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.