Sol, a Black newspaper in the heart of Los Angeles. While she was in college, she shared a small, affordable studio with a friend and worked for a nonprofit to help fund the paper.

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Gaines said she was drawn to journalism because it allowed her to tell stories about people who often go unnoticed. “I wanted to be a voice for the voiceless,” she said.

The publication was successful, but it was not without challenges. Gaines faced discrimination and harassment from white students, who often targeted her because she was the only Black student on campus. But she persevered, and her leadership helped the publication grow.

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Gaines’s dedication to her work and her community was evident in her writing. She wrote about local issues, such as affordable housing and criminal justice reform, and also reported on national and international events.

“Gaines was a gifted writer who could write about anything and make it interesting,” said Williams. “She was a gifted public speaker who, as a student, gave one of the best and most professional presentations he has ever seen.”

Gaines was also known for her dedication to her students. She mentored many, including Ayris Ayris, who went on to become the newspaper’s managing editor.

Ayris said Gaines was an inspiration to her.

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Gaines recently attended a virtual event honoring her legacy at Southwestern College. It was a fitting tribute to a woman who dedicated her life to journalism and made a significant impact on her community.

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Gilmay's younger self — Dr. Gilmay is a chivalric Southwestern College radiology major. (Top) Honored by former SC President Greg Sandoval and mentor Dr. David Hecht (below) Gilmay supporting a cause-day event.

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Gilmay has been a front-line, front war. Gilmay said, COVID-19 is one front, misinformation the second. Minions or their lackeys in thinking and delimitation create a new ending-myth and perpetuates relentless suffering and death. Gilmay said. Harms come in many forms, he said, from the ignorant (“young people cannot spread COVID”) to the preposterous (“the second wave is coming”).

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