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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 16:24:03 GMT
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I would NEVER leave my dying son's side, let alone my poor wife who would have to deal alone afterwards. As if the the other 50,000 Marines really need his butt over there to whoop a third world army. :rolleyes:

There's loyalty to the corps, and then there's being a father.

(P.S. He WAS given a choice by the Corps to stay with his son, and decided to ship out before they found him a heart.)

Forgot the link, I was so bent. Here it is:

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/West/03/14/marine.son.ap/index.html>

Subject: Veterans, I need some biased opinions.
Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 16:50:06 GMT
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You and I, both being parents and former military know the proper choice this guy should have chosen. IMO this Marine is a coward! He is afraid of dealing with the possible death of his child, and having to help his wife. This fucker should be Dis-honorably Discharged for making a poor judgement call. He is selfish. There are words that I would want to call him, but I can't seem to type them up.

Just that he does Not do the Marines proud. He is just a simple

COWARD!!

I read the story at <http://www.cnn.com> Fuck him. His excuse for going lacks logic.

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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 16:53:45 GMT
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Amen, K9. That little boy needs his daddy.

Marines, I mean no offense to the Corps. This could have been any service.

No wonder our divorce rate is 75%.

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Because he chose that action, not because he HAD to.

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Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 17:06:34 GMT
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Are you married with children? How long have you been in the service? I had 8 years and have a wife and 2 kids. This guy made the wrong choice. I would never have held it against him to stay with his family for that situation. His choice doesn't make him a patriot. I can tell you from my experience that I bet 80% of his company has little to no respect for him now.

I am a veteran! I am Proud of it! I back our troops! I do not support this guy's decision. Don't preach PATRIOTISM to me. This guy would have been a bigger patriot if he would have chose to stay with his critically ill child. That would have shown the world that our troops have a conscience. You tell me you could honestly leave a child that is dying, when you HAD a choice to stay? Get real! If you could, then you didn't deserve to be a parent!

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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 17:09:01 GMT
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Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 17:10:59 GMT
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We are arguing semantics here. I merely stated that I answered the call, to lend credibility to my statement, not argue with you. MY point is he is a poor father. I have debated for 2 months now whether or not to go back in and serve. I keep saying no because of my kids. They need me here. If the United States of America is in danger of falling to an agressor, I will go. It is not.

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Posted by [Jarhead](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 17:20:05 GMT
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I see your point, but repsectfully don't agree. I guess we'll just have to agree to disagree. I don't want to split over this, as there isn't a damn thing we can do about it anyways.

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This is unfortunate. As you know people in the military are always judging one another. This is one of those stories that will have this guy judged harshly and IMO rightfully so. Again I ask, do you have kids? If we were being invaded, I wouldn't need to re-enlist. I have plenty of guns to fight along side anyone. But Iraq is NOT an INVASION RISK! So this guy not being there is NOT going to hurt his unit.

I will also end here as we all are going to differ in oppinions.

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Posted by [Jarhead](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 17:55:40 GMT
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My personal life has nothing to do with this is any way. So don't go there.

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Posted by [\[sg\]theOne](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 18:01:41 GMT
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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 18:12:54 GMT
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Posted by [\[sg\]theOne](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 18:42:49 GMT
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The One

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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 18:59:47 GMT
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Oh, and by the way, are you a veteran? No? Ok, bye bye then.

Subject: Veterans, I need some biased opinions.
Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 19:11:48 GMT
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Yeah, I do recall this topic asking for veterans to reply. [sg]The One are you a veteran?

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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 19:14:36 GMT
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Subject: Veterans, I need some biased opinions.

Posted by [joroe34](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 19:16:35 GMT

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As a parent who has served nine years in the army I say this:

I would never respect or fight along side a man (leaader) who turns his back on his family. No matter what the argument is... this idiot had a choice to remain with his serioulsy sick child and he chose to leave. We had another term for "medal hungry" in the army. We called these idiots "px soldiers." I worry for the Marines under this so called leader - If he does not care about his own family, what does he care about????? My opinion is he cares about himself!

I would always be angry at people who said "you don't have kids - you don't understand." Now that I have kids, believe me, I understand 100%! You care for your kids more than life itself... if you don't you are a rotten parent. You would have to shoot me and drag my dead stiff body away before I would even consider leaving my seriously ill child's side, let alone the rest of my family!!!!

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Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Fri, 14 Mar 2003 19:19:08 GMT

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Lol. You too? Baby keeps wanting to eat the phone cord on the desk...

Thanks for your input to Jarhead,K9, and Joroe.

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Relax, I'm not trying to. I don't like it, but as I stated earlier I know I cannot change it. I must say I'm surprised to know this though, knowing your opinion, and knowing the situation. The whole concept of loyalty, love, and self sacrifice START in the home with the family, of which the father is the head.

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sigh

Whatever.

You assume far too much, and I think you dug your heels in long ago to decide this course of action. I stated awhile back that I understood your point, but disagreed. I even thanked you for your opinion earlier. Now it comes to this.

Fine. Draw whatever conclusions that you must to justify your anger. In the end, you've only alienated yourself for absolutely no reason other than a differing opinion.

Good day, Marine.

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Well Kirby, is the wife expecting or was it a false alarm?

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First : You started (and continue) w/the smart ass comments...I just replied in kind.

Second : The paragraph I quoted mentioned patriotism but I didn't address that point in my reply therefor making your statement to *me* about patriotism irrelevant.

Third : My statement does not require I be a Vetern to hold the knowledge required to say :
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Forth : No I am not a Vetern. Is this is the sole premise you wish to use to undermine my statement that we have already been invaded/under attack? If so I suggest finding better counterpoints to something based on fact, not opinion. Fact : See World Trade center bombing #1, Atlanta Olympic bombing..you see where this is going, right ?

Fifth : Your not even the person I was refering to in my post about the USA already being invaded/attacked -- It was Jarhead's post I replied to.

Sixth : It's not off topic to point out that we have been invaded and are currently under attack from the same 'type' or 'group' of people who have been waging a war against us for years since Jarhead used THAT POINT as his reason to not go.

My entire points were a)we were invaded years ago b)we have been under attack for years. This was supose to be an accepted side bar. You have turned 'this' into what you presently see before you on your screen.

I grow so fucking tired of having to do this

By all means send me a PRIVATE MESSAGE & we can do this on our own time.

ps. Do unto other as you would have them do unto you. You treat me with respect and you'll find yourself being treated in a respectfull manner.

People do not like to think. If one thinks, one must reach conclusions. Conclusions are not always pleasant.

Helen Keller
