

Hack Turns Folk Hero as Recruiter for Army

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CUYAHOGA FALLS — At what was supposed to be quitting time, Army S. Sgt. David Denton Hack climbed into his custom-tuned, custom-painted Corvette and drove home.

He stayed only long enough to shed his stiff khaki uniform and put on double-knit trousers, modish red-white-and-blue shoes and a T-shirt with a portrait of bearded Uncle Sam pointing a menacing forefinger and saying, in block letters, "Sgt. Hack Wants You For U.S. Army."

HACK KISSED his wife and two children goodby.

"I'll be home before 10," he promised, knowing it was a lie and knowing they knew it, too. He would be home by midnight, maybe.

Then, with the rumble of a powerful racing engine and the puff of exhaust fumes, he was off on another night patrol for "the Army that wants to join you."

Sgt. Hack, 32, a brawny reddish-blond, who wears wire-rimmed granny glasses, is a supersalesman for the Army in Cuyahoga Falls and is fast blossoming as a national folk hero.



HACKMOBILE — With his custom car, custom shirts and unaccustomed candor, S. Sgt. Denton Hack is winning recruits for "the Army that wants to join you."

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