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Subject: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sat, 03 May 2008 23:54:42 GMT

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I am in the JROTC program at Pueblo West High School. For those of you who do not know what the JROTC is, it is the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. It is a military organization, not a branch of the military. Look it up if you're curious what its all about. Anyhoot, the term 'cadet' refers to a student enrolled in the JROTC. Every Saturday my friends and I have a tradition of exploring the 10,000 acres of land at our reservoir/park area. Of course we do this in BDU's (Battle Dress Uniform, the camouflage if you don't know still) and our combat gear (not issued to us, bought on our own). Afterwards we went to our local Walmart to look around and whatnot and a Marine came storming over to us. Immediately he told me to take my head gear off (you're not supposed to have it on indoors and I forgot I had it on) in quite a rude manner. He pulled out his wallet to show me his military id, told us he was Corporal blah blah. He then started interrogating me on what school I am from. I told him and he asked if my superior, retired Chief Warrant Officer (CW3) was still there and I told him yes, he is. He then told me how he was going to report me to my superior and how I will be hearing from him come Monday. What really pissed me off was he said this: "You are disrespecting a uniform that you haven't really earned yet." WHAT THE FUCK.

Ok, so first this guy comes up to me in a rude ass manner, starts throwing interrogation questions at me and acting like some bad-ass cop from the movies, but now he is saying I haven't earned my uniform? I dedicated FOUR YEARS of my life to the JROTC and worked my ass off to achieve what I have. The entire time I took the situation quite calmly and said ok and took my headgear off, he went away shortly after, but I thought about it. What if I was in my Class A uniform (the dress green uniform with all my awards/medals et cetera). He's going to tell me I didn't earn it? If he wasn't a Marine, and there wasn't people around he would have had my fist in his face.

It just bugs me how much disrespect cadets receive from soldiers. Most soldiers I've met have a good amount of respect for cadets, but there's also the bunch like this Marine who are just utter pricks. Not every cadet is like me, a hard ass who doesn't give a shit, or take crap from others. Cadets, a lot of freshmen mostly, are very sensitive. Coming out of middle school, or still going through high school they don't know leadership, or adult life yet. Most cadets would have broken down, possibly cried and have that horrible moment in memory forever.

So, what the fuck is with the disrespect from our soldiers man? I would like to talk to him again so I can point out how much he would feel like shit if someone told him he hasn't earned his uniform yet. I would also like to find out who his commanding officer is so I can have a little chat about disrespect.

Its very sad that cadets in high school have more respect and good behavior, leadership, etc than some of our actual soldiers.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 00:00:48 GMT

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Well he's probably served in Iraq, a hot desert, a hot zone for violence and has probably killed someone (Guess, that is all) so, while he may have been a prick, maybe he thought you left your

head gear on to "seem cool" even though that's not the case and thus he got pissed off, because that isn't what the uniform is for.

There could be a million reasons why but then next time you see him explain your side and see what he says.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 00:20:27 GMT  
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You can't really judge him until you experience what he has. He can't do the same thing to you either.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 00:37:24 GMT  
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Cadets are not soldiers, we are not in the military, however, we are issued the same uniforms (not all of them though). If my Warrant Officer were there, that wouldn't have happened. What he did was outright disrespectful, a simple: "Remember not to wear your headgear indoors" or "Take your headgear off" would have sufficed. His tone was rude, he was rude, and he had no right to act the way he does towards a cadet. Any high ranking soldier would tell you the same thing. He may have served in Iraq, cudos for that, but you don't go around treating cadets like shit. Its understandable that a soldier has been taught strict regulations about the military uniform, but what is not understandable is how he treated the situation. It shows an extreme lack of leadership, and respect.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Memphis](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 01:14:45 GMT  
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It sounds bad but in all probability the message he gave you appears to have gotten through. I wouldn't be surprised if you never made this mistake again because of it. It has previously been mention about what he may or may not have been involved in but either way the training would be pretty harsh. I suspect what seemed rude to you wasn't rude to him at all, he was just getting the message across in his way.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 01:26:11 GMT  
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I suspect that he didn't think he was being rude either. Everyone I've ever met from the Marine

Core seems to have a more strict set of guidelines and/or principles. He just isn't supposed to treat a cadet like a soldier, that's all.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [u6795](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 01:26:11 GMT  
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Wow, man, that's unexpected, but that sucks. You really wouldn't expect that kind of disrespect and mistreatment from someone in the armed forces.

There's no way to really know the whole situation, IE as stated earlier he might have some PTSD or something after fighting, but who knows. Still, that's not cool at all.

I was thinking about joining JROTC when I go into high school next year, actually, but I dunno. The main point that's been making me reconsider is the RGRGHGETAHAIRCUT :[

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 01:29:18 GMT  
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Yeah, it'd probably make him stop doing it, but even more so, it's make him angry and he'd probable then put it off on other people only to spread MORE hate.

I may sound like some kind of hippy when saying this, but even though that guy was probably harshly treated, it was up to him to hold his own anger in, or put it out on something else other than people.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 01:43:59 GMT  
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Being that the JROTC is not a branch of the military, and you were also not "on duty" so to speak, this guy had no reason to come down on you. I don't care if he is a general, he is not your superior officer, you aren't even in his branch of the military, or the military proper, at all! You should have told him to fuck off. Who the hell does he think he is fucking with what are technically civilians in a store, minding their own business?

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 01:55:26 GMT  
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I'm a leader. I uphold good conduct and will not "spread more hate".

Blazer, I couldn't have said it better myself.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 02:20:28 GMT  
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You are, take this topic for example.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [GoArmy44](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 02:31:02 GMT  
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I've been in the college Army ROTC program for the last two years, the best way to avoid the situation is to wear your gear correctly. Now if I were him I wouldn't have told you in that way, in fact I wouldn't have told you anything at all unless you were doing something truly inappropriate. I think it is fairly easy to notice JROTC cadets, but sometimes it can be hard. From what you describe in your situation, the course of action the Corporal took was retarded at best and could have simply been ignored.

But yeah, Blazer is right, he has no power of command over you since you are most likely not contracted to the army and are in a completely different unit.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 02:45:02 GMT  
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He sure could have said it better to you but I can guess that he has served in a combat zone and/or seen friendly deaths and/or may have successfully engaged hostiles (you know what I mean).

So his rant, no matter how rude it may have been, seems to be justified in the fact that you did break a rule and he did correct you on that even if he is not a superior officer.

Soldiers change and do all kinds of things. This emotional rant at you may have been one of the least serious thing on the scale.

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Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 03:40:35 GMT

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Quote:I was thinking about joining JROTC when I go into high school next year, actually, but I dunno. The main point that's been making me reconsider is the RGRGHGETAHAIRCUT :[

The JROTC changed my life. When I came to high school I was an F student who hated school, leaned towards drugs, and bad people. Throughout my freshmen to junior years I still got piss poor grades, but the JROTC was something took like forward to. The JROTC is soley responsible for me staying in high school, and what do you know, in two weeks I will be receiving my high school diploma and heading off to work. Oh, and the work experience. The leadership I've gained is impeccable. Had my first job interview a few months ago over the phone and was able to relate every single question I was asked to the JROTC. Not every JROTC program is going to be the best, but just take into consideration the good it can do for you.

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Cadets aren't exactly told all the rules, ins-and-outs per se of the military regulations, that's why its not cool to just go off on a cadet. The JROTC program is run by the cadets themselves (freshmen through seniors) with the instructors (retired military peeps) supervising and teaching us other stuff. If you don't learn it from your company commander, you probably won't learn it at all. Me though being a LET4 (fourth year cadet) I do know better, but even then I'm not professionally trained so thinking about my headgear isn't exactly a top priority. Especially when its a barret that you can't tell is on or off your head after a few minutes of wear. A good example of regulations is headgear. They'll tell you we must wear it outside, but won't tell you you're not supposed to wear it inside until you do and they tell you not to. Especially with the many different types of headgear, its hard to differentiate what you can, or cannot wear in or outdoors.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 10:55:49 GMT

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big drama.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [mr£ÄŞÄ-z](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 12:09:08 GMT

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SHOOT HIS ASS DOWN

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 16:52:40 GMT

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I can understand your ego is hurt through, but you are in the military now, take it as a soldier and move on.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 17:12:41 GMT

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Stuff's supposed to be tough anyways. Best advice I can give is to just suck it up.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 17:36:41 GMT

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The guy just sounds like a douchebag. Hell, he's probably pulled out his little card 20 times that day, just to either show off to others, or demand better service or some shit.

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Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 17:41:51 GMT

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Sun, 04 May 2008 20:46:52 GMT  
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When you join the actual military, be prepared to be treated worse than you were treated by that marine, at least until you become a full-fledged soldier.

Personally, I think he was a huge dick in how he acted. Maybe he has a chip on his shoulder from his training or experiences. I don't know much about the Marine Corps. But I do know that it's one hell of a strict organization.

Ironically, the US Special Forces ("Green Berets") are much more highly trained, yet conduct and whatnot within the organization is a lot more lax.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
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Doesn't matter if you are officialy military or not.

You are in a military pro group, you do everything they do and must fall under the same rules and regs as they do, through not every rule and reg will be suited for you.

Over in the UK, we have the Army Cadet Force, pretty much the same setup as yours, but even through it's full of kids, we do everything the Army does but kid style, we are meant to behave as soldiers or atleast try to follow the same setup.

I was with the Cadets for over 6 years.

One last thing, am not trying to defend this marine, just saying, since you pretty much acting military, you gotta expect to be given alot of shit.



Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Mon, 05 May 2008 03:47:11 GMT  
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Alot of Soldier's don't respect cadets since you guys walk into an officer position if you stick with it. You end up a leader of more experienced Soldiers and end up getting you or your team killed. I had a friend that was in Iraq who saw an entire squad get mowed down becuae an officer, fresh out of the academy, told his team to walk into a house that everyone knew was a waiting ambush. The officer ended up dead and two of his squad ended up serverly wounded. Until you have experienced what they have you are nothing to them, just another puke playing soldier.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 05 May 2008 03:52:35 GMT  
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The ROTC you are thinking of is college ROTC which is basically used to commission officers like you said. I'm in the JROTC, which is a high school program. Even with what you said though, I see your point. I know people who want to be officers, but they entered the military as an E-3 or lower. Not only do they have to work harder at it, but they will have seen combat before any of the commissioned officers coming out of the ROTC program. That's a downside to the ROTC program I think, because they don't have any combat experience before picking their route in the military; whether be they choose to have their own company, or do something else.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 05 May 2008 04:05:38 GMT  
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Cabal8616 wrote on Sun, 04 May 2008 10:12While that IS a tad disrespectful, since you're not a high-ranking officer, and since your warrent officer wasn't around to tell you otherwise, I suppose he DID have the authority to tell you what you were doing is wrong.

That's bullshit. He is not in the marines, or even in the "military" itself. So that power-trip fuckhole had no right to go and yell at a bunch of "kids" in a store.

If what you say is true, then a marine can go and yell at someone in the air force, the national guard...what's next...a marine seargant yelling at a police officer because his shoes aren't shined?

If he was a marine cadet, it was totally appropriate, but he is not, so what that guy did was extreme bullshit IMO.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Mon, 05 May 2008 17:44:52 GMT

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If you wear a uniform and want to be aligned to the military, it's your duty to know regs AND your place.

Marines earn that uniform in the most severe and punishing ways possible, and to them your wearing of it is borderline disrespect to thm because a lot of strong men fell along the wayside in boot camp and many have died while wearing it. Those "medals" you "earned" are nothing but trinkets to keep kids motivated while playing paintball in the woods during college that won't mean a thing once enlisted.

AKA they aren't real...

If you expect them to "respect" you as a civvy playing military you're fooling yourself. If this hurts your feelings you just wait till you get to Paris Island...

You won't last a week.

Honor your commitment to serve and take the abuse, realize you haven't earned a damned thing yet and when your time comes you serve with honor.

Above all, stop whining. Whining WILL get you nothing but disdain from every veteran reading this.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Mon, 05 May 2008 20:22:54 GMT

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What you are in: Win

How the marine treated you: Fail

Should you stay in: Oh yeah

I'll expand on this later.

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So you're saying that the medals that retired military veterans award cadets are fake? If that's true then why don't you go tell those retired military vet's that they are wasting their time issuing "motivational 'trinket's" to cadets. I dare you to. That's an insult to those vet's who take their time

to do this. Many of them are very elderly and can barely walk, but still have the will to get up and hand a cadet a medal, and I'm sure many of them would take offense to what you just said, but who knows, maybe not, but that's just my common sense kicking in here.. Those "trinkets" may have nothing to do with combat, but I still earned them, and its a great honor receiving one from a retired military veteran.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 05 May 2008 21:26:30 GMT  
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I think the point he's trying to make is that you haven't put your life on the line, so while you may have actually "earned" some awards for being dedicated to the JROTC, they still don't mean anything in terms of real honor. You have to earn that in boot camp and in combat.

The retired vets probably don't think those awards are absolutely worthless, as they do serve a purpose. You should be proud of what you've earned in the JROTC compared to most teens that just waste their life, but they certainly mean nothing when compared to what you're asked to do in the military.

Yes, the marine was an asshole, but he does have merit to be one. I think may have been wrong to attack someone who isn't in the military, but with how you're defending your dissent towards him, perhaps he saw something in you that you don't... an undeserved arrogance.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 05 May 2008 22:25:10 GMT  
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You're right; I won't ever know real honor like a soldier does unless I enlist and go through the same things they do. I'm just saying he did not treat the situation like a good leader would have. Merit to be an ass? Maybe to another soldier, but not to a cadet I wouldn't think. Cadets are taught, and as far as I know soldiers too, to handle situations in a respectable and civilized manner. Cadets simply are not exposed to what a soldier is, so of course we will not know what a soldier knows, or feel what a soldier feels. A soldier I would think, would take this into consideration when dealing with any situation. However, I do also know that the Marines are much different than the other branches in regards to honor, discipline, etc, but even then, he's the very first Marine I've met that has treated a situation like this the way he did.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 00:09:30 GMT  
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I AM one of those veterans.

I knew a kid just like you when I went through. He was so proud of those "medals" and it took about a week before the group threatened his life, and he was removed from command of our group. Then he found out he couldn't wear them and sulked for the rest of boot camp.

Do you know who was his senior enlisted NCO by the end of his career?

Me.

With a chest full of real medals earned on three deployments to the persian gulf. And to be honest, even they don't mean anyhting now... Meanwhile, Mr. "I have ROTC medals" spent three years smoking and drinking himself into a bitter hole and never saw combat until he was reassigned to our unit.

They mean nothing once you enlist/get commissioned.

Honor is earned through service. You need to be humble, respectful and deal with the losers who throw their weight around by doing the exact opposite of what you want to. Because that's how a military man does business.

No excuses, no blame, no whining about fairness.

He faces the adversity, digs in, and comes out stronger than before.

Now is a great time to start doing just that. Instead of dishonoring the corps by bringing this into a format that couldn't possible understand why uniforms and discipline matter.

Our uniform represents the United States of America. We are the ambassadors to the world and the respect that is given to those who wear it was earned in blood.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 00:24:33 GMT

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I still think it's none of that marines business what a bunch of kids were doing in a store. If they were marine cadets, sure...but I fail to see what gives him the right to yell at civilians like he is their commanding officer.

Yes I realize that if he continues his military career (by joining the real military) that he is in for a lot more "shit" than that marine gave him, so it was probably "for his own good". But I still don't agree with a member of one armed force bitching out a member of another armed force, much less someone who is not in the armed forces at all!

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I am proud of the medals I have earned, but like you implied, in the end they are just medal and fabric. It is offensive though when someone says that they do not mean anything, and are "trinkets". I had a shit-life when I came out of middle school, and the JROTC turned my life around. Those medals are one of the only positive memories I have from the past six years of my life. It took me three years to receive my first medal, and that was from the NCO Association where it was handed to me by a Sergeant Major. Being a high school student and getting to shake his hand, even getting to salute him, was a complete honor. How is that not supposed to mean anything to me?

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It just seems that because your medals don't mean anything to you anymore, that you just think that they don't mean anything period. Not everyone is going to have the same mindset as you. Some soldiers will value their medals more than others, some won't value them at all. Its just how a person perceives things.

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How on earth is the Marine's behavior justifiable then?

Quote:No excuses, no blame, no whining about fairness.

He faces the adversity, digs in, and comes out stronger than before.

I did something wrong. I openly admit that, and I won't ever deny it. I'm not trying to argue to justify what I did wrong though. I'm simply making an argument about a Marines behavior, when I know for a fact that the way he behaved is not how the military teaches our soldiers to behave in a situation like that.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 02:57:11 GMT  
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You seem to missing my point.

It isn't about him. It's about you and how you handle this.

There are more of those guys, and this WILL happen again. How will you handle it next time?

The entire crux is this: You are more than your medals. Rise above the hurt pride, lumps of metal and inevitable idiocy you will come across.

Let me share a situation I was in: I was busted down to mess duty for refusing an order to overwork my men. While there, I was put in charge of the men and ran a fairly tight ship and the men did well under my leadership but I had one bad egg who was a gang banger and didn't like the military. He disrespected me to my face in front of 100 people and I wrote him up for it. When it came before the chief in charge who was of the same race as the offender, he had both of us there and took the report and said: "I'll be sure to file this in the right place" and threw it in the trash.

Obviously, I was insulted and the entire chain of command was corrupted by this racially motivated event.

I was angry as hell and thought about drilling both of them right there.

I didn't. I went back to work and did my job and held my head high and every single one of those men who worked for me knew what had happened. They knew he had usurped command and they spent the next two months making his life a living hell in a silent rebellion against what he had done because of the respect they had for me.

At the end of my six month purgatory in the mess hall, I recieved a commendation for efficiency and leadership. He ended up in the brig for something else.

Justice will get served. the military has a way of correcting injustices that get passed over in the civilian world

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 03:11:13 GMT  
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KIRBY-098 wrote on Mon, 05 May 2008 21:57  
Obviously, I was insulted and the entire chain of command was corrupted by this racially motivated event.

Wait, which one of you was/is black/asian/mexican/whatever?

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 03:22:22 GMT  
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I handled the situation as I would any other. I said "Okay." and I took my headgear off. Every question he asked I answered politely. I handle the situation as any leader would in a responsible

and civilized manner. As for this topic, I brought it here with the intention to create a heated discussion & debate. As for my attitude towards the situation afterwards, it probably is piss-poor as you pointed out, and it definitely could be better.

I feel for you for the situation you just shared. Its never happened to me, but when I was a C/1SG we had a bad cadet in our company who outright disrespected our company commander in front of the entire company. Of course our SAI (warrant officer) didn't stand for it and through the cadet out of the class room and to the front office, but it sure had an impact on the commander. Then later my company commander made me slam the cadet with demerits.

Also, since you're a vet. you might be able to answer a question I have about the uniform. I don't know what kind of memo's you receive still, so I thought I'd shoot for it. As of April 30th the Army BDU is a retired uniform. After I graduate I obviously won't be enrolled in the JROTC anymore. According to 10 USC Sec. 771 does that mean I can't wear my BDU's anymore for things such as long hiking trips/etc? Or do you know of a way I can find out this type of information?

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Rocko](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 05:23:04 GMT  
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shut up kirby you old coon muthafuka

u sound like one of those weirdo old people who demand to be put on a pedestal because they're old and weird and once shot a gun at some vietnamese villagers back in the 60s

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 05:28:10 GMT  
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Watch your foul tongue boy, and get out of this topic. You have no place in a civilized discussion.

Let's just please ignore Rocko and move on with our discussion.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 11:57:45 GMT  
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Haha, guess that Medal crap doesnt only spoil BF2, it also spoils reallife soldiers...

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 14:31:20 GMT  
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It doesn't "spoil" you, it's just that you get different priorities. Once children and a wife enter the picture (and in my case a conversion to christianity) it just fades...

I think the medals are now focal points for memories. As time fades it gets harder to remember what I went through and they bring me back and facilitate those coming to the surface.

As for the uniform change: Sorry. Other than a quick google I wouldn't be able to help you there. Best thing to do is to go to your local recruiting station. They have the latest and greatest on anything happening within their service and are trained to answer any and all questions you may have.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [bisen11](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 15:39:12 GMT

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He did say he bought the uniform, so technically didn't he earn it by buying it? If I go for a bike ride and someone came up to me and started yelling at me that I couldn't wear my bike helmet because I didn't earn it through any kind of a bike race or anything, I'd be pretty annoyed.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 07 May 2008 04:46:06 GMT

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Heh, "retired" Warrant Officer 1st Class, Cadet Squadron Commander here (Cadet rank/position) (hence the "warranto" nick ). "Retired" simply because I aged out. The Canadian Cadet program is for teens 12-18 (You can join on your 12th birthday and you age out as soon as you turn 19)

Mind you I am comparing this to the Canadian cadet program. Up here we are not part of the official military and are more of a "youth group" (poor description, but it works for the purposes here). We do receive part of the military budget (paid for through the Department of National Defense) for our training, and therefor an unofficial part of the military. Our officers, part of the CIC (Cadet Instructor Cadre) are real military officials (I jokingly call them the tertiary reserves... part of the military but would most likely never be called to real combat despite going through the training for combat, etc)

We cadets are subordinate to the regular military (though it's always odd being a WO1(Chief Warrant Officer to some people) and have a corporal in the regular force command you around. However as we are recognized as being tied in with the Military, everything we do is a reflection of the service, though with the understanding of still being "kids".

Anyway, on topic. Regardless of how he handled the situation, he did have the privilege to correct the mistake. He may have handled it badly (I'm not going to argue that point without knowing his mindset), but just to the people distinguishing between simple cadets and military cadets, there is



no real difference. One is simply the "civilian version" of the military-for-kids.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Wed, 07 May 2008 05:01:19 GMT

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I honestly cannot believe it took this long for me it to finally click in my head of the relevance of your alias, sadly only after you told me directly, lol.

How you explained your program is pretty much how ours is ran. The head hanco's are the SAI (Retired Chief Warrant Officer CW3) and our AI (Master Sergeant). Only difference I can see from what you said is our instructors are military veterans who have seen combat and have a lot of past experiences. The rest is handled by the students/cadets. We too get funding from the military as well as our school district for our program.

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 07 May 2008 05:07:29 GMT

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Oh, I'm sure there are a number of veterans who are now in the CIC. However, it's not a requirement and I would be confident in saying a large number of CIC officers are those who came directly from Cadets. Heh, this is also not to say that the reg force doesn't volunteer to instruct... but as for as command and control of each unit goes, its all the CIC branch of the military.

Edit: Simply to brag and advertise... check out the Cadet homepage

[http://www.cadets.ca/intro\\_e.asp](http://www.cadets.ca/intro_e.asp)

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 07 May 2008 06:23:58 GMT

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Dave Anderson wrote on Tue, 06 May 2008 22:01 I honestly cannot believe it took this long for me it to finally click in my head of the relevance of your alias, sadly only after you told me directly, lol.

Same here! LOL!

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Subject: Re: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Wed, 07 May 2008 06:33:22 GMT

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I always thought it was just some average alias pronounced 'war-on-toe'

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