

BEFORE YOU ENLIST....

CHECK OUT THE REALITY!

The military provides job training...but military jobs often don't translate into civilian jobs; in fact, veterans typically earn 12% to 15% less than workers who didn't go into the military.

The military gives money for college...but large amounts of money are only given to those with the highest test scores and fulfill their *entire* military contract, and first *you* must pay them a non-refundable \$1200 (everyone must pay whether or not you intend to go to school).

Military recruitments are potentially unlimited in length...recruits can be kept in the military indefinitely, or called back from the reserves years later, especially as part of the "war on terror" which has no foreseeable end.

Recruiters are the ultimate salespeople...and are under tremendous pressure to meet recruiting goals, and so often misrepresent college benefits, veterans' benefits, and other aspects of the military

You will lose some of your civil liberties...including your rights to free speech, assembly, and individual expression; you will be required to follow all order given you, whether you agree with them or consider them moral, right, or fair.

Losing your life is a tragedy...but so is suffering terrible physical or mental injuries. In addition to the more than 1400 men and women who have died in the current war in Iraq, another 11,000 have been wounded, and are returning home with traumatic brain injuries, loss of limbs, debilitating psychological disorders, and serious illnesses related to exposure to "depleted" uranium used in U.S. munitions.

Does the U.S. government want to take care of its veterans? The current proposed Bush Administration veterans' benefit plan would serve 27% fewer vets in 2006 than in 1998!

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National Contacts:

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Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (215)563-8787 / www.objector.org
The GI Rights Hotline (800) FYI 95GI / www.girights.org
War Resister League New England (869) 889-5337 / wrlne@peoplepc.com

Local Contacts:

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