

# And Speaking Of This Horrible Economy...

A thought occurred to me the other night – didn't Barack Obama promise to bring the troops home from the dangerous Middle East if he became President? Well, it's been more than 6 weeks since he's taken office, and I haven't even heard any talk whatsoever about troops coming home. I realize these things take time, but like I said, it doesn't even seem to be in the planning stages as of yet.

And then I was thinking, what happens when they DO come home, and now we have thousands of able-bodied Americans who just served our country only to come home to find out that there are NO JOBS for them? What will that do to the unemployment rate? And pardon my ignorance, but when do people in the military get paid? Are they receiving paychecks right now while they're serving, or do they get paid when they come home or both? If they get paid from the government when they come home, that will complicate matters also since the government will suddenly be responsible for paying thousands of soldiers.

I'm not saying that the President is keeping the troops overseas to procrastinate the employment problem. But the fact remains that he *promised* he'd get them home and ASAP. And there is also the fact that the job opportunities are shrinking at a rapid rate. I normally don't get too political, but I haven't heard any of the analysts on tv talk about what to do with the troops for employment should they return to the United States, so I thought I'd throw it out there.

And it needs to be said how incredibly thankful I am to not be personally affected by the struggling economy. My husband is self-employed and successful, and I haven't even thought about going back to work myself yet since my kids are still very

little. My family and friends seem relatively unscathed as well; although I did see my former neighbors in the newspaper the other day for foreclosure. What a shame; they were nice people. Here's to hoping the economy improves – and fast!