

The army is cool, except for the part where you have to fight

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There's some to-do over a soldier who volunteered to serve in the army who has since changed his mind and is applying for conscientious objector status. I noticed this trend over two years ago, when people who had enlisted in the armed forces underwent a change of heart after the World Trade Center attacks:

Many of the enlisted personnel who are now seeking honorable discharges argue they didn't sign up to defend America; they just wanted to learn a trade or earn money for college.

Sort of like the Monty Python sketch. "Watkins why did you join the army?" "For the water-skiing and for the travel, sir. And not for the killing, sir. I asked them to put it on my form, sir – no killing." (I should point out that this particular situation appears to be different, however, since he did serve the first time he was called.)

[Raymond is currently on vacation; this message was pre-recorded.]

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