

HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO



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00:00:05,590 --> 00:00:03,350
okay here is our interview with mayoko

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00:00:06,950 --> 00:00:05,600
i assume that in writing the book you

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00:00:10,150 --> 00:00:06,960
wanted the focus to be

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00:00:11,509 --> 00:00:10,160
on what the state of being a female in

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00:00:14,910 --> 00:00:11,519
the u.s military is

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00:00:16,070 --> 00:00:14,920
these days especially in in combat

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00:00:19,029 --> 00:00:16,080
situations

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00:00:19,910 --> 00:00:19,039
yeah i think that's exactly what i was

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00:00:23,429 --> 00:00:19,920
hoping was

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00:00:25,429 --> 00:00:23,439
to give the reader a better idea about

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00:00:28,390 --> 00:00:25,439
what it was like just in the day-to-day

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00:00:29,750 --> 00:00:28,400
something that was truer to life than

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00:00:31,269 --> 00:00:29,760

you know kind of the snippets you see in

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00:00:34,069 --> 00:00:31,279

commercials or

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00:00:35,910 --> 00:00:34,079

the stereotypes that are you know kind

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00:00:36,229 --> 00:00:35,920

of out there for what military life is

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00:00:37,910 --> 00:00:36,239

like

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00:00:40,549 --> 00:00:37,920

to to put a little bit more human and

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00:00:44,069 --> 00:00:40,559

personal approach on it i think because

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there were some boring days there were

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00:00:48,069 --> 00:00:46,160

there were funny little everyday kind of

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00:00:49,910 --> 00:00:48,079

things that happened

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00:00:51,350 --> 00:00:49,920

uh that make it maybe not like the

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00:00:53,430 --> 00:00:51,360

action movie most people

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00:00:55,670 --> 00:00:53,440

think about when they think about war

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00:00:57,510 --> 00:00:55,680

yeah well i think it's fascinating

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00:00:58,950 --> 00:00:57,520

anytime spent in a combat zone is

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00:01:01,349 --> 00:00:58,960

fascinating in and of itself

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00:01:03,029 --> 00:01:01,359

and then to be a female in combat zone

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00:01:05,830 --> 00:01:03,039

especially when

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00:01:06,630 --> 00:01:05,840

that was kind of somewhat new i mean to

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00:01:08,710 --> 00:01:06,640

have a woman

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00:01:09,910 --> 00:01:08,720

in the position that you were in i mean

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00:01:14,149 --> 00:01:09,920

how new was that

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00:01:16,550 --> 00:01:14,159

at the time that you were there

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00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:16,560

well you know there's kind of been a

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00:01:22,710 --> 00:01:18,960

long history of

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00:01:24,789 --> 00:01:22,720

uh releasing spaces and jobs to women

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00:01:26,149 --> 00:01:24,799

in the military that are in various

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combat roles

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and there's been a lot of controversy

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over that because a lot of the

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more recent opening of jobs said okay

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now you can be in the battle space or

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00:01:37,270 --> 00:01:35,280

now you can be

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00:01:39,749 --> 00:01:37,280

in a position where the primary job of

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00:01:42,789 --> 00:01:39,759

the unit is to engage the enemy

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00:01:45,030 --> 00:01:42,799

but if you look back to before that

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00:01:47,830 --> 00:01:45,040

a truck driver's primary job isn't to

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00:01:50,310 --> 00:01:47,840

engage the enemy it's to move cargo

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00:01:51,670 --> 00:01:50,320
but if someone shoots at you all of a

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00:01:52,630 --> 00:01:51,680
sudden you become a part of the battle

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00:01:54,550 --> 00:01:52,640
space

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00:01:57,030 --> 00:01:54,560
and so then all of a sudden that idea

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00:01:59,350 --> 00:01:57,040
that that's not your primary function

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00:02:00,469 --> 00:01:59,360
it doesn't really matter because all of

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00:02:02,950 --> 00:02:00,479
a sudden it brings you

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00:02:04,069 --> 00:02:02,960
into what you're there for and what's

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00:02:07,109 --> 00:02:04,079
going on anyway

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00:02:08,949 --> 00:02:07,119
and so in a way i think the american

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00:02:10,630 --> 00:02:08,959
public has seen it to be

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00:02:13,270 --> 00:02:10,640
more and more new i think it's been

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00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:13,280

there since the revolutionary war

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00:02:17,990 --> 00:02:16,560

and i think it's just women have been

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getting more credit

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00:02:21,270 --> 00:02:19,760

and it's just become more and more open

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00:02:23,350 --> 00:02:21,280

in a way that women could be

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00:02:25,030 --> 00:02:23,360

seen in those roles in order to gain

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00:02:27,110 --> 00:02:25,040

leadership roles

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00:02:28,710 --> 00:02:27,120

and i think that's been a primary

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difference

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00:02:32,229 --> 00:02:31,360

right so at the time of operation iraqi

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00:02:35,589 --> 00:02:32,239

freedom

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00:02:38,390 --> 00:02:35,599

and you were there at 2003 2004

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what what was permitted as far as women

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00:02:42,949 --> 00:02:41,120

in combat roles

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00:02:44,229 --> 00:02:42,959

uh there were a lot of areas that were

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not open yet

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so field artillery units there were

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00:02:51,910 --> 00:02:48,160

still bans

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00:02:54,869 --> 00:02:51,920

for women whose primary job was

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00:02:55,430 --> 00:02:54,879

to engage the enemy although there were

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00:02:59,110 --> 00:02:55,440

always

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00:03:01,190 --> 00:02:59,120

interesting exceptions so in afghanistan

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where they had female engagement teams

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00:03:07,910 --> 00:03:03,840

who worked side by side with

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00:03:09,030 --> 00:03:07,920

you know infantry or special forces

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00:03:10,869 --> 00:03:09,040

operations

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00:03:12,790 --> 00:03:10,879

well their primary job was to engage the

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00:03:15,190 --> 00:03:12,800

rural women in afghanistan in order to

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00:03:17,589 --> 00:03:15,200

gain intelligence that was a part of the

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00:03:19,270 --> 00:03:17,599

combat operation so they were side by

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00:03:20,869 --> 00:03:19,280

side in the space but that wasn't their

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00:03:22,309 --> 00:03:20,879

primary job but it was still a very

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00:03:23,910 --> 00:03:22,319

dangerous job

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00:03:25,750 --> 00:03:23,920

and so there were these little

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00:03:27,430 --> 00:03:25,760

exceptions a lot like that the army had

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00:03:28,789 --> 00:03:27,440

a cultural team that functioned

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00:03:31,030 --> 00:03:28,799

similarly

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00:03:32,070 --> 00:03:31,040

uh but yeah no at the time there was

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00:03:35,430 --> 00:03:32,080
still this idea

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00:03:36,630 --> 00:03:35,440
that uh women weren't in combat

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00:03:38,710 --> 00:03:36,640
even though you know that couldn't have

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00:03:39,589 --> 00:03:38,720
been further from the truth and and what

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00:03:42,789 --> 00:03:39,599
is the current

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00:03:46,149 --> 00:03:42,799
status today is there any limitations on

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00:03:48,869 --> 00:03:46,159
women's ability to serve in combat roles

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00:03:50,869 --> 00:03:48,879
uh it's it's basically open but

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00:03:52,550 --> 00:03:50,879
individual service branches can file

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00:03:55,910 --> 00:03:52,560
different exceptions

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00:03:57,350 --> 00:03:55,920
uh and i think they have but most of

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00:03:59,589 --> 00:03:57,360
those are

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00:04:00,949 --> 00:03:59,599

for all practical purposes going away

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00:04:03,030 --> 00:04:00,959

because

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00:04:04,869 --> 00:04:03,040

uh at the time that a few women passed

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00:04:09,030 --> 00:04:04,879

the army rangers course

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00:04:10,789 --> 00:04:09,040

uh once that once that starts to happen

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00:04:12,309 --> 00:04:10,799

that's that's really going to open that

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00:04:14,550 --> 00:04:12,319

up and and

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00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:14,560

lead the way for that to just continue

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00:04:19,590 --> 00:04:15,760

to happen

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00:04:22,469 --> 00:04:19,600

so virtually most jobs are

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00:04:24,150 --> 00:04:22,479

open now uh practically we're just

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00:04:24,950 --> 00:04:24,160

seeing women complete the courses to

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00:04:27,990 --> 00:04:24,960

actually

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00:04:30,950 --> 00:04:28,000

get into those jobs yeah so navy

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00:04:31,510 --> 00:04:30,960

seals i think we've had one or more

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00:04:37,110 --> 00:04:31,520

women

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00:04:40,629 --> 00:04:39,030

army army rangers you're saying also

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00:04:43,909 --> 00:04:40,639

have females

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00:04:46,070 --> 00:04:43,919

and then uh officer infantry uh

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00:04:48,150 --> 00:04:46,080

women have passed that course also and

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00:04:51,270 --> 00:04:48,160

and even fighter pilots

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00:04:54,310 --> 00:04:51,280

yeah yep so

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00:04:54,870 --> 00:04:54,320

what so what tell us about your time in

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00:04:57,990 --> 00:04:54,880

iraq

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00:05:01,430 --> 00:04:58,000

in a combat zone as a woman in

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00:05:05,350 --> 00:05:03,590

uh you know i don't know if my

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00:05:07,990 --> 00:05:05,360

challenges were a lot different than

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00:05:11,029 --> 00:05:08,000

most the men who were there kind of in

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00:05:14,550 --> 00:05:11,039

the same space i think it's a

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00:05:16,390 --> 00:05:14,560

it's a very dynamic environment uh

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00:05:19,029 --> 00:05:16,400

never really know what's going to happen

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00:05:20,550 --> 00:05:19,039

and there are you know long periods of

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00:05:21,990 --> 00:05:20,560

doing a lot of other things and then

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00:05:24,070 --> 00:05:22,000

there are these short periods of

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00:05:26,790 --> 00:05:24,080

activity where

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00:05:27,909 --> 00:05:26,800

in in retrospect seem to stretch on for

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00:05:30,950 --> 00:05:27,919

long periods of time

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00:05:31,909 --> 00:05:30,960

if that makes sense at all those bigger

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00:05:34,710 --> 00:05:31,919
moments

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00:05:36,230 --> 00:05:34,720
do seem to slow down in time but as a

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00:05:38,629 --> 00:05:36,240
woman

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00:05:39,590 --> 00:05:38,639
probably not that much different i don't

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00:05:43,029 --> 00:05:39,600
know

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00:05:45,189 --> 00:05:43,039
of my

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00:05:46,550 --> 00:05:45,199
male battle buddies they would have said

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00:05:47,749 --> 00:05:46,560
you know thank god i was a man it was

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00:05:48,950 --> 00:05:47,759
much easier

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00:05:50,870 --> 00:05:48,960
i don't know if that would have been the

161
00:05:53,189 --> 00:05:50,880
case at all actually

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00:05:54,070 --> 00:05:53,199
nobody wants to get hurt nobody wants to

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00:05:56,469 --> 00:05:54,080

be captured

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00:05:58,150 --> 00:05:56,479

nobody wants to die everybody wants to

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00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:58,160

make sure that their buddies okay

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00:06:02,070 --> 00:06:01,280

that's probably uh the number one fear

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00:06:04,469 --> 00:06:02,080

is

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00:06:06,230 --> 00:06:04,479

making sure you take care of the person

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00:06:09,110 --> 00:06:06,240

you're kind of entrusted to drive with

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00:06:10,629 --> 00:06:09,120

be with be a battle buddy too how would

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00:06:13,830 --> 00:06:10,639

you describe the morale

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00:06:15,430 --> 00:06:13,840

of our troops in iraqi freedom did

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00:06:18,309 --> 00:06:15,440

the people you know obviously it's soon

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00:06:21,350 --> 00:06:18,319

after 9 11 there's a lot of patriotism

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00:06:23,670 --> 00:06:21,360

uh in the wake of 9 11 um

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00:06:24,710 --> 00:06:23,680

we invaded afghanistan and everybody

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00:06:28,230 --> 00:06:24,720

thought that that

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00:06:31,110 --> 00:06:28,240

was a natural outgrowth of

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00:06:32,070 --> 00:06:31,120

since we had to go get al qaeda and then

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00:06:35,350 --> 00:06:32,080

iraq

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00:06:36,309 --> 00:06:35,360

kind of fell in next in line sort of

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00:06:37,990 --> 00:06:36,319

being brought into

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00:06:39,430 --> 00:06:38,000

the war on terror even though there was

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00:06:40,550 --> 00:06:39,440

a lot of debate as to whether they

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00:06:42,550 --> 00:06:40,560

really

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00:06:44,070 --> 00:06:42,560

were someone that we should be fighting

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00:06:46,550 --> 00:06:44,080

in a war on terror

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00:06:47,590 --> 00:06:46,560

um would you say that the morale was

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00:06:50,390 --> 00:06:47,600

very high among

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00:06:52,469 --> 00:06:50,400

everyone there that we were there for

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00:06:55,909 --> 00:06:52,479

the right cause

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00:06:58,309 --> 00:06:55,919

i think it was for us at the time

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00:07:00,710 --> 00:06:58,319

i think for people who went back for

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00:07:03,350 --> 00:07:00,720

subsequent tours

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00:07:05,670 --> 00:07:03,360

probably don't have that same experience

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00:07:07,749 --> 00:07:05,680

again and again because

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00:07:09,589 --> 00:07:07,759

you know i think that first tour was was

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00:07:11,110 --> 00:07:09,599

really hard it was really long it was

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00:07:14,150 --> 00:07:11,120

400 days

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00:07:16,070 --> 00:07:14,160

uh so i think going back to the same

201
00:07:17,830 --> 00:07:16,080
space

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00:07:19,510 --> 00:07:17,840
maybe seeing that not much more had been

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00:07:19,990 --> 00:07:19,520
accomplished not much more land had been

204
00:07:22,309 --> 00:07:20,000
held

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00:07:23,110 --> 00:07:22,319
not much more peace had been restored

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00:07:24,870 --> 00:07:23,120
not much more

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00:07:26,070 --> 00:07:24,880
clean water was available for the people

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00:07:26,950 --> 00:07:26,080
there who were just trying to live their

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00:07:28,309 --> 00:07:26,960
day-to-day

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00:07:30,070 --> 00:07:28,319
there wasn't any work for anybody

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00:07:31,670 --> 00:07:30,080
because there was a war going on

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00:07:33,430 --> 00:07:31,680
so people were hungry they didn't have

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00:07:34,469 --> 00:07:33,440

shelter as far as the civilian

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00:07:35,909 --> 00:07:34,479

population there

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00:07:38,390 --> 00:07:35,919

i think at some point that does really

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00:07:39,510 --> 00:07:38,400

get disheartening but initially

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00:07:41,430 --> 00:07:39,520

especially because i was there when

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00:07:43,350 --> 00:07:41,440

saddam hussein was captured

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00:07:46,469 --> 00:07:43,360

you know i think there was a lot of uh

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00:07:49,909 --> 00:07:46,479

pride and patriotism and and camaraderie

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00:07:52,950 --> 00:07:49,919

among us and there there wasn't

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00:07:55,189 --> 00:07:52,960

any divisiveness as far as

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00:07:58,070 --> 00:07:55,199

why we were there or any political

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00:07:59,670 --> 00:07:58,080

aspect of it i think mostly because we

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00:08:01,430 --> 00:07:59,680

all joined

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00:08:03,270 --> 00:08:01,440
for the most part for the right reasons

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00:08:04,869 --> 00:08:03,280
and we all joined knowingly

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00:08:07,430 --> 00:08:04,879
might be called to do something just

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00:08:09,510 --> 00:08:07,440
like that so it wasn't

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00:08:11,430 --> 00:08:09,520
unexpected i think we were actually

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00:08:15,670 --> 00:08:11,440
ready to go do the job

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00:08:19,830 --> 00:08:18,950
so yeah i mean we deposed saddam very

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00:08:22,309 --> 00:08:19,840
quickly

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00:08:23,990 --> 00:08:22,319
right so that part of the war was over

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00:08:24,790 --> 00:08:24,000
very quickly but then it was dealing

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00:08:27,749 --> 00:08:24,800
with

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00:08:28,390 --> 00:08:27,759
i guess insurgents uh kind of an

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00:08:31,430 --> 00:08:28,400

internal

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00:08:34,630 --> 00:08:31,440

civil war that essentially broke out

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00:08:35,589 --> 00:08:34,640

with a vacuum of power right and

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00:08:37,829 --> 00:08:35,599

actually when

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00:08:39,589 --> 00:08:37,839

saddam hussein was captured we all

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00:08:42,149 --> 00:08:39,599

thought we were going home

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00:08:43,670 --> 00:08:42,159

we were all like hooray it's over we

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00:08:47,110 --> 00:08:43,680

didn't have any idea that

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00:08:50,389 --> 00:08:47,120

that was really just the beginning of

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00:08:52,630 --> 00:08:50,399

what was going to be going on there that

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00:08:55,030 --> 00:08:52,640

you know him being out of power in that

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00:08:56,790 --> 00:08:55,040

moment wasn't going to solve

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00:08:59,430 --> 00:08:56,800

the long-standing problems for

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00:09:00,949 --> 00:08:59,440

governance and uh

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00:09:02,710 --> 00:09:00,959

all of the social and economic problems

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00:09:04,150 --> 00:09:02,720

for the people there that yes

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00:09:06,150 --> 00:09:04,160

other terrorists would come in and fill

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00:09:07,509 --> 00:09:06,160

that space or

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00:09:09,509 --> 00:09:07,519

you know people just didn't have any

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00:09:13,590 --> 00:09:09,519

autonomy or right to

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00:09:15,030 --> 00:09:13,600

work to move to another town to uh

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00:09:16,870 --> 00:09:15,040

because of all the other cultural

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00:09:18,790 --> 00:09:16,880

factors so

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00:09:20,550 --> 00:09:18,800

yeah i mean i think it was a surprise to

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00:09:22,310 --> 00:09:20,560

a lot of us but we were probably naive

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00:09:24,150 --> 00:09:22,320

yeah yeah so you were there when he was

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00:09:25,990 --> 00:09:24,160

captured yeah

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00:09:27,269 --> 00:09:26,000

and that must have been quite a party

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00:09:29,030 --> 00:09:27,279

that night

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00:09:31,269 --> 00:09:29,040

it really was i mean we all kind of

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00:09:35,110 --> 00:09:31,279

heard the news break out through our

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00:09:36,949 --> 00:09:35,120

radio channels and it was

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00:09:39,190 --> 00:09:36,959

we literally thought we were all going

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00:09:41,990 --> 00:09:39,200

home we thought the wall was over

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00:09:43,590 --> 00:09:42,000

yeah and um wasn't and then he was hung

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00:09:46,949 --> 00:09:43,600

in like the public square wasn't he

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00:09:50,070 --> 00:09:46,959

yeah that i didn't see yeah

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00:09:50,790 --> 00:09:50,080

crazy so and then how much longer were

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00:09:55,350 --> 00:09:50,800

you

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00:09:59,350 --> 00:09:55,360

still there after they captured saddam

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00:10:03,030 --> 00:09:59,360

until uh the spring of the next year

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00:10:06,710 --> 00:10:03,040

so actually quite a long time

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00:10:09,670 --> 00:10:06,720

before we handed our space at al assad

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00:10:13,110 --> 00:10:09,680

in kind of that northwest corner over to

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00:10:14,470 --> 00:10:13,120

a marine infantry unit who took over the

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00:10:17,670 --> 00:10:14,480

operations

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00:10:20,949 --> 00:10:17,680

so already you were seeing things

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00:10:24,470 --> 00:10:20,959

dragging on and on and on and and

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00:10:27,829 --> 00:10:24,480

not being a smooth transition so was it

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00:10:31,990 --> 00:10:27,839

starting to wear on your and your

288

00:10:34,310 --> 00:10:32,000

and everyone else's morale at that point

289

00:10:36,870 --> 00:10:34,320

kind of realizing that this thing is not

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00:10:39,190 --> 00:10:36,880

going to end anytime soon

291

00:10:40,710 --> 00:10:39,200

well i think so uh i think that seemed

292

00:10:42,949 --> 00:10:40,720

to be a big part of the mission

293

00:10:44,470 --> 00:10:42,959

originally was that was you know

294

00:10:45,509 --> 00:10:44,480

capturing him and some of the other key

295

00:10:48,630 --> 00:10:45,519

leaders

296

00:10:52,310 --> 00:10:48,640

in his government seemed to be the focus

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00:10:54,310 --> 00:10:52,320

uh so once that was over yeah i mean i

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00:10:55,910 --> 00:10:54,320

i know that we expected to have a

299

00:10:57,030 --> 00:10:55,920

different sort of a transition we had a

300

00:10:59,590 --> 00:10:57,040

few other

301
00:11:01,269 --> 00:10:59,600
uh operations that were related to what

302
00:11:03,350 --> 00:11:01,279
we were doing that we were supporting as

303
00:11:05,190 --> 00:11:03,360
far as training police officers

304
00:11:06,949 --> 00:11:05,200
as far as training some of the iraqi

305
00:11:08,870 --> 00:11:06,959
guard uh

306
00:11:10,630 --> 00:11:08,880
holding prisoners and other things

307
00:11:14,150 --> 00:11:10,640
related to the security and

308
00:11:19,030 --> 00:11:14,160
the turnover uh and those were

309
00:11:20,870 --> 00:11:19,040
noticeably unsuccessful to us i think so

310
00:11:22,389 --> 00:11:20,880
i don't i don't know that we really

311
00:11:25,110 --> 00:11:22,399
talked about it at the time because at

312
00:11:28,069 --> 00:11:25,120
the time it was just

313
00:11:29,509 --> 00:11:28,079

we were it was very much the now looking

314

00:11:31,350 --> 00:11:29,519

back

315

00:11:32,710 --> 00:11:31,360

yeah i think we were we were getting

316

00:11:35,590 --> 00:11:32,720

tired uh

317

00:11:37,910 --> 00:11:35,600

being deployed for close to a year plus

318

00:11:39,750 --> 00:11:37,920

the bookends of you know going over and

319

00:11:41,590 --> 00:11:39,760

coming home and debriefing that that's a

320

00:11:44,630 --> 00:11:41,600

long time

321

00:11:46,710 --> 00:11:44,640

and what about fighting uh terrorism you

322

00:11:49,750 --> 00:11:46,720

had al-qaeda in iraq

323

00:11:53,030 --> 00:11:49,760

later became isis was that

324

00:11:54,389 --> 00:11:53,040

something that really was a big focus

325

00:11:58,310 --> 00:11:54,399

that you guys were trying to keep that

326

00:11:58,320 --> 00:12:01,990

as far as what we were doing

327

00:12:05,590 --> 00:12:04,310

really supporting you know the war we

328

00:12:06,389 --> 00:12:05,600

were attached to the third armored

329

00:12:09,430 --> 00:12:06,399

cavalry

330

00:12:12,389 --> 00:12:09,440

so we were attached to you know the

331

00:12:13,190 --> 00:12:12,399

abrams tankers the bradleys and the

332

00:12:14,790 --> 00:12:13,200

apaches

333

00:12:16,310 --> 00:12:14,800

and we were the support function for

334

00:12:19,590 --> 00:12:16,320

them

335

00:12:21,430 --> 00:12:19,600

through their checkpoints their raids uh

336

00:12:23,509 --> 00:12:21,440

the gathering of their intelligence the

337

00:12:26,550 --> 00:12:23,519

collecting of weapons all of

338

00:12:28,230 --> 00:12:26,560

what they were doing yeah i think that

339

00:12:31,350 --> 00:12:28,240

that was their that was the primary

340

00:12:33,110 --> 00:12:31,360

mission and

341

00:12:35,750 --> 00:12:33,120

you know i just it just seemed like

342

00:12:38,310 --> 00:12:35,760

endless yeah there was always

343

00:12:39,590 --> 00:12:38,320

somebody else filling that space and

344

00:12:41,190 --> 00:12:39,600

whether they could be described as

345

00:12:42,310 --> 00:12:41,200

somebody connected to one of those

346

00:12:45,030 --> 00:12:42,320

groups or

347

00:12:45,590 --> 00:12:45,040

otherwise somewhat random or that was

348

00:12:47,670 --> 00:12:45,600

hard

349

00:12:51,590 --> 00:12:47,680

for us to know because there was

350

00:12:53,910 --> 00:12:51,600

definitely a variety of threats i'd say

351
00:12:55,670 --> 00:12:53,920
and then you know it stretches on and on

352
00:12:58,550 --> 00:12:55,680
and then obama came in

353
00:12:59,110 --> 00:12:58,560
and basically pulled us entirely out of

354
00:13:00,629 --> 00:12:59,120
iraq

355
00:13:02,069 --> 00:13:00,639
which obvi you know a lot of people

356
00:13:02,629 --> 00:13:02,079
questioned that move because then it

357
00:13:05,430 --> 00:13:02,639
seemed

358
00:13:07,350 --> 00:13:05,440
that isis really took hold after that

359
00:13:08,710 --> 00:13:07,360
move did you have any thoughts

360
00:13:10,470 --> 00:13:08,720
about that was having as somebody who

361
00:13:12,870 --> 00:13:10,480
had spent over a year there

362
00:13:15,590 --> 00:13:12,880
and to see us arguably abandon the

363
00:13:20,150 --> 00:13:18,470

i think that's that's mixed a mixed bag

364

00:13:21,990 --> 00:13:20,160

for me because

365

00:13:23,350 --> 00:13:22,000

kind of there's there's two competing

366

00:13:25,670 --> 00:13:23,360

things one

367

00:13:28,710 --> 00:13:25,680

of course any of this the space that was

368

00:13:30,790 --> 00:13:28,720

hard won and i mean hard one with blood

369

00:13:32,949 --> 00:13:30,800

you don't want to give it back you want

370

00:13:35,030 --> 00:13:32,959

to make sure that that

371

00:13:36,949 --> 00:13:35,040

has the right transition into what it

372

00:13:39,350 --> 00:13:36,959

was you hoped for it to be

373

00:13:41,189 --> 00:13:39,360

but at the same time some of the people

374

00:13:42,069 --> 00:13:41,199

who didn't get out after that deployment

375

00:13:49,189 --> 00:13:42,079

who went back

376

00:13:50,949 --> 00:13:49,199

four or five times i mean it devastated

377

00:13:52,710 --> 00:13:50,959

a lot of families too so without a

378

00:13:54,389 --> 00:13:52,720

larger pool of people

379

00:13:55,829 --> 00:13:54,399

who are willing to stand up and say hey

380

00:13:57,509 --> 00:13:55,839

you know what i believe in this too i

381

00:13:58,710 --> 00:13:57,519

want to be a part of it i want to join

382

00:14:00,389 --> 00:13:58,720

the military

383

00:14:01,829 --> 00:14:00,399

i want to be the next one on that

384

00:14:02,949 --> 00:14:01,839

deployment without a larger pool of

385

00:14:04,629 --> 00:14:02,959

those people

386

00:14:06,150 --> 00:14:04,639

i think it was taking a toll on the

387

00:14:09,030 --> 00:14:06,160

existing force

388

00:14:11,030 --> 00:14:09,040

and so what i didn't want to see was the

389

00:14:12,949 --> 00:14:11,040

force get so

390

00:14:14,550 --> 00:14:12,959

worn down so tired have so much

391

00:14:16,069 --> 00:14:14,560

attrition because after about the third

392

00:14:17,829 --> 00:14:16,079

deployment for most people people

393

00:14:20,550 --> 00:14:17,839

were starting to get out then you're

394

00:14:23,910 --> 00:14:20,560

replacing all this combat experience

395

00:14:25,990 --> 00:14:23,920

with brand new people because

396

00:14:27,590 --> 00:14:26,000

there wasn't enough rest time or you

397

00:14:29,269 --> 00:14:27,600

know in between somebody knew they were

398

00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:29,279

going to go back in a year so

399

00:14:32,389 --> 00:14:30,959

you know those two things are definitely

400

00:14:33,990 --> 00:14:32,399

competing

401

00:14:35,990 --> 00:14:34,000

i hate to see everybody pull out right

402

00:14:38,550 --> 00:14:36,000

away but at the same time

403

00:14:39,990 --> 00:14:38,560

hate to see the same people go back yeah

404

00:14:42,470 --> 00:14:40,000

a lot of that is kind of captured in

405

00:14:46,389 --> 00:14:42,480

american sniper which i assume you

406

00:14:49,990 --> 00:14:46,399

saw because uh he he was on multiple

407

00:14:50,470 --> 00:14:50,000

assignments and also you see them taking

408

00:14:52,790 --> 00:14:50,480

very

409

00:14:53,910 --> 00:14:52,800

as you say hard-fought ground i i think

410

00:14:56,870 --> 00:14:53,920

his fallujah was

411

00:14:57,269 --> 00:14:56,880

his major battle that's kind of there

412

00:15:00,230 --> 00:14:57,279

and

413

00:15:00,710 --> 00:15:00,240

it you know as you're watching the movie

414

00:15:02,069 --> 00:15:00,720

by that

415

00:15:04,310 --> 00:15:02,079

by the time the movie had come out i

416

00:15:06,230 --> 00:15:04,320

believe we had already left iraq and

417

00:15:07,350 --> 00:15:06,240

it had fallen back into isis hand so

418

00:15:08,870 --> 00:15:07,360

you're watching this movie you think oh

419

00:15:12,150 --> 00:15:08,880

my gosh this is

420

00:15:13,670 --> 00:15:12,160

so sad to see our soldiers dying

421

00:15:15,350 --> 00:15:13,680

to gain this land and then to know that

422

00:15:17,829 --> 00:15:15,360

we just abandoned it

423

00:15:19,269 --> 00:15:17,839

later but we also see the point that

424

00:15:21,910 --> 00:15:19,279

you're making which is that

425

00:15:22,629 --> 00:15:21,920

these guys were under major strain going

426

00:15:27,110 --> 00:15:22,639

on

427

00:15:30,150 --> 00:15:27,120

saw that same thing

428

00:15:31,509 --> 00:15:30,160

uh on tv when isis started coming back

429

00:15:33,990 --> 00:15:31,519

into northern iraq

430

00:15:35,590 --> 00:15:34,000

the same road i drove the same place

431

00:15:36,629 --> 00:15:35,600

where i could have stopped at a roadside

432

00:15:38,629 --> 00:15:36,639

stand and bought

433

00:15:39,829 --> 00:15:38,639

a tomato or a date if i would have

434

00:15:43,430 --> 00:15:39,839

wanted to or a block of

435

00:15:47,269 --> 00:15:43,440

ice that was relatively controlled space

436

00:15:51,110 --> 00:15:47,279

never really safe but to watch the

437

00:15:52,949 --> 00:15:51,120

insurgents roll down that uh

438

00:15:54,790 --> 00:15:52,959

that was just an unbelievable feeling to

439

00:15:55,189 --> 00:15:54,800

think wow that's that's where that's at

440

00:15:57,749 --> 00:15:55,199

now

441

00:16:00,150 --> 00:15:57,759

that it was sad to see yeah and then

442

00:16:03,430 --> 00:16:00,160

iran of course pours in

443

00:16:03,910 --> 00:16:03,440

to the country and um as it stands right

444

00:16:08,470 --> 00:16:03,920

now

445

00:16:11,350 --> 00:16:08,480

um i imagine still in quite a state of

446

00:16:12,790 --> 00:16:11,360

quite a mess still in iraq yeah well

447

00:16:16,470 --> 00:16:12,800

absolutely

448

00:16:20,069 --> 00:16:17,829

with the kind of the makeup of the

449

00:16:22,069 --> 00:16:20,079

country and the way that the

450

00:16:23,509 --> 00:16:22,079

you know cultural groups interact or

451
00:16:26,230 --> 00:16:23,519
don't uh

452
00:16:28,710 --> 00:16:26,240
with the way that the provincial leaders

453
00:16:30,949 --> 00:16:28,720
interact or don't and i think that was

454
00:16:31,829 --> 00:16:30,959
that makes governing the country a

455
00:16:33,509 --> 00:16:31,839
challenge

456
00:16:34,870 --> 00:16:33,519
uh and and that was something i think we

457
00:16:36,470 --> 00:16:34,880
realized when we were looking at

458
00:16:39,990 --> 00:16:36,480
training

459
00:16:42,790 --> 00:16:40,000
some of the iraq iraqi guard to start to

460
00:16:45,269 --> 00:16:42,800
take over posts or take over checkpoints

461
00:16:46,629 --> 00:16:45,279
and that was you can gather up people

462
00:16:47,749 --> 00:16:46,639
from different tribes in different

463
00:16:49,189 --> 00:16:47,759

provinces

464

00:16:50,790 --> 00:16:49,199

put them together in one place for a

465

00:16:51,670 --> 00:16:50,800

single training and then put them back

466

00:16:53,350 --> 00:16:51,680

out into

467

00:16:55,030 --> 00:16:53,360

areas that they weren't used to living

468

00:16:55,749 --> 00:16:55,040

in because they don't function that way

469

00:16:59,110 --> 00:16:55,759

and so

470

00:17:01,030 --> 00:16:59,120

there were a lot of errors there

471

00:17:02,150 --> 00:17:01,040

in us believing that doing it that way

472

00:17:03,590 --> 00:17:02,160

was actually going to control the

473

00:17:05,029 --> 00:17:03,600

country in a way that

474

00:17:08,230 --> 00:17:05,039

you know maybe would work in a lot of

475

00:17:10,230 --> 00:17:08,240

other places they didn't work there

476
00:17:12,710 --> 00:17:10,240
so i can't imagine there's a lot of

477
00:17:15,189 --> 00:17:12,720
women in the iraqi army

478
00:17:16,789 --> 00:17:15,199
i'm going to guess zero i wouldn't think

479
00:17:18,710 --> 00:17:16,799
so yeah

480
00:17:19,990 --> 00:17:18,720
did you have any interesting

481
00:17:21,669 --> 00:17:20,000
interactions with

482
00:17:24,309 --> 00:17:21,679
your iraqi counterparts considering that

483
00:17:28,069 --> 00:17:26,710
really just some of the school teachers

484
00:17:31,750 --> 00:17:28,079
uh

485
00:17:32,870 --> 00:17:31,760
one of the jobs we had kind of on a

486
00:17:35,190 --> 00:17:32,880
civil operation

487
00:17:37,350 --> 00:17:35,200
was to you know spend some time in the

488
00:17:40,630 --> 00:17:37,360

community

489

00:17:43,669 --> 00:17:40,640

and give people some assurance that

490

00:17:45,990 --> 00:17:43,679

there would be some business as usual

491

00:17:47,909 --> 00:17:46,000

whatever that was and and where i was

492

00:17:49,590 --> 00:17:47,919

that was opening a school back up

493

00:17:50,950 --> 00:17:49,600

that had been closed while saddam

494

00:17:53,110 --> 00:17:50,960

hussein was in power

495

00:17:54,789 --> 00:17:53,120

that had previously been a girls school

496

00:17:56,549 --> 00:17:54,799

and so the school was opened back up

497

00:17:57,830 --> 00:17:56,559

and we were there to kind of guard it

498

00:18:01,350 --> 00:17:57,840

and check in

499

00:18:04,470 --> 00:18:01,360

and have afternoon tea and

500

00:18:06,230 --> 00:18:04,480

just to watch the women do you know what

501
00:18:09,190 --> 00:18:06,240
they do to teach there i know we talk a

502
00:18:12,830 --> 00:18:09,200
lot about teachers here teaching there

503
00:18:14,310 --> 00:18:12,840
i gotta hand it to them it's very

504
00:18:17,430 --> 00:18:14,320
dangerous

505
00:18:19,190 --> 00:18:17,440
and they have very little resources

506
00:18:20,630 --> 00:18:19,200
you know there's no electricity in these

507
00:18:23,830 --> 00:18:20,640
buildings there's no school lunch

508
00:18:25,590 --> 00:18:23,840
there's no materials

509
00:18:27,510 --> 00:18:25,600
and they just kind of lecture and talk

510
00:18:30,789 --> 00:18:27,520
about what they do

511
00:18:33,190 --> 00:18:30,799
but they they were very very hesitant

512
00:18:33,830 --> 00:18:33,200
to interact with us it was it was very

513
00:18:37,669 --> 00:18:33,840

much

514

00:18:39,510 --> 00:18:37,679

head down eyes down uh because the fear

515

00:18:41,669 --> 00:18:39,520

you know especially after desert storm a

516

00:18:44,150 --> 00:18:41,679

lot of the women old enough to remember

517

00:18:46,230 --> 00:18:44,160

as adults would know that you know

518

00:18:48,150 --> 00:18:46,240

getting on the side of america today

519

00:18:50,230 --> 00:18:48,160

may not help you tomorrow it depends on

520

00:18:52,310 --> 00:18:50,240

what we do and if we leave

521

00:18:54,390 --> 00:18:52,320

that was a bad move and so they were

522

00:18:55,510 --> 00:18:54,400

very fearful to trust and openly show

523

00:18:58,710 --> 00:18:55,520

trust

524

00:19:00,070 --> 00:18:58,720

uh toward us yeah that's

525

00:19:01,270 --> 00:19:00,080

certainly i'm sure a challenge we have

526

00:19:03,350 --> 00:19:01,280

there and we're dealing with in

527

00:19:06,630 --> 00:19:03,360

afghanistan right now where

528

00:19:09,190 --> 00:19:06,640

we're always saying we're leaving soon

529

00:19:10,710 --> 00:19:09,200

and it's like okay i guess you're saying

530

00:19:11,909 --> 00:19:10,720

that to the american public who's

531

00:19:15,190 --> 00:19:11,919

getting tired of the war

532

00:19:17,350 --> 00:19:15,200

but letting your supporters in that

533

00:19:20,070 --> 00:19:17,360

country know that you're leaving soon

534

00:19:20,870 --> 00:19:20,080

and letting the adversary know that

535

00:19:24,549 --> 00:19:20,880

doesn't seem like

536

00:19:26,950 --> 00:19:24,559

it's very wise yeah it does put them in

537

00:19:30,549 --> 00:19:26,960

a predicament if there's no safeguard

538

00:19:32,390 --> 00:19:30,559

after we're gone for them to either and

539

00:19:32,950 --> 00:19:32,400

no infrastructure for them to continue

540

00:19:34,710 --> 00:19:32,960

on in

541

00:19:36,070 --> 00:19:34,720

in what it was we were trying to do if

542

00:19:37,590 --> 00:19:36,080

there isn't a government

543

00:19:39,270 --> 00:19:37,600

that's going to provide some protection

544

00:19:42,230 --> 00:19:39,280

if there isn't you know

545

00:19:43,909 --> 00:19:42,240

economy and and that's really a lot of

546

00:19:46,710 --> 00:19:43,919

what the fight is going to

547

00:19:47,590 --> 00:19:46,720

be over is resources as long as the

548

00:19:49,590 --> 00:19:47,600

people are poor

549

00:19:51,590 --> 00:19:49,600

and starving they can be very easy to

550

00:19:54,789 --> 00:19:51,600

control

551
00:19:56,230 --> 00:19:54,799
so uh well before we get to the more the

552
00:19:59,270 --> 00:19:56,240
women's issues

553
00:20:02,390 --> 00:19:59,280
tell us about your experience with ptsd

554
00:20:05,510 --> 00:20:02,400
do you feel you suffered from it and

555
00:20:07,909 --> 00:20:05,520
perhaps some of your fellow service

556
00:20:14,870 --> 00:20:12,390
no absolutely uh and i think initially

557
00:20:15,510 --> 00:20:14,880
uh since we were in one of the earlier

558
00:20:19,029 --> 00:20:15,520
waves

559
00:20:21,430 --> 00:20:19,039
of uh being in the middle east

560
00:20:23,350 --> 00:20:21,440
as as much as we hear about it now and

561
00:20:24,870 --> 00:20:23,360
as much as we look back and think about

562
00:20:26,310 --> 00:20:24,880
previous conflicts and i've always been

563
00:20:28,870 --> 00:20:26,320

able to identify

564

00:20:29,909 --> 00:20:28,880

what ptsd is no matter what you call it

565

00:20:31,750 --> 00:20:29,919

uh there's still

566

00:20:34,149 --> 00:20:31,760

there's enough there wasn't very good

567

00:20:36,070 --> 00:20:34,159

recognition of it then at the time and i

568

00:20:38,950 --> 00:20:36,080

don't think there was for a lot of us

569

00:20:39,909 --> 00:20:38,960

in ourselves because it's something that

570

00:20:42,950 --> 00:20:39,919

happened

571

00:20:44,710 --> 00:20:42,960

over a period of time

572

00:20:46,390 --> 00:20:44,720

that we learned to deal and cope with in

573

00:20:48,470 --> 00:20:46,400

a particular environment and then we

574

00:20:51,430 --> 00:20:48,480

just changed environments and i think

575

00:20:52,549 --> 00:20:51,440

initially we thought everything that we

576

00:20:55,669 --> 00:20:52,559

were doing at the time was

577

00:20:57,270 --> 00:20:55,679

normal quote unquote normal and

578

00:20:58,950 --> 00:20:57,280

whatever wasn't was going to change when

579

00:21:00,710 --> 00:20:58,960

the environment changed you come home

580

00:21:02,549 --> 00:21:00,720

there's no threats

581

00:21:04,310 --> 00:21:02,559

everything's going to be fine it doesn't

582

00:21:06,710 --> 00:21:04,320

just doesn't work that way

583

00:21:09,270 --> 00:21:06,720

all that experience and all that time

584

00:21:10,950 --> 00:21:09,280

does do some hard wiring of the brain

585

00:21:12,549 --> 00:21:10,960

and coming home and changing that

586

00:21:14,549 --> 00:21:12,559

environment all that programming is

587

00:21:17,590 --> 00:21:14,559

still there so there's some

588

00:21:19,590 --> 00:21:17,600

some work that has to be done uh for me

589

00:21:21,510 --> 00:21:19,600

a lot of work that had to be done to

590

00:21:23,190 --> 00:21:21,520

reprogram that to believe that

591

00:21:25,669 --> 00:21:23,200

seriously no one was going to be around

592

00:21:29,029 --> 00:21:25,679

the next corner looking to kill me

593

00:21:30,950 --> 00:21:29,039

that i didn't have to check a roof or

594

00:21:32,310 --> 00:21:30,960

any of those things that just became a

595

00:21:33,669 --> 00:21:32,320

part of my day-to-day because if i

596

00:21:34,549 --> 00:21:33,679

didn't do it something terrible could

597

00:21:37,430 --> 00:21:34,559

happen

598

00:21:39,350 --> 00:21:37,440

so i really had to rethink uh and go

599

00:21:39,750 --> 00:21:39,360

through that story and spend some time

600

00:21:42,950 --> 00:21:39,760

just

601
00:21:44,950 --> 00:21:42,960
getting back to a thought process that

602
00:21:46,789 --> 00:21:44,960
was going to work when i was back home

603
00:21:48,070 --> 00:21:46,799
which isn't something you normally have

604
00:21:49,830 --> 00:21:48,080
to think about unless you have that

605
00:21:53,110 --> 00:21:49,840
experience

606
00:21:54,710 --> 00:21:53,120
so other than constantly being on edge

607
00:21:56,549 --> 00:21:54,720
and as you said kind of have to be

608
00:21:58,549 --> 00:21:56,559
deprogrammed but were there

609
00:21:59,830 --> 00:21:58,559
more severe symptoms that you had also

610
00:22:01,590 --> 00:21:59,840
like did it bring on things like

611
00:22:05,029 --> 00:22:01,600
depression or

612
00:22:08,230 --> 00:22:05,039
absolutely absolutely uh

613
00:22:08,710 --> 00:22:08,240

just because i think a lot of people and

614

00:22:11,110 --> 00:22:08,720

i did

615

00:22:12,070 --> 00:22:11,120

just experience a lot of survival

616

00:22:15,669 --> 00:22:12,080

survivor

617

00:22:16,230 --> 00:22:15,679

guilt uh there there were people in my

618

00:22:18,710 --> 00:22:16,240

unit

619

00:22:19,350 --> 00:22:18,720

david kirkhoff and aaron sissel who died

620

00:22:29,830 --> 00:22:19,360

there

621

00:22:30,230 --> 00:22:29,840

uh it puts a lot of pressure first of

622

00:22:33,029 --> 00:22:30,240

all

623

00:22:34,230 --> 00:22:33,039

it's just a terrible sadness because you

624

00:22:37,590 --> 00:22:34,240

don't go to a funeral

625

00:22:40,149 --> 00:22:37,600

and you don't uh meet the family and if

626

00:22:41,990 --> 00:22:40,159

someone just sort of disappears and i

627

00:22:43,990 --> 00:22:42,000

think that was that's a hard way to lose

628

00:22:45,909 --> 00:22:44,000

somebody and especially for us

629

00:22:47,909 --> 00:22:45,919

at night uh when we're getting ready for

630

00:22:49,830 --> 00:22:47,919

a mission the next day

631

00:22:51,830 --> 00:22:49,840

and you hear all the intel to get ready

632

00:22:53,270 --> 00:22:51,840

for that those casualties

633

00:22:55,190 --> 00:22:53,280

and debts are just a part of the

634

00:22:55,990 --> 00:22:55,200

intelligence that you use to prepare for

635

00:22:58,870 --> 00:22:56,000

the next day

636

00:23:00,870 --> 00:22:58,880

and it just becomes a thing and i think

637

00:23:02,870 --> 00:23:00,880

when i came home

638

00:23:04,789 --> 00:23:02,880

i wanted to make sure that i finally

639

00:23:06,390 --> 00:23:04,799

gave all those moments the recognition

640

00:23:07,270 --> 00:23:06,400

that they needed they were incredibly

641

00:23:10,310 --> 00:23:07,280

sad

642

00:23:12,950 --> 00:23:10,320

they were incredibly tragic and

643

00:23:14,470 --> 00:23:12,960

i needed to finally experience that

644

00:23:16,310 --> 00:23:14,480

grief

645

00:23:18,710 --> 00:23:16,320

and then there was this pressure that

646

00:23:20,470 --> 00:23:18,720

and for them in their honor

647

00:23:23,190 --> 00:23:20,480

i need to make my life something

648

00:23:25,590 --> 00:23:23,200

important because they don't get that

649

00:23:27,029 --> 00:23:25,600

and so that that creates its own kind of

650

00:23:31,190 --> 00:23:27,039

unique pressure i think

651
00:23:37,669 --> 00:23:34,230
so um was there a treatment that you

652
00:23:41,190 --> 00:23:37,679
went through with for that i did i

653
00:23:42,630 --> 00:23:41,200
used my va did cognitive behavioral

654
00:23:46,630 --> 00:23:42,640
therapy

655
00:23:47,750 --> 00:23:46,640
uh went to a lot of veterans events

656
00:23:49,750 --> 00:23:47,760
retreats

657
00:23:51,430 --> 00:23:49,760
you know weekend events to spend some

658
00:23:54,710 --> 00:23:51,440
time uh

659
00:23:57,029 --> 00:23:54,720
openly sharing stories uh

660
00:23:57,830 --> 00:23:57,039
talking about all that there's probably

661
00:24:00,950 --> 00:23:57,840
a very

662
00:24:02,549 --> 00:24:00,960
large percentage of soldiers who don't

663
00:24:04,789 --> 00:24:02,559

seek that treatment though that

664

00:24:05,830 --> 00:24:04,799

they they don't think they need it or

665

00:24:09,510 --> 00:24:05,840

they're

666

00:24:11,909 --> 00:24:09,520

what have you

667

00:24:13,510 --> 00:24:11,919

absolutely no absolutely there are there

668

00:24:14,870 --> 00:24:13,520

are a lot of people who don't recognize

669

00:24:18,149 --> 00:24:14,880

it in themselves

670

00:24:20,070 --> 00:24:18,159

who have a hard time believing that if i

671

00:24:21,510 --> 00:24:20,080

talk about this or tell this story or do

672

00:24:22,710 --> 00:24:21,520

this thing now how's that going to

673

00:24:25,269 --> 00:24:22,720

change what happened

674

00:24:26,310 --> 00:24:25,279

well it doesn't uh it doesn't change

675

00:24:30,310 --> 00:24:26,320

what happened

676

00:24:32,950 --> 00:24:30,320

but it does uh

677

00:24:34,230 --> 00:24:32,960

it does help this it does help the story

678

00:24:36,630 --> 00:24:34,240

have some meaning

679

00:24:38,390 --> 00:24:36,640

and that meaning i think in people a lot

680

00:24:40,070 --> 00:24:38,400

of times they find their purpose

681

00:24:42,149 --> 00:24:40,080

and then it just stops being a dead end

682

00:24:42,870 --> 00:24:42,159

road i think the normal progression of

683

00:24:44,390 --> 00:24:42,880

thoughts

684

00:24:46,470 --> 00:24:44,400

when i was very depressed about it was

685

00:24:48,070 --> 00:24:46,480

just it was absolutely terrible and

686

00:24:51,110 --> 00:24:48,080

nothing's ever going to change it

687

00:24:53,190 --> 00:24:51,120

that's true so i do think you have to

688

00:24:54,630 --> 00:24:53,200

find a way to turn that around and i

689

00:24:58,149 --> 00:24:54,640

think that

690

00:25:00,070 --> 00:24:58,159

that kind of talk therapy and

691

00:25:02,710 --> 00:25:00,080

storytelling and spending time with

692

00:25:04,950 --> 00:25:02,720

veterans and

693

00:25:07,269 --> 00:25:04,960

kind of relieving that burden or sharing

694

00:25:09,190 --> 00:25:07,279

it i think it helps

695

00:25:11,430 --> 00:25:09,200

and i tell people all the time who say

696

00:25:14,149 --> 00:25:11,440

but i tried it it didn't work

697

00:25:15,909 --> 00:25:14,159

try something else you just have to keep

698

00:25:17,269 --> 00:25:15,919

trying because at the point where you

699

00:25:19,110 --> 00:25:17,279

stop trying

700

00:25:21,590 --> 00:25:19,120

that's where i think the hopelessness

701

00:25:23,909 --> 00:25:21,600

sets in that's where

702

00:25:25,269 --> 00:25:23,919

the downward spiral starts and then

703

00:25:25,990 --> 00:25:25,279

that's where you really get into the

704

00:25:29,510 --> 00:25:26,000

places where

705

00:25:32,870 --> 00:25:29,520

you know suicide becomes a real concern

706

00:25:35,909 --> 00:25:32,880

and it has been for veterans uh

707

00:25:39,590 --> 00:25:35,919

yeah joblessness homelessness and

708

00:25:40,950 --> 00:25:39,600

suicides yeah absolutely and

709

00:25:43,110 --> 00:25:40,960

you know part of it again is captured in

710

00:25:46,230 --> 00:25:43,120

the film where

711

00:25:47,750 --> 00:25:46,240

you you come back and there's

712

00:25:49,669 --> 00:25:47,760

first of all you don't have the adrenal

713

00:25:53,110 --> 00:25:49,679

adrenaline rush that you've got

714

00:25:55,990 --> 00:25:53,120

in the combat zone um you also have

715

00:25:57,590 --> 00:25:56,000

nothing is life or death when you're

716

00:25:59,750 --> 00:25:57,600

back home

717

00:26:01,110 --> 00:25:59,760

and you've got friends that you've lost

718

00:26:04,630 --> 00:26:01,120

there you've got friends that are still

719

00:26:06,549 --> 00:26:04,640

serving there and it's very hard

720

00:26:08,230 --> 00:26:06,559

to adjust mentally to the idea that i'm

721

00:26:10,950 --> 00:26:08,240

gonna stay here in

722

00:26:12,549 --> 00:26:10,960

this simple life while their lives are

723

00:26:15,590 --> 00:26:12,559

still on the line

724

00:26:17,110 --> 00:26:15,600

i absolutely had feelings that i wanted

725

00:26:19,029 --> 00:26:17,120

to go back right away

726

00:26:21,029 --> 00:26:19,039

wanted to go back want to go back in

727

00:26:24,070 --> 00:26:21,039

wanted to go back to iraq

728

00:26:26,870 --> 00:26:24,080

still do some days which is

729

00:26:27,269 --> 00:26:26,880

just interesting to me because it there

730

00:26:29,669 --> 00:26:27,279

just

731

00:26:30,710 --> 00:26:29,679

seems to be a part of my life that's

732

00:26:31,830 --> 00:26:30,720

still there

733

00:26:34,070 --> 00:26:31,840

and there's a part of wanting to

734

00:26:34,789 --> 00:26:34,080

recapture it or relive it or understand

735

00:26:38,149 --> 00:26:34,799

it better

736

00:26:39,830 --> 00:26:38,159

there's definitely that draw that's kind

737

00:26:41,269 --> 00:26:39,840

of hard to explain

738

00:26:46,630 --> 00:26:41,279

yeah how would you try to explain that

739

00:26:50,390 --> 00:26:49,669

i don't know you know being in being in

740

00:26:52,149 --> 00:26:50,400

iraq is

741

00:26:54,710 --> 00:26:52,159

not like being in another country it's

742

00:26:56,310 --> 00:26:54,720

like being in another universe

743

00:26:58,310 --> 00:26:56,320

thing ever all the rules are different

744

00:27:01,990 --> 00:26:58,320

everything operates differently

745

00:27:03,750 --> 00:27:02,000

and i think when i first came back

746

00:27:05,990 --> 00:27:03,760

i almost just didn't understand how it

747

00:27:08,710 --> 00:27:06,000

worked to be in iowa

748

00:27:09,269 --> 00:27:08,720

i i just like for whatever reason i just

749

00:27:14,549 --> 00:27:09,279

didn't

750

00:27:16,549 --> 00:27:14,559

really angry all the time that

751
00:27:19,029 --> 00:27:16,559
somebody could have a good day that

752
00:27:21,510 --> 00:27:19,039
somebody could

753
00:27:23,110 --> 00:27:21,520
you know watch a comedy and and laugh

754
00:27:24,549 --> 00:27:23,120
when all that was going on over there

755
00:27:26,630 --> 00:27:24,559
don't you care

756
00:27:27,750 --> 00:27:26,640
because it was still very much a part of

757
00:27:31,830 --> 00:27:27,760
my

758
00:27:35,990 --> 00:27:31,840
mind uh i don't i don't know

759
00:27:40,230 --> 00:27:38,870
it is it's just a whole other experience

760
00:27:42,549 --> 00:27:40,240
i would imagine some of it

761
00:27:44,389 --> 00:27:42,559
was probably the camaraderie because

762
00:27:46,070 --> 00:27:44,399
when you are in a unit

763
00:27:47,590 --> 00:27:46,080

like that where everything is life or

764

00:27:50,070 --> 00:27:47,600

death

765

00:27:51,269 --> 00:27:50,080

right the bonding i mean i was in a

766

00:27:54,149 --> 00:27:51,279

college fraternity

767

00:27:55,510 --> 00:27:54,159

okay so i'll use that as my silly

768

00:27:57,750 --> 00:27:55,520

comparison but

769

00:27:59,269 --> 00:27:57,760

we did share a pretty significant bond

770

00:28:00,549 --> 00:27:59,279

because of the crap they make you go

771

00:28:02,549 --> 00:28:00,559

through and so on but

772

00:28:04,630 --> 00:28:02,559

so here you've got this fraternity

773

00:28:07,350 --> 00:28:04,640

that's in the real world

774

00:28:07,990 --> 00:28:07,360

with real lives on the line fighting a

775

00:28:11,029 --> 00:28:08,000

real

776

00:28:14,710 --> 00:28:11,039

important mission um and that's

777

00:28:16,310 --> 00:28:14,720

you can't replicate that anywhere

778

00:28:18,070 --> 00:28:16,320

no and i think there's a special

779

00:28:18,710 --> 00:28:18,080

challenge for people who are deployed

780

00:28:21,510 --> 00:28:18,720

out of

781

00:28:21,909 --> 00:28:21,520

the garden of reserves for that reason

782

00:28:24,470 --> 00:28:21,919

because

783

00:28:25,990 --> 00:28:24,480

active duty units come home to their

784

00:28:29,269 --> 00:28:26,000

active duty post

785

00:28:32,870 --> 00:28:29,279

and they spend time together regrouping

786

00:28:34,630 --> 00:28:32,880

retraining and and doing that as a group

787

00:28:36,789 --> 00:28:34,640

so that structure still exists when

788

00:28:37,990 --> 00:28:36,799

people come back from a deployment and

789

00:28:39,029 --> 00:28:38,000

they were in the national guard of the

790

00:28:40,389 --> 00:28:39,039

reserves

791

00:28:42,549 --> 00:28:40,399

they all dispersed back to their

792

00:28:44,470 --> 00:28:42,559

hometowns to be farmers and firefighters

793

00:28:47,669 --> 00:28:44,480

and teachers and everything else and

794

00:28:48,710 --> 00:28:47,679

they might drill on a weekend two months

795

00:28:51,350 --> 00:28:48,720

later

796

00:28:53,190 --> 00:28:51,360

and so kind of splintering apart that

797

00:28:54,870 --> 00:28:53,200

support network

798

00:28:56,389 --> 00:28:54,880

that you had in that environment i think

799

00:28:58,630 --> 00:28:56,399

that's a special challenge for guard

800

00:29:00,310 --> 00:28:58,640

people too

801
00:29:01,830 --> 00:29:00,320
it almost seems as if counseling ought

802
00:29:04,950 --> 00:29:01,840
to be mandatory

803
00:29:07,909 --> 00:29:04,960
um for people coming back i mean

804
00:29:10,830 --> 00:29:07,919
it almost seems impossible not to have

805
00:29:13,029 --> 00:29:10,840
ptsd coming back from that

806
00:29:15,110 --> 00:29:13,039
situation

807
00:29:16,630 --> 00:29:15,120
yeah no i agree with that i was in uh

808
00:29:19,110 --> 00:29:16,640
fort mccoys wisconsin

809
00:29:20,470 --> 00:29:19,120
for i think three days before i ended up

810
00:29:23,590 --> 00:29:20,480
back home

811
00:29:28,070 --> 00:29:23,600
so about a 24 hour flight

812
00:29:33,510 --> 00:29:30,710
baghdad germany maine in wisconsin and

813
00:29:35,430 --> 00:29:33,520

then three days later in my living room

814

00:29:37,110 --> 00:29:35,440

that's not the best way to do it i don't

815

00:29:38,710 --> 00:29:37,120

think i don't even know that it would be

816

00:29:39,990 --> 00:29:38,720

called counseling but there is there

817

00:29:41,590 --> 00:29:40,000

should be some

818

00:29:43,430 --> 00:29:41,600

transition time and i do think they're

819

00:29:44,789 --> 00:29:43,440

getting better at that they do recognize

820

00:29:47,830 --> 00:29:44,799

that now

821

00:29:50,149 --> 00:29:47,840

at the time when i was there honestly

822

00:29:51,669 --> 00:29:50,159

when they do do a like a fitness or an

823

00:29:55,510 --> 00:29:51,679

emotional fitness screening

824

00:29:58,470 --> 00:29:55,520

on your way out of the country and

825

00:29:58,950 --> 00:29:58,480

they just gave us the answers like don't

826

00:30:01,510 --> 00:29:58,960

answer

827

00:30:03,669 --> 00:30:01,520

number one with a or you'll end up here

828

00:30:05,350 --> 00:30:03,679

for a week talking to a shrink

829

00:30:07,430 --> 00:30:05,360

everybody wanted to go home so it's like

830

00:30:09,269 --> 00:30:07,440

one is c two is b

831

00:30:10,470 --> 00:30:09,279

you just filled it out have you ever

832

00:30:13,590 --> 00:30:10,480

wanted to kill somebody

833

00:30:15,590 --> 00:30:13,600

i don't know like when it wasn't the

834

00:30:18,950 --> 00:30:15,600

right time it wasn't the right place

835

00:30:20,070 --> 00:30:18,960

to get a get it some sort of a real

836

00:30:23,269 --> 00:30:20,080

screening

837

00:30:24,549 --> 00:30:23,279

uh so just some sort of a decompression

838

00:30:27,350 --> 00:30:24,559

time

839

00:30:29,029 --> 00:30:27,360

to normalize that as the normal

840

00:30:31,510 --> 00:30:29,039

experience of coming home from war

841

00:30:33,269 --> 00:30:31,520

in the same way that there's a ramp up

842

00:30:35,110 --> 00:30:33,279

you go somewhere else

843

00:30:37,190 --> 00:30:35,120

you do there's a battle checklist for

844

00:30:37,510 --> 00:30:37,200

your unit to be screened to be ready to

845

00:30:38,950 --> 00:30:37,520

go

846

00:30:41,909 --> 00:30:38,960

you know we spent three months at fort

847

00:30:43,750 --> 00:30:41,919

mccoy checking all those boxes

848

00:30:45,590 --> 00:30:43,760

yes everybody wants to see their family

849

00:30:46,310 --> 00:30:45,600

but get give yourself some decompression

850

00:30:49,110 --> 00:30:46,320

time

851

00:30:51,510 --> 00:30:49,120

that's at least half that long to at

852

00:30:52,950 --> 00:30:51,520

least give credit to the fact that

853

00:30:54,549 --> 00:30:52,960

when we send you home we want you to be

854

00:30:56,389 --> 00:30:54,559

successful with your family

855

00:30:57,990 --> 00:30:56,399

successful in life and we want you to

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00:30:59,029 --> 00:30:58,000

stay in the military because this was a

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00:31:00,710 --> 00:30:59,039

valuable experience

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00:31:02,630 --> 00:31:00,720

these are the experiences we actually

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00:31:04,310 --> 00:31:02,640

want military people to bring

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00:31:06,149 --> 00:31:04,320

if we ever have to get called to do

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00:31:07,590 --> 00:31:06,159

something like this again

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00:31:09,509 --> 00:31:07,600

something we've covered on the show a

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00:31:10,710 --> 00:31:09,519

few times before is a therapy called

864

00:31:13,830 --> 00:31:10,720

emdr

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00:31:15,190 --> 00:31:13,840

you ever heard of the eu have you ever

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00:31:17,350 --> 00:31:15,200

actually had it

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00:31:18,230 --> 00:31:17,360

i have not had it but i know some people

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00:31:20,950 --> 00:31:18,240

who have

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00:31:22,549 --> 00:31:20,960

and have it has been successful for them

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00:31:24,870 --> 00:31:22,559

so

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00:31:25,830 --> 00:31:24,880

that's why i i tell anybody who talks to

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00:31:27,430 --> 00:31:25,840

me about it

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00:31:29,750 --> 00:31:27,440

you know people don't know what's going

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00:31:30,230 --> 00:31:29,760

to work specifically for them speak to

875

00:31:34,549 --> 00:31:30,240

them

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00:31:36,070 --> 00:31:34,559

one of the things i'd absolutely

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00:31:37,750 --> 00:31:36,080

recommend him

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00:31:39,669 --> 00:31:37,760

yeah we've covered it both as far as

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00:31:41,029 --> 00:31:39,679

soldiers coming back and

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00:31:42,870 --> 00:31:41,039

for treatments for various things and

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00:31:46,310 --> 00:31:42,880

even for children i mean anything

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00:31:47,430 --> 00:31:46,320

that trauma has permanent effects on the

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00:31:49,509 --> 00:31:47,440

brain

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00:31:50,789 --> 00:31:49,519

and i think for children it probably has

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00:31:51,830 --> 00:31:50,799

even more permanent effects you have a

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00:31:53,750 --> 00:31:51,840

developing brain

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00:31:55,350 --> 00:31:53,760

so childhood trauma is something where

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00:31:58,149 --> 00:31:55,360

it needs to be

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00:31:59,110 --> 00:31:58,159

used for um you know one thing that just

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00:32:02,470 --> 00:31:59,120

occurs me is when you

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00:32:02,870 --> 00:32:02,480

think about how many men served in world

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00:32:07,269 --> 00:32:02,880

war

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00:32:07,990 --> 00:32:07,279

ii that came back and ptsd wasn't even a

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00:32:11,750 --> 00:32:08,000

thing

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00:32:12,710 --> 00:32:11,760

then yet all of them probably came back

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00:32:15,430 --> 00:32:12,720

with some

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00:32:17,110 --> 00:32:15,440

form of that and most of them probably

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00:32:21,029 --> 00:32:17,120

kept it to themselves

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00:32:23,750 --> 00:32:21,039

because it wasn't spoken of at the time

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00:32:25,350 --> 00:32:23,760

and not being spoken about probably

901
00:32:26,389 --> 00:32:25,360
didn't improve the quality of their life

902
00:32:30,549 --> 00:32:26,399
which

903
00:32:33,110 --> 00:32:30,559
you know for a country for an america

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00:32:33,909 --> 00:32:33,120
to truly honor people who are willing to

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00:32:37,110 --> 00:32:33,919
be

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00:32:37,669 --> 00:32:37,120
that of course world war ii is a little

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00:32:39,909 --> 00:32:37,679
different

908
00:32:41,830 --> 00:32:39,919
but who were were able to pick up a

909
00:32:43,830 --> 00:32:41,840
rifle and follow

910
00:32:45,110 --> 00:32:43,840
you know i just think we owe that group

911
00:32:47,350 --> 00:32:45,120
of people more

912
00:32:48,149 --> 00:32:47,360
and part of that would be offering them

913
00:32:52,870 --> 00:32:48,159

some

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00:32:54,830 --> 00:32:52,880

and that's treating them right when they

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00:32:55,990 --> 00:32:54,840

get back being able to have the

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00:33:00,070 --> 00:32:56,000

conversation

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00:33:03,430 --> 00:33:00,080

not having that being stigmatized uh

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00:33:04,149 --> 00:33:03,440

yeah just so so tell us a story or two

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00:33:06,950 --> 00:33:04,159

that are kind of

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00:33:08,230 --> 00:33:06,960

your favorites from the book uh you know

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00:33:11,669 --> 00:33:08,240

in particular about

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00:33:14,070 --> 00:33:11,679

the uniqueness of being a woman in

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00:33:17,430 --> 00:33:14,080

what was primarily a male-dominated

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00:33:21,590 --> 00:33:19,669

unique stories are good stories from

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00:33:24,310 --> 00:33:21,600

that time

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00:33:28,149 --> 00:33:24,320

well i i have to at least give credit to

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00:33:31,269 --> 00:33:28,159

the other women who were there with me

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00:33:32,789 --> 00:33:31,279

because we very much looked out for each

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00:33:35,909 --> 00:33:32,799

other

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00:33:37,509 --> 00:33:35,919

when they say that uh

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00:33:39,590 --> 00:33:37,519

it is more likely that a woman's going

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00:33:42,950 --> 00:33:39,600

to be assaulted in the military by

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00:33:45,909 --> 00:33:42,960

by someone in a unit than

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00:33:46,389 --> 00:33:45,919

you know being attacked by al qaeda or

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00:33:52,149 --> 00:33:46,399

or

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00:33:54,789 --> 00:33:52,159

uh so there were a lot of women who

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00:33:56,310 --> 00:33:54,799

were there with me who were always

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00:33:57,990 --> 00:33:56,320

watching out on both sides

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00:33:59,669 --> 00:33:58,000

and i think that's probably the hardest

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00:34:01,350 --> 00:33:59,679

thing about being a woman in the

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00:34:03,590 --> 00:34:01,360

military it was then

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00:34:04,789 --> 00:34:03,600

i think that still exists now i think

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00:34:07,990 --> 00:34:04,799

it's getting better

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00:34:09,270 --> 00:34:08,000

i think we have a long way to go so they

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00:34:13,829 --> 00:34:09,280

really would

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00:34:15,109 --> 00:34:13,839

uh you know look out for me i know one

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00:34:17,510 --> 00:34:15,119

time when i was

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00:34:19,750 --> 00:34:17,520

going over to the syrian border to work

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00:34:21,750 --> 00:34:19,760

at a checkpoint

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00:34:22,790 --> 00:34:21,760

and there were no other women there and

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00:34:24,550 --> 00:34:22,800
it was just going to be me and my

952
00:34:25,349 --> 00:34:24,560
co-driver and that would have been fine

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00:34:27,430 --> 00:34:25,359
because

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00:34:29,430 --> 00:34:27,440
you know he was a good guy and he would

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00:34:29,829 --> 00:34:29,440
have looked out for me but just the idea

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00:34:33,109 --> 00:34:29,839
of it

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00:34:33,510 --> 00:34:33,119
probably not be in the best way one of

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00:34:36,710 --> 00:34:33,520
the

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00:34:39,510 --> 00:34:36,720
women who was a prison guard in her

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00:34:42,710 --> 00:34:39,520
civilian job here at home

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00:34:44,629 --> 00:34:42,720
uh i think they they had a nickname for

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00:34:47,270 --> 00:34:44,639
her that was something like that too

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00:34:49,270 --> 00:34:47,280

uh but she she said you know what i'm

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00:34:50,790 --> 00:34:49,280

gonna go with you

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00:34:52,470 --> 00:34:50,800

and they were like you're not on the

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00:34:54,069 --> 00:34:52,480

roster this isn't your mission you're

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00:34:55,430 --> 00:34:54,079

not the driver and she's like no no you

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00:34:58,470 --> 00:34:55,440

don't understand

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00:35:02,310 --> 00:34:58,480

i'm gonna go with her and i was like

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00:35:04,150 --> 00:35:02,320

oh [h__h] uh and she did and we kind of

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00:35:05,670 --> 00:35:04,160

slept back to back in that room uh

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00:35:07,510 --> 00:35:05,680

well we were up with the at that

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00:35:09,510 --> 00:35:07,520

checkpoint just

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00:35:10,550 --> 00:35:09,520

not even knowing you know and and that's

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00:35:13,030 --> 00:35:10,560

that's the sad

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00:35:15,430 --> 00:35:13,040

part is you know most of the guys that

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00:35:17,109 --> 00:35:15,440

we worked and trained with they were

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00:35:18,550 --> 00:35:17,119

they were the best of the best they were

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00:35:20,790 --> 00:35:18,560

they were great people

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00:35:22,150 --> 00:35:20,800

uh but you just don't know where the

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00:35:23,430 --> 00:35:22,160

other people are you don't know where

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00:35:25,349 --> 00:35:23,440

the bad apples are

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00:35:27,990 --> 00:35:25,359

and we certainly didn't know working

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00:35:29,510 --> 00:35:28,000

with another unit who everybody was so

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00:35:30,950 --> 00:35:29,520

she was always looking out for me like

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00:35:31,430 --> 00:35:30,960

that i don't think we slept the whole

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00:35:34,790 --> 00:35:31,440

time we're

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00:35:37,829 --> 00:35:34,800

there so um and

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00:35:39,030 --> 00:35:37,839

were there actual incidents of uh

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00:35:41,990 --> 00:35:39,040

assaults

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00:35:44,790 --> 00:35:42,000

within the ranks on females while you

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00:35:46,390 --> 00:35:44,800

were there

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00:35:47,829 --> 00:35:46,400

nothing that i can tell you that i

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00:35:50,310 --> 00:35:47,839

witnessed

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00:35:51,750 --> 00:35:50,320

but do i believe those things happened

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00:36:00,150 --> 00:35:51,760

absolutely

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00:36:00,710 --> 00:36:00,160

yeah i guess the question is you know is

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00:36:06,710 --> 00:36:00,720

it

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00:36:09,829 --> 00:36:06,720

or kind of the same concern we have

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00:36:14,069 --> 00:36:09,839

generally i tend to think of it

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00:36:17,030 --> 00:36:14,079

as this generally the same issue

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00:36:18,630 --> 00:36:17,040

uh i think for a long time that was a

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00:36:19,910 --> 00:36:18,640

part of the argument that said you know

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00:36:20,870 --> 00:36:19,920

i don't know if women should be in these

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00:36:24,150 --> 00:36:20,880

spaces

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00:36:25,990 --> 00:36:24,160

uh it's too intense or when guys are all

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00:36:27,990 --> 00:36:26,000

amped up this is what happens i

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00:36:29,190 --> 00:36:28,000

i don't actually that was a very poor

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00:36:31,109 --> 00:36:29,200

argument

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00:36:32,790 --> 00:36:31,119

for women getting the opportunity to

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00:36:35,030 --> 00:36:32,800

reach their full potential

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00:36:36,950 --> 00:36:35,040

and do really well in some of these jobs

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00:36:40,230 --> 00:36:36,960

where they excelled ahead of their

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00:36:41,030 --> 00:36:40,240

male peers because it's a crime of

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00:36:43,589 --> 00:36:41,040

violence

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00:36:45,510 --> 00:36:43,599

it's not a crime of gender uh it's a

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00:36:46,950 --> 00:36:45,520

crime of power and control and people

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00:36:48,790 --> 00:36:46,960

who do that in the military do in the

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00:36:49,829 --> 00:36:48,800

civilian world and i think the profile

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00:36:52,470 --> 00:36:49,839

is pretty much the same

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00:36:53,670 --> 00:36:52,480

so i think in the military having higher

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00:36:56,710 --> 00:36:53,680

values

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00:36:58,950 --> 00:36:56,720

for you know what our conduct should be

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00:37:01,670 --> 00:36:58,960

ideally i just think we have to do a

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00:37:04,069 --> 00:37:01,680

good job about kicking them people out

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00:37:05,190 --> 00:37:04,079

this and that would be the best way to

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00:37:07,910 --> 00:37:05,200

solve that problem

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00:37:08,550 --> 00:37:07,920

and not to limit where women go uh how

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00:37:11,030 --> 00:37:08,560

they work

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00:37:13,109 --> 00:37:11,040

train and fight but you find the bad

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00:37:14,790 --> 00:37:13,119

apples you have a real strong

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00:37:16,230 --> 00:37:14,800

line on just getting the hell out of

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00:37:18,630 --> 00:37:16,240

there

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so our military went from not allowing

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00:37:21,670 --> 00:37:19,520

women at all

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00:37:24,310 --> 00:37:21,680

to allowing them in certain roles to now

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essentially permitting them in all roles

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and but of late has even gone taking it

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00:37:29,910 --> 00:37:27,760

further

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00:37:32,150 --> 00:37:29,920

than that which is actually

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00:37:35,349 --> 00:37:32,160

demonstrating affirmative action

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00:37:36,630 --> 00:37:35,359

toward women and encouraging women to

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00:37:39,829 --> 00:37:36,640

join the military

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00:37:42,790 --> 00:37:39,839

more so than men promoting women

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00:37:43,030 --> 00:37:42,800

based on their sex uh or giving them a

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00:37:44,390 --> 00:37:43,040

an

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00:37:45,829 --> 00:37:44,400

edge basically you know affirmative

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00:37:47,910 --> 00:37:45,839

action basically i got two equal

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candidates one's male one's female

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00:37:51,270 --> 00:37:49,599

and i'm going to give it to the female

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00:37:54,069 --> 00:37:51,280
because gee we

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00:37:54,550 --> 00:37:54,079
want more women leaders or we want more

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00:37:57,430 --> 00:37:54,560
women

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00:37:57,910 --> 00:37:57,440
you know in the military and i mean i've

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00:37:59,910 --> 00:37:57,920
got

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00:38:01,030 --> 00:37:59,920
direct knowledge and talking to various

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00:38:03,990 --> 00:38:01,040
members of the military

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00:38:05,589 --> 00:38:04,000
about that within recruiting that

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00:38:07,270 --> 00:38:05,599
advantages are given to women in

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00:38:10,870 --> 00:38:07,280
recruitment over men

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00:38:12,230 --> 00:38:10,880
and in promotions so

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00:38:13,910 --> 00:38:12,240
i don't know if you are aware of the

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00:38:15,589 --> 00:38:13,920

things the same things i'm aware of but

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00:38:17,270 --> 00:38:15,599

um you know i'm just curious your your

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00:38:19,750 --> 00:38:17,280

thoughts on that you know

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00:38:21,190 --> 00:38:19,760

are we going too far when we've gotten

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rid of all discrimination they're not

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all discrimination but

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00:38:26,790 --> 00:38:24,960

we're saying that discrimination against

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00:38:28,230 --> 00:38:26,800

women is wrong

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women should be allowed in the military

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00:38:33,270 --> 00:38:30,240

as long as they're able to meet the same

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00:38:34,470 --> 00:38:33,280

standards as the men but to the point

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00:38:37,109 --> 00:38:34,480

where

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00:38:40,150 --> 00:38:37,119

we're going to promote a woman over a

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00:38:41,829 --> 00:38:40,160

man simply because of her sex

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00:38:43,990 --> 00:38:41,839

i don't have any direct knowledge of

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00:38:45,510 --> 00:38:44,000

that so you are telling me something i

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00:38:47,910 --> 00:38:45,520

don't know

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00:38:50,310 --> 00:38:47,920

i think for a long time women were not

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00:38:52,390 --> 00:38:50,320

promoted simply because of their gender

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who met the qualifications that i've

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00:38:56,390 --> 00:38:54,160

definitely seen

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00:38:59,190 --> 00:38:56,400

i think if you had two male candidates

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00:39:03,190 --> 00:38:59,200

who were equally qualified for a job

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00:39:04,790 --> 00:39:03,200

the person you know on the board or

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00:39:06,390 --> 00:39:04,800

whoever is going to decide who gets

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00:39:08,310 --> 00:39:06,400

promoted is going to promote the person

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they like the best

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00:39:11,670 --> 00:39:09,440

i don't know if you would call that

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00:39:14,790 --> 00:39:11,680

discrimination or not

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00:39:17,349 --> 00:39:14,800

if they're both qualified

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but i would say that i think the right

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way to go

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00:39:23,670 --> 00:39:21,280

is simply the best qualified person

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00:39:25,910 --> 00:39:23,680

i mean it just is when when we're

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looking at

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00:39:32,390 --> 00:39:29,040

life on the line a lot of money

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00:39:34,150 --> 00:39:32,400

a lot of power and control a lot of you

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00:39:36,069 --> 00:39:34,160

know complex pieces once you start to

1101
00:39:36,950 --> 00:39:36,079
get up above the field grade officer

1102
00:39:38,790 --> 00:39:36,960
level

1103
00:39:40,390 --> 00:39:38,800
yeah it's got to be best qualified

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00:39:42,790 --> 00:39:40,400
person and i think when we break down

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00:39:44,470 --> 00:39:42,800
the barriers to be able to say

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00:39:46,550 --> 00:39:44,480
if you're best qualified as a woman you

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00:39:49,109 --> 00:39:46,560
can get promoted

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00:39:49,829 --> 00:39:49,119
then we're going to solve some of those

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00:39:51,349 --> 00:39:49,839
issues

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00:39:53,670 --> 00:39:51,359
you know once people are able to enter

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00:39:55,109 --> 00:39:53,680
those areas and and compete

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00:39:57,030 --> 00:39:55,119
fairly but i think it's still going to

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00:39:59,750 --> 00:39:57,040

be fair competition i don't i don't know

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00:40:01,349 --> 00:39:59,760

that promoting anybody based on genders

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00:40:03,349 --> 00:40:01,359

is ever right if it wasn't right when it

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00:40:05,510 --> 00:40:03,359

was a man it just can't be

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00:40:06,630 --> 00:40:05,520

uh when it's a woman or for any other

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00:40:09,670 --> 00:40:06,640

reason at all

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00:40:10,390 --> 00:40:09,680

yeah well i i agree with you 100 i mean

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00:40:12,069 --> 00:40:10,400

for the reasons

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00:40:13,670 --> 00:40:12,079

you say it i mean most important thing

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00:40:16,150 --> 00:40:13,680

is we're talking about

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00:40:17,829 --> 00:40:16,160

lives on the line huge money on the line

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00:40:19,990 --> 00:40:17,839

defense of our country on the line

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00:40:21,109 --> 00:40:20,000

so best qualified should always be the

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00:40:23,349 --> 00:40:21,119

case and and

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00:40:25,430 --> 00:40:23,359

you know yeah it's going to take a while

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00:40:27,670 --> 00:40:25,440

for women to ascend

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into higher roles because they're

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00:40:31,829 --> 00:40:29,520

relatively new to the military

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00:40:33,270 --> 00:40:31,839

a good comparison is in in the practice

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of law you know

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00:40:36,950 --> 00:40:35,040

law schools are now made up of majority

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00:40:38,870 --> 00:40:36,960

women over men

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but i've seen articles written oh my

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00:40:43,109 --> 00:40:40,640

gosh why are partners

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in law firms primarily men it's like

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00:40:46,309 --> 00:40:44,960

well because to be a part of the law

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00:40:47,750 --> 00:40:46,319

firm you have to have been practicing

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00:40:50,710 --> 00:40:47,760

for a long time

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00:40:53,270 --> 00:40:50,720

and they're going to age out eventually

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00:40:54,950 --> 00:40:53,280

and as women come through the ranks

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00:40:56,470 --> 00:40:54,960

you are going to see much higher

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00:40:58,470 --> 00:40:56,480

percentages but

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00:41:00,069 --> 00:40:58,480

but be patient it's going to have we we

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00:41:02,150 --> 00:41:00,079

don't need to

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00:41:03,510 --> 00:41:02,160

suddenly say oh no we need the numbers

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00:41:06,150 --> 00:41:03,520

to be the same today

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00:41:07,030 --> 00:41:06,160

so starting now we're going to give an

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advantage to

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00:41:10,069 --> 00:41:09,119
women and becoming partner over the man

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00:41:12,710 --> 00:41:10,079
or in

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00:41:13,430 --> 00:41:12,720
in any promotions in the military it's

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00:41:15,990 --> 00:41:13,440
um

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00:41:16,630 --> 00:41:16,000
it's just you know it's demoralizing i

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00:41:18,630 --> 00:41:16,640
think to

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00:41:19,990 --> 00:41:18,640
the person he's passed over and i think

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00:41:22,470 --> 00:41:20,000
for the person who gets the job

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00:41:23,430 --> 00:41:22,480
where it's kind of obvious that it was

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00:41:25,589 --> 00:41:23,440
because i'm

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00:41:27,030 --> 00:41:25,599
a woman or for that matter a particular

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00:41:29,750 --> 00:41:27,040
race because

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00:41:30,150 --> 00:41:29,760

these practices don't just involve women

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00:41:32,790 --> 00:41:30,160

and

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00:41:33,430 --> 00:41:32,800

involves uh affirmative action with

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00:41:35,589 --> 00:41:33,440

races

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00:41:37,430 --> 00:41:35,599

i mean who wants to feel like they were

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00:41:38,710 --> 00:41:37,440

promoted based on anything other than

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00:41:42,470 --> 00:41:38,720

the merits

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00:41:44,150 --> 00:41:42,480

no absolutely and you know that's

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00:41:45,670 --> 00:41:44,160

i have no doubt that the military

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00:41:48,390 --> 00:41:45,680

sometimes does things

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00:41:49,910 --> 00:41:48,400

that aren't their official policy right

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00:41:51,829 --> 00:41:49,920

because that's not an official military

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00:41:54,230 --> 00:41:51,839

policy they'll say they have

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uh no policy like that they have no

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00:41:58,069 --> 00:41:56,160

quotas

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so what it is they're doing in practice

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right now that

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00:42:04,790 --> 00:42:02,400

you're talking about like i said i'm not

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00:42:06,309 --> 00:42:04,800

i'm not really sure but that

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00:42:08,069 --> 00:42:06,319

that doesn't seem like it actually

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00:42:09,109 --> 00:42:08,079

solves the problem because we have to

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00:42:10,950 --> 00:42:09,119

make sure you know

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00:42:13,030 --> 00:42:10,960

just like first day of basic training if

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00:42:14,950 --> 00:42:13,040

everybody's really green

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00:42:16,230 --> 00:42:14,960

and we're just gonna have to we're gonna

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00:42:19,270 --> 00:42:16,240

have to hold the line on that

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00:42:21,030 --> 00:42:19,280

but also we have to look at the policies

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00:42:22,630 --> 00:42:21,040

uh that make women leave before they

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00:42:24,069 --> 00:42:22,640

reach those ranks because some of it is

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00:42:26,150 --> 00:42:24,079

not just time

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00:42:28,150 --> 00:42:26,160

you know women have been serving in real

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00:42:29,190 --> 00:42:28,160

roles since you know at least vietnam

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there's been

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plenty of decades for people to reach

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00:42:34,470 --> 00:42:32,960

those ranks but there are some other

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factors involved too

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how do we handle the movements of a dual

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military couple

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00:42:44,069 --> 00:42:42,079
when you have a husband and wife how

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00:42:45,510 --> 00:42:44,079
often can they be at the same station so

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00:42:47,829 --> 00:42:45,520
that choosing their career doesn't make

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00:42:50,470 --> 00:42:47,839
them live apart most of their lives

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00:42:51,109 --> 00:42:50,480
how do they negotiate family maternity

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00:42:53,109 --> 00:42:51,119
leave

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00:42:55,990 --> 00:42:53,119
and being able to have the other parts

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00:42:58,309 --> 00:42:56,000
of life when war is not going on

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00:43:00,309 --> 00:42:58,319
you know in order to encourage people to

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00:43:01,430 --> 00:43:00,319
be able to stay in and then hold that

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00:43:02,950 --> 00:43:01,440
experience and

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00:43:04,790 --> 00:43:02,960
and skill and all that time and money

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00:43:06,550 --> 00:43:04,800

invested in the training for a person up

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00:43:08,550 --> 00:43:06,560

to that point in their career

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00:43:09,589 --> 00:43:08,560

instead of always starting over again so

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00:43:11,430 --> 00:43:09,599

i think if we can

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00:43:12,870 --> 00:43:11,440

look at those policies so that women

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00:43:14,710 --> 00:43:12,880

feel like that's even an option

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00:43:17,109 --> 00:43:14,720

once they're married and have families

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especially in a dual military couple

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then you know there has been enough time

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00:43:25,670 --> 00:43:22,880

if they're encouraged to stay

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00:43:26,950 --> 00:43:25,680

yeah no that's a great point and also i

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00:43:29,190 --> 00:43:26,960

just would love to see

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00:43:31,750 --> 00:43:29,200

tying it back to our prior discussion

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00:43:34,870 --> 00:43:31,760

instead of so much time energy

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00:43:36,309 --> 00:43:34,880

in into diversity and inclusion which is

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this article i was just reading about

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today about the new chief of diversity

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and inclusion

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in the military um you know i i don't

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know why it's an objective of the

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military to begin with to be

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diverse uh again the objective should be

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to be a

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a a a fighting military that

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destroys the opponent when when

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necessary

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um but all the energy and effort going

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into say

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recruiting women to join the military

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as opposed to just allowing whichever

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00:44:10,950 --> 00:44:08,480

number of women want to join to join

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00:44:11,910 --> 00:44:10,960

and going actively trying to recruit

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00:44:14,470 --> 00:44:11,920

women

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spending that time instead on being

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00:44:16,390 --> 00:44:16,079

concerned about our veterans coming back

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00:44:17,589 --> 00:44:16,400

and

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00:44:20,550 --> 00:44:17,599

making sure they're getting proper

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treatment for things like ptsd and so on

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00:44:22,390 --> 00:44:21,680
that we talked about earlier i think

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00:44:25,750 --> 00:44:22,400
would be a lot

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00:44:26,309 --> 00:44:25,760
better use of their resources well and i

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00:44:28,230 --> 00:44:26,319
think it's

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it's probably fair to point out that

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00:44:31,109 --> 00:44:29,920
some of those areas that opened up to

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00:44:34,390 --> 00:44:31,119
women were certain

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00:44:36,630 --> 00:44:34,400
were rooted in a recruitment shortage

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00:44:37,750 --> 00:44:36,640
of men who were willing and available to

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00:44:39,910 --> 00:44:37,760
do the job

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00:44:42,230 --> 00:44:39,920
so they started looking around mid 80s

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00:44:44,710 --> 00:44:42,240
90s like hey wait a second

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00:44:45,670 --> 00:44:44,720

we don't have a country full filled with

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18 year old

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00:44:50,069 --> 00:44:47,520

fit men who really want to join the

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00:44:52,309 --> 00:44:50,079

military and they were having problems

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00:44:54,309 --> 00:44:52,319

meeting numbers and this idea that hey

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00:44:56,790 --> 00:44:54,319

wait women can do this job

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00:44:58,550 --> 00:44:56,800

that was also a part of the recruitment

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uh strategy

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for not it wasn't like oh we're we're

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just gonna include women now because

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women are equally capable it was like

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hey we don't have guys

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and i think that's still the case part

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of it might be trying to reach people

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who feel like the military has never

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been a part of their plan

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never seen it as even an option to just

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tap into resources because

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numbers wise i think recruiting is

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always you know going to be an issue

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so that that might be a part of it yeah

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yeah when you're trying to maintain an

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all-volunteer

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military which we've had for a long time

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00:45:40,470 --> 00:45:38,560

right now that's not always

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easy i'm not sure exactly where they

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stand right now on being able to recruit

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the sufficient

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numbers but that's an ongoing debate

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00:45:49,589 --> 00:45:47,760

whether or not there should be

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00:45:51,190 --> 00:45:49,599

some type of a draft or requirement

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certainly there's lots of countries out

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00:45:54,950 --> 00:45:52,400

there where

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00:45:56,550 --> 00:45:54,960

serving in the military is a civic duty

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00:45:59,510 --> 00:45:56,560

that everyone must do men

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00:45:59,990 --> 00:45:59,520

and women i know israel for sure men and

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00:46:02,950 --> 00:46:00,000

women

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all all serve in the military i think

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00:46:07,829 --> 00:46:04,640

it's a great idea personally

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00:46:08,790 --> 00:46:07,839

just because it gives people a real idea

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00:46:11,829 --> 00:46:08,800

about

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what it means to give everything up

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00:46:15,910 --> 00:46:14,480

for your country for a cause that's

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that's what a patriot does

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i think sometimes right now we can get

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really involved in our own uh you can

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buy the gear

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you can play the games and you can

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almost feel like you're there

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but you're not there you know what i

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mean for being

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being a patriot or being a soldier and

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those metaphors especially war metaphors

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are used all the time

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in areas that don't have anything to do

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with the military but that's not what

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it's about

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i think that would be a very good taste

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of reality for lots of folks

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to and and helpful when we're even

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thinking about getting involved in a

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conflict to be able to have

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a voting public who can say i know what

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that sacrifice is like

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just a little bit i just did a year i

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just did two years so i have

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a little bit of an idea about what i'm

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asking somebody else to do right now i

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i think that's not a bad idea

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00:47:13,910 --> 00:47:11,599

yeah we could use a bit more common

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00:47:16,710 --> 00:47:13,920

purpose in this country right now

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00:47:17,670 --> 00:47:16,720

everybody's in their own camps not

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00:47:21,589 --> 00:47:17,680

working together

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on anything yeah no i agree that

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certainly brings it back to uh

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this is one american ideal what what is

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it we should we

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should all be about what is it we should

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all stand for i mean i think about

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you know the army values something that

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00:47:39,190 --> 00:47:36,720

we wore on a dog tag around our necks

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00:47:42,069 --> 00:47:39,200

with our names and our blood types

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00:47:44,710 --> 00:47:42,079

you know loyalty duty respect selfless

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00:47:46,309 --> 00:47:44,720

service honor integrity personal courage

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00:47:48,470 --> 00:47:46,319

those are our army about they should be

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00:47:50,710 --> 00:47:48,480

american values thank you again

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to myoco you can check out her book all

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i could be the story of a woman warrior

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00:47:56,069 --> 00:47:53,839
in iraq

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on amazon thank you to our producer

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00:47:58,710 --> 00:47:57,440
michael parker thank you all for

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listening we'll be back soon with

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thank you for listening to the truth

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