

## 500 Word Essay on Being Late

" I first heard that from an old First Sergeant of mine; and he said it regularly. Each piece of the sentence seems arbitrary, even self-explanatory, but for some it is difficult to execute. This paper is going to briefly explain each of the three parts, with emphasis on 'time'. Being at the place of duty at the correct time is critical because we are waiting on a member of the team. Each unit is allotted so many personnel but military and civilian.

Each unit is also tasked with missions. The assigned personnel work as a team, with a tempo and common expectation to fulfill the mission at hand. Common expectations are the socially accepted forms of professional behavior. Professionalism is partly comprised of timeliness- therefore it is paramount.

The appropriate uniform for the occasion, cleanliness and maintain customs and courtesies. Appearing well rounded and well kept; so, no one can second guess a person's competence. Being a professional really means doing what it takes to allow my peers and co-workers to know me as reliable, respectful and competent. Regardless of where I work and the type of role I fill, this can take on many different forms with the same end result in mind. It would seem juvenile to some that going to the wrong place, regardless if in the required attire, even 15 minutes early! I focused my attention on something underlying to an issue that can arise from this: paying attention to detail.

Soldier's books are handed out, calendars are easily accessible and not to forget Outlook and all the possibilities there. Use them, any combination of them. Doing these things, plus thinking about how something so simple could have so many possible moving parts (I think) creates the atmosphere for a soldier to succeed.

People also notice habitual behaviors that affect the mission tempo negatively. Things go smoother when each moving part all the way to individuals doing the right thing, up to whole clinics doing the right thing. As a clinic we can do our best- and compete with other sections for customer approval rating which reflects the best on our how institution.

I need to be in the "right place, right time, right uniform," and let it build from there. The reason I am doing this is because I have been verbally counseled and have received an event orientated both directly related to tardiness. Upon receiving my event orientated counseling, I felt I deserved most any corrective training I received from the chain of command. I was not proud of the way I have presented myself thus far here in this clinic. I

have done some good and some bad, though I am still happy this is where I work. Here I have great role models as leadership and a vast number of Occupational Therapy years of experience available to learn from. I have noticed complete respect to military customs and courtesies and I intend to also continue on with this clinic's performance.