
Subject: "Here's to the heroes"

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That really is great. It is quite troubling to think that this mightn't happen in real life. It is a perfect example of how things should be...

We live in a time where taking shots at the government, the army, and our fighting soldiers are common place. It's time to give some of that respect back. Too many people don't love this great country and the government that holds it together. Too many people neglect to give the common courtesy to that man who's giving up 8 years of his life to try to give back and make a difference. To squeeze that little extra ounce of great out of our great nation. To the people in the government, the agencies who give up weekends and leisure time at the office trying to make our lives better. To the soldiers abroad who are fighting, not just for themselves or their families, but for the families of their harshest critics. They fight for the lives of the people who protest the war. They fight for the protestors right to call their saviors murderous scoundrals. Look around you. Our country is damn grand. Why would you burn the symbol of freedom and of prosperity. "Look at the poor people in Africa who starve while we live opulently" And this is a reason to burn the flag? Because we have carved ourselves a great nation from the untamed wilds of a new world. We should feel sorry for these poor places, but at the same time feel proud that we can feel sorry. That we can say "we are lucky to not live like that". It's not luck however, it's destiny. The US as we know it today was not created on a gamble, but on the sweat, determination, and honor of millions of people. The millions of people who traversed, plotted, planned, protected, fought for, and died for, this great country we inhabit today. We've had our bad times and our good. Throughout it all we cannot lose our patriotism. Our love for this country which is just the best we could have ever hoped for. It may have its quirks and its nuances but all in all it is a pristine example of what the collective will of an entire history of people can produce. So next time you curse the government, damn the president, or denounce the war in Iraq, take a moment and think about what this country and the people who died for it, have provided for you without asking for anything in return. You shouldn't have to do anything for your country, you should want to.

Obligatory...

God Bless America

Phew... that was a lot to type...
