

Trump wants a parade.

When I first heard that President Trump wanted to honor the military with a parade after observing the French Bastille Day military parade, I winced. Although the sense of honoring the troops with a parade sounds good, the Darksiders would immediately scream that we would look like NOKO and the Soviet Union. And I was right. They did not compare it to France or England as it would not serve their anti-Trump agenda. I am still not a fan of the parade, as I think we could use the money in a better way. Maybe use the \$20M to give a bonus to the currently enlisted personnel to purchase something for their family.

On the other hand, a parade to honor the military may be a positive boost to those serving, as it would show the country does value theirs and their families sacrifice. Since the end of the Vietnam War this country has a history of pushing the military aside. President Bush ('43) was the first president in decades to properly acknowledge the military's accomplishments. Remember college campuses banning recruitment? The VA ignoring the vets seeking help; in some cases it resulted in veterans' death. Veterans were being ignored for jobs. Now a CA teacher, and local councilman, labels the military as the "lowest of our low."

So I am open to a parade of all the branches of the military that help protect this country. I just do not want to see missiles and tanks rolling down Pennsylvania Avenue. That to me would be over the top and project the wrong image to citizens of this country. A flyover though would be cool.

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