

Military: Idiots in the American Army?

I don't normally talk about my time in the military. It's not because I'm embarrassed of it, but because people think that I must have done amazing things—that's what you see in movies—when, in reality, it was a job *almost* like any other for me. Recently, though, the topic came up in a conversation with a colleague from Australia and she said something that really surprised me.

Obviously, you'll have to listen to the recording to know what she said and why it surprised me.

After You've Listened to the Recording

What do you think? Do you think that maybe I'm crazy and I don't realize what's going on? I really do think that in the U.S.—I mean, among my family and the people I know in the U.S.—military service is seen as something 'good' to do. People routinely thank U.S. Servicemen and women for their service.

What kind of status does the military have in your country? Is there a draft? Are people grateful to the military? Do you think that only the people who can't get a 'real' job go to the military? Let me know!