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Walter Reed

Scandalous conditions, unforgivable treatment and bureaucracy for returning Iraq war vets finally get attention with an explosive *Washington Post* expose on Walter Reed hospital. Also, how the military turns civilians into killing machines, but doesn't turn killing machines back into civilians.

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I'M HERE TO SEE MY BROTHER? CESAR DIAZ? HE LOST BOTH ARMS IN COMBAT...

DIAZ, DIAZ... WELL, IF HE IS HERE, HE NEVER FILLED OUT THE PAPERWORK TO PROVE HIS ARMS ARE MISSING...

YOU MIGHT TRY WANDERING THE HALLS SHOUTING HIS NAME. THAT SOMETIMES WORKS FOR THE STAFF.



THAT SHOULD KEEP YOUR BED FROM WOBBLING!

WHOA, DUDE! CHECK YOU OUT! YOU BE ONE BAD #@*% KILLIN' MACHINE!!

YEAH, BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ANYTHING ELSE?!

SIR? MY NEW PROSTHETIC LIMBS?! THEY'RE KIND OF...

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU WANNA DO, SOLDIER?! PLANT PETUNIAS?! PAINT YOUR TOENAILS?! CRIPES, I WISH I HAD GUNS FOR ARMS!!
RATATATAT BANG! BANG! BANG! BADA-BOOM!!!



CESAR? CESAR!!

WHAT HAVE THEY TURNED YOU INTO?! THEY'RE NOT SENDING YOU BACK, ARE THEY?!

RITA, WHAT ELSE AM I GOOD FOR NOW?! I CAN'T FIT BACK INTO CIVILIAN LIFE LIKE THIS!

WHOOOPS. SEE?!



ALL THOSE PROSTHETICS NEED IS A RETROFITTED DRINK HOLDER AND UNIVERSAL REMOTE, AND YOU'LL BLEND RIGHT IN.

LADY, HE'S IN GOOD HANDS, OK?! IF HE NEEDS ANYTHING, ALL HE HAS TO DO IS PULL ON THAT CORD!

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Support The Troops

Walter Reed medical center quickly addresses the root cause of their scandal: they ban troops from talking to the media. Also, continuing concerns about conditions, treatment and bureaucracy for returning vets; care for physical injuries vs. mental injuries; and pro-troop rhetoric vs. pro-troop funding.



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Condolence Payments

U.S. condolence payments to Iraqi families whose innocent members have been inadvertently killed are limited to \$2,500.



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PTSD

Killing doesn't come naturally to most people, so the military needs a long process of dehumanization to take a civilian and turn him or her into a killing machine. Unfortunately, there's no similar process to ease a killing machine back into a civilian. The military discourages reports of PTSD by inferring that only weak girly-men claim post-traumatic stress disorder. Other ways PTSD is discouraged: at the end of your tour, if you claim you do not have PTSD, you go home; if you claim you do have PTSD, you stay in Iraq to be treated. Once you're home, you have 120 days to claim PTSD; if you haven't done so by then, forget about it.

