



Seen the Enemy

With all the papers I have written, being a black man, this should have been my first. If there is one thing I could speak on, it is the racism, prejudice and downright hateful spitting of vulgar and condescending communication in the military. In the sense of common sense, it does not make sense at all. Boiling down to where my ancestors received more of the sun than their ancestors.

If there is one thing I have learned about man, there is nothing simple about him. He is a walking encyclopedia of complication with elements of greed, selfishness and lack of empathy for others that defy the reason of existence. I guess it explains why many go into politics. With only the advancement of technology being an ally of the depressed, has the light been shown on these issues with little or no push back. After years of expressing the issues and racism ways of life to others, the reply in most cases was quiet acknowledgment with little regard of change. Since it can continue at many

levels (with little help of the 14th and 15th Amendments), it is easy to overlook the projection even when it is obvious to the receiver and not to others.

It was in the military where I found just about every evil condescending methods would be used and fluctuated at different levels projecting the worst of man. How can you train a people to have pride in a country that can't stand them? Yes, the game was played however, where one saw the initiation of pride, turned out to be part of the ingredients towards survival.

Going from inferior to fight in World War II to qualify to die in the Vietnam War is one hell of a swing change. Add in other subtle elements of racism (stricter punishment, lack of promotions, lack of advance training, etc), you have what one side sees as a normal suppression of not only a people, but a country as well. It was not long ago before it was identified, women were being harassed and raped in the military (still is). I am sure if those women knew what was truly in existence, they may have had second thoughts on joining.

I have had my share of this as severing over 20 years. I do recall one incident that stuck with me as its amazement will become self-evident. I was station in Europe and was placed in charged of a team where the previous leader was relieved. He was black and the team was totally white, which made for an awkward situation. After about three months, the sergeant major came to visit the team. After about three day inspection, upon his departure we had a conversation. He told me how please he was over my handling of the situation and the team seem most impressed of my leadership abilities. He also said that he insisted that I take over the team as he did not want the remembrance of the previous leader to spill over into thoughts of color.

In addition, the shocker was his replacement was a known racist and to beware of his methods. Now this was a white man telling me about another white man's issues, remarkable indeed. That warning is what kept me in the Army. He was right, his method was in that category however, that warning gave me a clearer insight where I could use different methods to counter act it.

So when you see the links below, remember it is nothing new and if nothing else, it is everywhere, it will not go away overnight and there is nowhere to go

but deal with it when it all around you. How you deal with it is up to you and I mean both sides of this equation.



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