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Rosie defends bullet-laden daughter picture

4-year-old girl shown in O'Donnell's own blog wearing ammo belt

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Rosie O'Donnell is defending the banner photograph at the top of her blog today featuring her 4-year-old daughter wearing a toy ammunition belt and military fatigues.



Rosie O'Donnell is defending her online posting of this photo of her 4-year-old daughter Vivienne dressed up in military fatigues with toy ammunition (photo: Rosie.com)

Titled "[a picture says a thousand posts](#)," the item was posted by the entertainer and outspoken anti-war activist at midday. O'Donnell explains the photo was the result of **a game of make-believe**. In an e-mail to The ShowBuzz, she said: "They don't watch TV - **this is how they play**/the boys had fatigues and **were playing war**/the girls wanted some/they run around the house with water guns/shooting each other."

"It's fascinating to me/that an image of a child dressed up as a soldier/evokes so much attention/yet the real soldiers - their deaths - their wounded bodies/doesn't seem to faze most/or make news," she added.

O'Donnell has been a proponent of **gun-control measures** over the years, but was accused of **hypocrisy** in 2000 when it was revealed **her bodyguard had applied for a concealed weapons permit at the Greenwich, Conn., police department** so he could better protect Rosie's children.

An angry O'Donnell at the time blamed the media and gun-industry supporters for releasing the information.

She blamed the **Greenwich police for covertly releasing the information to the press in order to paint her as a charlatan**. She also said she was **upset that reporters "informed the world" that her security personnel were unarmed, suggesting the revelation raised the risks to her family**.

"[My bodyguard] has the right as a person who's residing in Connecticut a lot of the time due to his work with me to request to carry a gun. ... He's an individual and he works for a security firm," O'Donnell told Katie Couric, who was still hosting NBC's "Today" show.

O'Donnell also suggested gun-rights organizations like the National Rifle Association were partly responsible for spreading the word about the gun permit application, suggesting it was a politically motivated action and, in part, **an attempt to find out whether or not her bodyguard was carrying an unlicensed firearm**.

SOME COMMENTS FROM A READER.....

A classic case of a hypocritical liberal caught in the act..... One set of standards for everyone else and another for herself.

1. A game of make-believe? So just what was this anti-gun / anti-war activist encouraging her adopted children to do? Pretend they were shooting other people? Just what is she training these children to be? Assassins? Murderers? Isn't this exactly what she accuses other people of doing?
2. I wonder how she will explain to these children why it is ok to play at killing people but that it is wrong to actually defend yourself with a gun?
3. Unarmed people at risk? Notice how frightening the prospect is for the world to know that her paid enforcer is unarmed. I wonder why she feels it's ok for everyone else to be this vulnerable but not her? Notice also how she rationalizes that it is "different" when someone else owns the CCW in order to protect her..... and absolves her of any hypocrisy.
4. Packing heat illegally? Notice how concerned she is that someone might find out her body guard is breaking the law regarding concealed carry. I wonder how she would react if she found out that maybe Wayne La Pierre was packing illegally?