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Subject: Soldiers disrespect towards cadets.

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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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