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Posted by ericmiami - 2008/05/04 15:37

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Ray: Don't let paranoia get you K:ohmy:

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Oh, nice touch for your letter, Ray. You can say that in addition to being thankful they slept through high school and didn't go on a mission, you can add you are thankful they know their place.

A real prince, you are Ray-boy. ;)

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We are not going to defeat the bad guys there.

Bush did it on the cheap, with bad intelligence, with undersized forces against his leading general's advice, and without a plan to win the peace.

The future of Iraq will be settled by Iraqis, not us or our troops. You cannot refute any of my points, so you name call instead. How impressive!

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Posted by Earth Angel - 2008/05/04 22:36

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Regarding the latter, how about the lowering of recruiting standards as evidence that it is getting "stretched thin." Any thoughts on that?

The U.S. Army met its recruiting goals for fiscal year 2007, but had to pay recruiting bonuses and lower its standards. The Army also dipped into recruits from its Delayed Entry Program. It faces an even tougher challenge in 2008 as it seeks to expand enlistment.

The Army has been offering recruits bonuses of up to \$20,000. It also brought in more recruits without high school diplomas, who scored low on aptitude tests, and who had to get waivers for criminal offenses. Many defense analysts say this policy is lowering the military's standards, but the Army rejects that claim.

The Army acknowledges that these measures have made their recruitment job more difficult for 2008. They'll likely have to accept more recruits without diplomas and hand out more waivers for criminal records.

In the meantime, the Army is losing captains at an alarming rate due, in part, to extended deployments in Iraq.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=17551758>

Perhaps McCain will have an answer for this. He just has not thought of it yet. :laugh:

Hey, if elected, he can always bring back the draft. ;)

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NO, this soldier was called back up to 2 more tours because of what he did in the service. DOES that make it right... NO!!!!

I have always hated the fact that OUR NATIONAL GUARD is not protecting our borders, but fighting for a country that does not want us there. The Iraq government has had plenty of time and help from this country to get their's going in a good way, but it is still in shambles. Our troops are being used in the worst way to defeat the warring people of that region. They like to have turmoil and fighting.....LEAVE IRAQ and they will HAVE TO fend for themselves.

Haliburton and the other private companies are making a fortune on the back of OUR SOLDIERS.....It is time that the expense and their contracts for the US are nullified. Bush is who got them their jobs and contracts, the facts show that him and cronies are then reaping the benefits. JMO

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Thanks, Jaye, for your words. My son will deeply appreciate them. (Also, thanks for filling me in about your wife in the other forum.)

Just a few more thoughts. . .We should be thankful we have men and women WILLING to serve in the military. (That doesn't mean they aren't afraid.) I would much rather have someone fight for me, defend me, etc. who chose to do so on their own. Our troops are doing good in Iraq. . .we don't hear about it much, if at all. Unless you have someone in the military, you probably don't realize how many troops we have in other countries, also; I didn't until my son filled me in. Amazing! I sometimes, in my fear, wish our soldiers weren't anywhere but here in the U.S., but then I feel safer knowing our military is just about everywhere, and doing some extraordinary things, according to my son. (I don't ask what, he can't tell me anyway.)

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Re:Calif. soldier dies before wedding

Posted by Wren - 2008/05/05 18:03

What an ignorant rambling bit of self-excusal. He denigrates the armed forces on one hand and blames it on the other. Our civilian leaders are similar in their self-denial.

The "muslims" do not want to make us followers of Islam. Where do you come up with this nonsense?

Re:Calif. soldier dies before wedding

Posted by ericmiami - 2008/05/05 18:09

Just as long as he doesn't wander out among men in a combat zone.

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Posted by truthhurts - 2008/05/05 18:13

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The parade of nit-witticisms from Ray-boy continues. :laugh:

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Posted by Girl Raised in the South - 2008/05/05 19:37

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My son is NOT the exception. He wanted to enlist after his mission, but went on to college to please me. He has plenty of friends who are non-commissioned. My son was actually thinking of refusing his commission so he could be with more of his friends, who are in Iraq now.

I must have missed something in the previous posts. . . I don't remember any of us calling you unpatriotic because you're not in the military. My son and I are very grateful for all those who support the military in any positive manner.

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