

# The way I see it

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## "Four things I hate"

I had a friend once in Vietnam who was famous for saying, "There are four things in this life I hate, hot beer, cold women, wet toilet paper and communism."

I guess everyone has at least four things they dislike, let me tell you my four. I hate to see fat NCOs and officers. Please don't take that personal if you are fat, using an old cliché, some of my best friends are fat, but the Army is no place for fat unprofessional-looking leaders.

Of course there are those among us who say, "well I've got gland trouble", yeah - your glands weigh 215 pounds. If you don't have a plan, soon the Army will have a plan for you.

Another one of my dislikes is a "ROAD". ROAD is an acronym standing for Retired On Active Duty. This is the guy, who usually has about a year before retirement. He'll talk about the Army like it was a dog and all the while drawing big bucks from Uncle Sugar. He brags about getting out, and makes those around him miserable. The time to get a short-timers attitude is the morning of the day you get out.

Clock watchers have always perturb me.



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... They're looking for the missing part. Constantly!



When Mickey's little hand reaches the five they slither out the door no matter how much work there is to be done. But on the same point, I've never appreciated a supervisor who keeps everyone past five just because the commander is still in the area.

I guess my biggest pet peeve is a litter bug, I hate them. On any given morning you can find trash strolled all over the brigade area, thrown down by soldiers who will pick up that same trash after their morning formation. It just doesn't make sense.

A litter bug, in my opinion, is like Saturday morning at the high school - no class. A person who throws candy wrappers, coke cans and cigarette butts on the ground has no class and was apparently raised that way at home. I feel sorry for them.

Well so much for the four things I hate, but that's the way I see it.

## A old Signal Corps quote

"The technical problems of adequate permanent communications systems for strategic and tactical purposes during movements, of telephone connections over long distances and the use of multiple-channel telephone cables and of wireless transmission without interference still remains unsolved."

ALBERT PRAUN  
German General, 1917