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Rush And The "Phony Soldiers"

September 28, 2007
 by Bob Parks

In what they consider a "gotcha" moment, liberal [activists](#) led by John Kerry, have [denounced](#) Rush Limbaugh's September 27th use of the term "phony soldiers"....

Limbaugh: pro-withdrawal troops are 'phony soldiers.'

On his radio show yesterday, Rush Limbaugh declared that soldiers who support American withdrawal from Iraq are "phony soldiers." While discussing and disparaging war critics, a caller to Limbaugh's show, who claimed to be an active-duty soldier, said that anti-war activists "never talk to real soldiers" to support their position, to which Limbaugh

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responded "phony soldiers":

CALLER 2: No, it's not, and what's really funny is, they never talk to real soldiers. They like to pull these soldiers that come up out of the blue and talk to the media.

LIMBAUGH: The phony soldiers.

CALLER 2: The phony soldiers. If you talk to a real soldier, they are proud to serve. They want to be over in Iraq. They understand their sacrifice, and they're willing to sacrifice for their country.

Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, starved for attention, called Limbaugh an "embarrassment to his party". Considering some of his past comments and actions, that was a perilous place for Kerry to go.

Think Progress even included an [audio clip](#) of the "offending" segment. But it's what they didn't post that needs to be introduced, not that Rush won't have fun with this controversy later today.

Almost immediately after the clip Think Progress posted, they conveniently left out where Rush [said](#)....

Here is a [Morning Update](#) that we did recently, talking about fake soldiers. This is a story of who the left props up as [heroes](#). They have their celebrities and one of them was Army Ranger [Jesse Macbeth](#). Now, he was a "corporal." I say in quotes. Twenty-three years old. What made Jesse Macbeth a hero to the anti-war crowd wasn't his Purple Heart; it wasn't his being affiliated with post-traumatic stress disorder from tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. No. What made Jesse Macbeth, Army Ranger, a hero to the left was his courage, in their view, off the battlefield, without regard to consequences. He told the world the abuses he had witnessed in Iraq, American soldiers killing unarmed civilians, hundreds of men, women, even children. In one gruesome account, translated into Arabic and spread widely across the Internet, Army Ranger Jesse Macbeth describes the horrors this way: "We would burn their bodies. We would hang their bodies from the rafters in the mosque."

Now, recently, Jesse Macbeth, poster boy for the anti-war left, had his day in court. And you know what? He was sentenced to five months in jail and three years probation for falsifying a Department of Veterans Affairs claim and his Army discharge record. He was in the Army. Jesse Macbeth was in the Army, folks, briefly. Forty-four days before he washed out of boot camp. Jesse Macbeth isn't an Army Ranger, never was. He isn't a corporal, never was. He never won the Purple Heart, and he was never in combat to witness the horrors he claimed to have seen. You probably haven't even heard about this. And, if you have, you haven't heard much about it. This doesn't fit the narrative and the template in the Drive-By Media and the Democrat Party as to who is a genuine war hero. Don't look for any retractions, by the way. Not from the anti-war left, the anti-military Drive-By Media, or the Arabic websites that spread Jesse Macbeth's lies about our troops, because the truth for the left is fiction that serves their purpose. They have to lie about such atrocities because they can't find any that fit the template of the way they see the US military. In other words, for the American anti-war left, the greatest inconvenience they face is the truth.


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It's not what the left chooses to cite that can be controversial. What they intentionally

omit can be much more instructional.

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