
Subject: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [FMhalo](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2006 14:30:45 GMT
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Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2006 17:28:18 GMT
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You should just start naming all of your threads "REHASHED SUBJECT +1"

You would do well, too, to stop quoting articles seething with bias.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [FMhalo](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2006 19:08:55 GMT
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Can you please point out exactly what part of the article was bias?

Can you please point out if i have ever posted any article on here which is bias?

I am pretty open minded and read many many news sources to see both sides of a story. I can assure you right now the times is not even close to being bias towards middle eastern people and is pretty pro american.

Or did you just say this article was bias because you believe your government and soldiers would never ever ever commit these kind of acts?

Just make sure reality doesn't hit you on the head when you exit through the front door. I already knew many americans (as well as british) were fleeing from going to war in iraq but i never got to hear their stories to know if they were doing it for selfless or selfish reasons.

It is good to know there are still good people left in this world and i am just wondering why this war is still going on. If you want to know the real casualties and what is happening in iraq just go to youtube, type in iraqi sniper and watch. I warn you though, some of it may anger you so don't say i told you so.

Anyways, this is the only reply i am going to post in this topic. This was meant to raise awareness of what is really happening in iraq and not what fox news and cnn are telling you.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2006 19:29:04 GMT

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Maybe the fact that the title is: "You wouldn't catch me dead in Iraq"?

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 04:44:01 GMT

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Or the fact it is published by the Sunday Times one of the most anti-American publications.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 16:52:26 GMT

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My dad went to Iraq and volunteered to go the first time. My mom made him retire or else he would have gone back a second time. Now he wants to go there as a civilian and train police.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 22:50:00 GMT

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One of my friends is in the Marines and he's working and being shot at in Fallujah right now. He would never dream of deserting his "brothers" there.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 02:08:54 GMT

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Quote:The Pentagon says that a total of 40,000 troops have deserted their posts (not simply those serving in Iraq) since the year 2000.

Daaaang. I wonder what the record is for any of the wars, i live in a small town of about 4500 people. This whole town would have moved nearly 9 times. Crazy.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Fri, 01 Sep 2006 18:17:44 GMT

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I want to make clear what deserted means. They could have left there post for an hour and the CO could have walked up to check on him reported that he was not there and found out he just walked away for an hour to take a dump. Most times "deserters" are people who go home for a

unscheduled leave to see family and come back and find out someone fucked up the dates on their leave sheet.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Sun, 03 Sep 2006 23:21:39 GMT
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You are COMPLETELY wrong.

For those that do not already know, the US military is governed by a separate code of laws/ethics known as the UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice). Under this code of laws we (myself, being a military veteran) may also be tried TWICE for the SAME crime unlike most civilians (also known as 'Double Jeopardy'). The UCMJ is divided into articles which define these laws in explicit detail. Article 85 of the UCMJ [MCM/Manual for Courts Martial] outlines Desertion which is often confused with going AWOL. Article 86 defines UA/AWOL (Unauthorized Absence/Absence WithOut Leave).

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So if someone is going to go take a dump without being authorized, and it met the criteria of an Article 86 violation - they would be charged with UA/AWOL; not desertion.

If someone were to go on leave (which for the record must be approved first through a leave chit that is signed by your entire chain of command) and something was done in error by your chain of command - you would not be charged with anything. If you were late one minute back from leave OR if you were to blame for the miscommunication falsified information you would be charged with violating article 86 (not desertion).

As for the topic at hand, though I do not appreciate the media getting too involved in a war they don't understand ... it is freedom of speech and expression to say and feel whatever they'd like about this war. And when I was in a combat zone I was defending that same right for them to say I was wasting my time. And I accept that because that is what America is all about.

But if someone wants to desert their post, especially in a time of war, or blatantly refuse to serve ... I think they should be shot. Extreme? Maybe to some civilians who are ignorant to these wars and what they're all about. These [wannabe] soldiers took an oath and committed their life to

serve their country and all it stands for. They explicitly announce their loyalty to their commanding officers and those who are appointed over them. This is a volunteer military (even those who were taken from the reserves). If you want to whine about geopolitics and aren't willing to die in the 'worst-case-scenario' of going to war ... then do not enlist.

This subject just irritates the hell out of me every time I see it, and I wish the military would stop being so lenient with the jackasses that desert their posts. Be a man (or woman) and do your duty!

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Mon, 04 Sep 2006 22:38:57 GMT
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Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2006 07:26:43 GMT
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@#%@\$ the media

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2006 08:26:37 GMT
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Halo you always were willing to present a version of a story from the eyes of a thirteen year old..

Get real please.

Wait till you are older and experience the harsh realities of life in the Military and then feel free to reply.

Hostile fire from everywhere and anywhere, this is real life and not one of your games.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2006 08:33:06 GMT
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Unfortunately we, Joe Public, appear to believe most things the media tell us and that includes

many lies and twisted stories that are concocted.

Try to read between the lines of what is being written. The media are very rarely, ever in the immediate front lines.

They print what makes a good story and very often disregard the truth.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2006 20:32:29 GMT
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Idiot I was going by what most people define it as...

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Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2006 22:29:18 GMT
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Don't call me an idiot if you're not making that crystal clear. These are public forums and a lot of people don't know you. If you have something to say sarcastic, then announce that (such as <sarcasm>blahblah</sarcasm>). Considering that I was in the military and I am now an honorably discharged military veteran, I take offense to these kinds of things and when someone tries to defend them with what appears to be false information - I'm going to correct you. My original post was more harsh, but I gave you the benefit of the doubt and went back and only said "you are completely wrong" -- which you were.

Don't echo what other people think or say, let them speak for themselves.

Subject: Re: American soldiers and their stories
Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Sat, 09 Sep 2006 11:26:54 GMT
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I second that.

If a statement is knowingly wrong and can be proven beyond reasonable doubt then it needs to be addressed and corrected.

ps. I have served my time in the British Army.
