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Sure.

If recruiting can't fill the positions needed to do your unit's job, then just eliminate the positions.

That will make everything better...

...on paper.

Hollow Army.

It's the third time since the 1980s.

You can't fix stupid.

And what accumulates in the hallways and duty-positions in non-warfighting four-star headquarters is a whole community of stupid, planting stupid gardens that bear stupid fruits.

They congregate there because 4-Star Commands confer importance to tasks that otherwise have none, allowing people to be important warfighters without the need to fight any wars.

You are more likely to become a Colonel or General working for a Senior Rater that rates 50, who all do fluff jobs, than you are working for a warfighting senior rater that rates three, only one of whom can possibly get a top rating.

It is intentionally structured that way, if you can believe it. Because it keeps the officer Corps focused where they think it belongs, near DC, rather than on non-essential functions like winning wars.

Want to know how so many and so senior could fail at so fundamental military tasks as to perform a Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation and Deliberate Retrograde from a place like Afghanistan?

That's how. Core functions are not core functions, but merely excuses to justify budgets, which in turn rain money on a thousand busy power-point enterprises none of which will ever experience a little thing called "Accountability".

No. Accountability is for Private John Q Public in his body bag. It's not for Colonel Georgetown and General Harvard with their diplomas and their Boston Brahman Social Calendars.

F\_ck 'Em! Fragging needs a comeback in a big, big way.