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Army officer banned from entering daughter's high school because his military uniform 'may offend another student'

- Lieutenant Colonel Sherwood Baker was turned away from Rochester Adams High School by a security guard
- He was told his army clothing may 'offend another student'

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An army officer was not allowed to enter his daughter's high school because he was wearing his military uniform.

Lieutenant Colonel Sherwood Baker was turned away from Rochester Adams High School in Michigan by a security guard because his army clothing may 'offend another student.'

Lt. Baker, who has served in the Army for 24 years, was told if he wanted to enter the building to discuss his daughter's class schedule he would have to go home and change his clothes.

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Lieutenant Colonel Sherwood Baker (pictured with his wife and children) was turned away from Rochester Adams high school by a security guard because his army clothing may 'offend another student'



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Baker's wife, Rachel Ferhadson told [My Fox Detroit](#): 'Before he was allowed in, the security guard stopped him and said sorry your not allowed in the school.'

'Security told him men and women in uniform weren't allowed because it may offend another student.'

Rochester Schools superintendent Robert Shaner, who is a veteran himself apologized to the family,



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Baker's wife, Rachel Ferhadson (left) said: 'Before he was allowed in, the security guard stopped him and said sorry your not allowed in the school. Right: Their daughter, right, was shocked by the decision

Shaner sent a letter to Fox 2 which says: 'The district has apologized for any perception that individuals in uniform are not welcome in the school.

'The district does not have a policy excluding individuals in uniform and will be working with administration and the firm that handles our security to make sure district policies are understood and communicated accurately.'

The Baker family has scheduled a meeting with the principal of Adams high school in the coming days.

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A perfect example of Obama's America. The man has brought that great country down.

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Another example of how low can we go and stupid is as stupid does...I mean the security guard didn't even call for confirmation just 'knew' it was a rule...amazing....

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Turning away a uniformed man serving his country might also offend some of the students. In fact if you took a poll, I'd bet that more would vote to let him in rather than keep him out. And the vast majority of them wouldn't care either way. Oh, and does the security guy wear a uniform....?

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That security guard and the principal or headmaster should be sacked.

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No doubt Che shirts are very popular amongst the employees at this school.

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[smallvillager1](#), Suffolk, United Kingdom, 50 minutes ago

This literally made my eyes water with anger..that security guard CANNOT be this dumb! A U.S. military uniform offending the students?! I am dying to know the logic behind that assumption.

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You haven't visited a government public school recently I take it...

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Anyone offended by a U.S. soldier in uniform is probably the enemy.

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It's America. A US military person should be aloud anywhere on American soil....

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The rent a cop got intimidated himself. He knows a real uniform when he sees one, that's what the problem was.

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The author of this article should have done proper research prior to submitting. In trying to defend the Army Lieutenant Colonel (LTC), by referring to him as a Lieutenant (LT) is very undermining and disrespectful to the rank he has earned. In enlisted terms, it would be the same as referring to a Sergeant (SGT) as a Private (PVT). It is very offensive and derogatory. It would benefit you much in support of your statement to actually give proper recognition to the Army officer to whom you are referring. I also, agree that this incident is appalling, and it strikes me much more, as I live only a few miles away myself, and have served in the military. Just disgraceful that anyone, any establishment or any community in America would discriminate against a member of the Armed Forces. They did not cause, create, or decide these wars, battles or operations. They are merely doing there job in order to protect the Freedom of the citizens of the USA.

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Lighten up, Frances.

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