IN MEMORIUM

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TV's weekly casualty roll call is antiseptically displayed. Just name, rank, and hometown for the price they paid.

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A soldier's name, rank, and hometown scroll across the screen. Amongst some viewers, a sigh of relief, the list is not germane.

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A little boy who came to be a soldier will miss the parades he's due. Name, rank, and hometown don't do justice to a nation's gratitude.

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The scrolling record of KIA's mercifully fades to black. Memorializing name, rank, and hometown of warriors that aren't coming back.

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