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# Hey world I'm getting short

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"I'M SHORT!" is not to be confused with Steve Martin's comedy routine, "Let's get small," nor a once popular song called "Short People." "I'm short," when used in military circles, usually means only one thing, and it isn't that the person speaking is short in stature. It means he has a short time left before his expiration term of service or that he has a short time left in a particular command.

### Symptoms

When a person announces that he's short, it is usually accompanied by several symptoms. By taking a peek at the soldier's calendar, one can usually see each day that has passed crossed off and a number placed rather conspicuously on the date block. The soldier boasts to all who will listen that he is "short" and "short jokes" spew forth with a regularity reminiscent of "Old Faithful."

The "short" person may begin arriving to work late several times a week and begin to take elongated lunch hours and find some reason for leaving work early when he realizes he is a "two-digit-midget."

What the "short" person does not realize is that his lackadaisical attitude can affect those around him in his work environment. His elation at



being "short" can be detrimental to the morale of those he works with.

### When he leaves

When Mr. Short finally does leave, more often than not, it is with a sigh of relief from fellow workers and supervisors alike. Mr. Short may have thought he was following Army tradition or being cute with his short-timers attitude, but he forget while he was in heaven over his departure, he was making life hell for everyone else. (Sp5. Baldwin is the Sports Editor for the Frankfurt Chronicle).

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deployable, there's going to be a vacancy. A pregnant soldier does not improve readiness".

Concluding, the 32 year army veteran said, "I really compliment the NCO leadership in this brigade for the outstanding job they've done."

"I'm particularly pleased with the

self help", he added, "I'd be proud to bring anyone out here and show them this brigade."

"I'm proud of them, they are good soldiers and they always were. They just had lousy leadership. Now they have the leadership to match the type of soldier. Together we are going to make this an even better place."