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## **Soldiers Called Back . . . Disingenuously**

In 2022, the Army missed its recruiting goal by about 25%—a shortfall of about 15,000 soldiers. One year after discharging 1,900 troops for failing to take the job, only 19 soldiers have returned. So the Army says they can all come back, after correcting their military record.

Attorney Warner Mendenhall says this invitation is disingenuous because it can take soldiers two years to clear their name. Mendenhall said the military purged its leaders during Covid. I say, if the Army really wants these soldiers back, it should immediately wipe their records clean and offer back pay. These soldiers are the leaders who refused to follow unethical, hazardous orders. Why erect obstacles to their return?

**“The US Army is having a hard time recruiting. Now it’s asking soldiers dismissed for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine to come back.”** Kenneth Niemeyer, Business Insider, November 18, 2023: [bit.ly/3RTPVGh](https://bit.ly/3RTPVGh)

**“Troops discharged after vaccine waiver was denied can now rejoin,”** Karen Jowers, Military Times, February 28, 2023: [bit.ly/3uXxwPD](https://bit.ly/3uXxwPD)

**“Call in the Lawyers,”** FLCCC.net, November 29, 2023: [bit.ly/3tthUTv](https://bit.ly/3tthUTv)

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