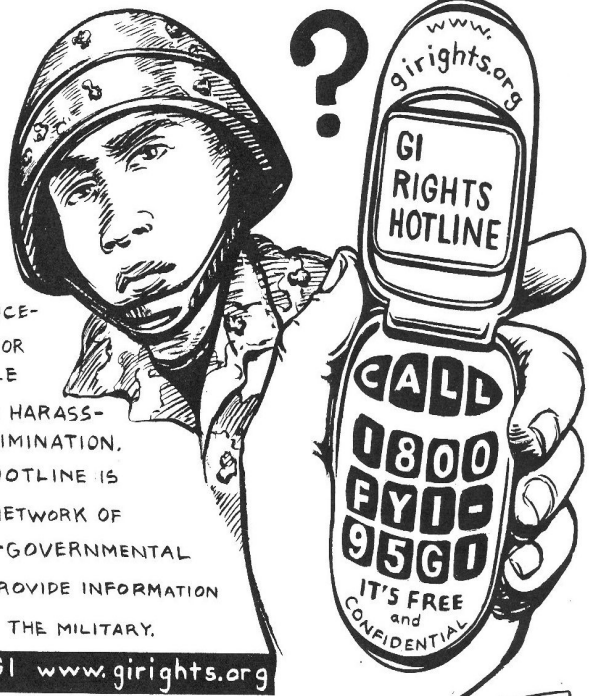


DID YOU ENLIST... AND THEN CHANGE YOUR MIND

GI RIGHTS ADVOCATES CAN HELP RECRUITS GET OUT OF THE D.E.P.-DELAYED ENLISTMENT PROGRAM. THEY HELP SERVICE-MEMBERS APPLY FOR DISCHARGE OR FILE GRIEVANCES FOR HARASSMENT OR DISCRIMINATION. THE GI RIGHTS HOTLINE IS ANSWERED BY A NETWORK OF NON-PROFIT, NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WHO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY.

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215.241.7176
www.afsc.org/youthmil/default.htm
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438 N. Skinker
St. Louis, MO 63130
314.725.6005
www.veteransforpeace.org
 - Project YANO - Youth and Non-Military Opportunities
PO Box 230157
Encinitas CA 92023
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www.quakerhouse.org
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WITHOUT JOINING THE MILITARY

7 OUT OF 10 STUDENTS GET FINANCIAL AID. YOU CAN, TOO. YOU WILL HAVE TO DO SOME HOMEWORK. HERE'S WHERE TO START:

WHEN YOU DECIDE WHICH COLLEGE TO APPLY TO, CONTACT THEIR FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

IF YOU'RE NOT IN SCHOOL, YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER. ASK A LIBRARIAN.

A SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR CAN HELP YOU CHOOSE A COLLEGE, AND FILE THE "FAFSA" (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.)

HERE ARE SOME BOOKS THAT CAN HELP:

- USA TODAY FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE: A QUICK GUIDE TO EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW 1-800-EDU-DATA
- A STUDENT GUIDE TO FINANCIAL AID 1-800-433-3243 www.ed.gov/prog-info /SFA/studentguide

HERE ARE SOME WEBSITES:

- www.collegeispossible.org a resourceguide
- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com for info on private scholarships

A FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE CAN COME FROM A MIX OF FEDERAL & STATE GOVERNMENTS, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS, IN THE FORM OF GRANTS, LOANS, AND WORK-STUDY.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE THE MOST AFFORDABLE. TO GET IN, YOU ONLY NEED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED. YOU CAN TRANSFER CREDITS TO A 4-YEAR COLLEGE.

EARN COLLEGE FUNDS & GET WORK EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH AMERICORPS, VISTA NATIONAL SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY CORPS.

www.nationalservice.org or call 1-800-942-2677

YOU CAN DO IT!

THAT NIGHT, JOSH DREAMED HE MADE A DARING RESCUE OF HIS GRATEFUL BUDDIES.

Wow! IT WAS LIKE THE MOVIES! WAIT UNTIL I ENLIST - THEN I'LL GET SOME RESPECT AROUND HERE.

HE TOLD NO ONE ABOUT HIS PLAN.

BIG SIGN-UP BONUS

MONEY FOR COLLEGE

SKILLS

OPTIONS

COOL GEAR

AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, AFTER A TRIAL PERIOD, YOU CAN LEAVE.

DOING SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR MYSELF!

BLOOD MAKES THE GRASS GROW - WE MAKE THE BLOOD FLOW! KILL, KILL, KILL!

SIR, THE RECRUIT REQUESTS "ENTRY LEVEL SEPARATION," SIR.

"E.L.S." IS NOT FOR YOU TO REQUEST. YOU SIGNED A CONTRACT.

THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE IS TO THE BRIG AFTER I COURT-MARTIAL YOUR STINKING FAIRY ASS!

what was I thinking

Contract Camouflage

IT'S BEST TO GET RECRUITERS' PROMISES IN WRITING, BUT EVEN SO...

YOUR HIGH TECH JOB

THE MILITARY CAN CHANGE YOUR JOB AT ANY TIME!

CRUMPLE CRUMPLE!

BASE

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS "A PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT," WHEN YOU CAN EASILY LEAVE.

BASE

YOU ARE OBLIGATED TO SERVE FOR 8 YEARS (INCLUDING RESERVES) AND IT CAN EXTEND INDEFINITELY IN WARTIME.

THE CONTRACT IS MORE BINDING ON YOU THAN ON THE MILITARY.

YOU GIVE UP YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS WHEN YOU ENLIST.

BEFORE YOU SIGN ANYTHING: TALK TO A PARENT OR A TEACHER, TALK TO A VETERAN.

DO NOT RUSH INTO IT ALONE, OR WHEN YOU'RE UPSET.

RECRUITERS HAVE A QUOTA TO FILL EVERY MONTH.

THEY DO NOT HAVE TO DELIVER ON THEIR PROMISES TO YOU.

WAIT!

WHAT ARE YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT WAR? WOULD YOU ONLY FIGHT TO DEFEND YOUR COUNTRY? WHAT IF THE U.S. ATTACKED FIRST? COULD YOU KILL ANOTHER SOLDIER? A CIVILIAN?

GROUPS THAT WORK FOR PEACE CAN HELP YOU THINK IT THROUGH. THEY COUNSEL PEOPLE IN THE MILITARY WHO ARE CONSIDERING CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION.

TO APPLY FOR CO STATUS, YOU WILL HAVE TO WRITE.

WHEN DID I COME TO MY BELIEFS? HOW? WHY?

YOU WILL NEED 3-5 LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM:

- CLERGY
- FRIENDS
- FAMILY
- COUNSELOR
- EMPLOYER

WHO TESTIFY TO YOUR SINCERITY.

IF ENLISTED, YOU WILL HAVE THREE INTERVIEWS, WITH:

- PSYCHIATRIST
- CHAPLAIN
- INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR, IF THERE IS A DRAFT, WITH A DRAFT BOARD.

FEDERAL COURT

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION MAY BE AS OLD AS WAR. IN AMERICA IT BEGAN AS DRAFT EXEMPTION FOR QUAKERS, MENONITES AND BRETHREN, CALLED THE "HISTORIC PEACE CHURCHES."

MEMBERS OF CHURCHES THAT FORBADE WAR GOT OUT OF THE CIVIL WAR IF THEY PAID A \$500 FINE OR HIRED A SUBSTITUTE. MANY REFUSED & WERE JAILED OR EXECUTED.

WWI: RELIGIOUS OBJECTORS WERE JOINED BY RADICALS WHO BELIEVED IN "NO WAR BUT CLASS WAR."

MANY SPENT THE WAR IN ARMY CAMPS OR PRISONS.

DURING WWII, MANY CO'S WORKED IN CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPS RUN BY THE PEACE CHURCHES AND THE GOVERNMENT.

VIETNAM ERA CO'S DID NOT HAVE TO BELIEVE IN GOD, AS LONG AS THEIR OBJECTION WAS "SINCERE AND DEEPLY FELT."

170,000 WERE APPROVED. MANY DID ALTERNATIVE SERVICE AT LOW-PAYING HOSPITAL JOBS.

IN TODAY'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE, CO'S MUST PROVE THEIR OBJECTION DEVELOPED AFTER THEY ENLISTED. ABOUT 1/2 OF APPLICANTS SINCE 2003 RECEIVED C.O. DISCHARGES. SOME WHO OPPOSE THIS WAR BUT NOT ALL WARS GOT OTHER DISCHARGES: HARDSHIP, DISABILITY, etc.

Conscientious Objection

A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR (C.O.)
IS SOMEONE WHO OPPOSES PARTICIPATION IN WAR

BECAUSE OF DEEPLY FELT

RELIGIOUS, MORAL

OR ETHICAL BELIEFS.

THE U.S. MILITARY HAS TWO OFFICIAL CLASSIFICATIONS OF C.O.'S:
1-O OR **1-A-O**

1-O IS OPPOSED TO ANY PARTICIPATION IN WAR, AND IS DISCHARGED.

1-A-O IS ONLY OPPOSED TO COMBAT, WILL SERVE IN NON-COMBATANT JOBS SUCH AS MEDICAL AND CLERICAL.

MEET SOME RECENT CO'S:

MARINE STAFF SERGEANT JIMMY MASSEY WAS ORDERED TO FIRE ON NON-VIOLENT IRAQI DEMONSTRATORS.

NO THANK YOU, MR. SGT. MAJ. I DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY ANY MORE. I'M NOT GOING TO KILL INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

...FOR NO GOVERNMENT.

AS A 12-YEAR VETERAN, MASSEY IS NOT AGAINST ALL WARS, SO HE'S NOT LEGALLY A C.O. HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FOR POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN 2003. NOW HE SPEAKS OUT AGAINST THE WAR.

PERRY O'BRIEN ENLISTED AS AN ARMY MEDIC 2 WEEKS BEFORE SEPT 11, 2001.

IN CLINICS IN AFGHANISTAN:

AT FIRST, IT WAS LIKE THE PEACE CORPS WITH GUNS.

...UNTIL HE TREATED KIDS HIT BY U.S. BOMBS.

O'BRIEN GOT AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE AS A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR. HE LAUNCHED A WEBSITE WITH OTHER CO'S TO HELP PEOPLE CONSIDERING OBJECTION. www.Peace_out.org

Tony's American Dream

SON, MAKE SURE YOU GET A GOOD EDUCATION, SO YOU DON'T END UP LIKE ME:

TONY IS THE SON OF IMMIGRANTS WHO WORK HARD TO RAISE A BIG FAMILY.

...YEARS AND YEARS OF WORK, AND NO PENSION OR HEALTH BENEFITS

THE FIRST OF HIS BROTHERS & SISTERS TO GRADUATE:

SORRY I CAN'T HELP YOU WITH COLLEGE TUITION

IT'S OK, DAD. I'LL FIND A WAY.

RECRUITING STATION

YOU CAN STUDY WHILE YOU'RE IN THE ARMY.

I CAN GET YOU A \$5,000 SIGNING BONUS.

1 YEAR LATER:

I WANT TO ENROLL IN CLASSES.

NOT NOW.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE STATIONED IN KOREA.

AFTER ALL THESE 14-HOUR DAYS, I'M WAY TOO TIRED TO STUDY ANYWAY.

YOU'RE 18 YEARS OLD.

THE LAW SAYS ALL U.S. MALES MUST REGISTER FOR THE DRAFT.

HOW ARE THEY GOING TO MAKE ME?

WHEN YOU APPLY FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE, YOU'RE REGISTERED AUTOMATICALLY IN 41 STATES.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

WHAT IF I DON'T REGISTER?

SOME DOORS WILL BE CLOSED TO YOU!

BUT WE DON'T HAVE A DRAFT!

REGISTRATION STARTED AGAIN IN 1980, WHEN THE SOVIETS INVADED AFGHANISTAN as a show of READINESS.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: 5 YEARS AND A \$250,000 FINE.

ONLY 20 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SENTENCED. MAX 6 MONTHS. NONE SINCE 1986, BUT OUCH!

TRUE-NOT SINCE 1973.

WHAT ARE YOU

IN THE EVENT OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, CONGRESS COULD VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A DRAFT.

SELECTIVE SERVICE WOULD HOLD A LOTTERY

GUYS WITH LOW NUMBERS WOULD BE CALLED FIRST, TO REPORT FOR A PHYSICAL, THEN THEY COULD GET AN INDUCTION ORDER

TO REPORT TO BOOT CAMP IN 10 DAYS

TO LEARN TO KILL ON COMMAND.

REGISTERED FOR?

I COULD NEVER LEARN TO KILL ANOTHER PERSON.

THE LAW

IF WAR IS AGAINST YOUR RELIGIOUS, MORAL OR ETHICAL BELIEFS, YOU HAVE A LEGAL RIGHT TO AVOID THE DRAFT WITH HONOR, BY FILING A CLAIM AS A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR (C.O.)

YOU CAN'T CLAIM C.O. STATUS WHEN YOU REGISTER, ONLY WHEN YOU'RE CALLED UP, AND THEN THERE'S VERY LITTLE TIME TO PROVE YOUR BELIEFS.

DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE. FOR ADVICE & SUPPORT, CONTACT:

C.C.C.O. www.cco.org 215.563.8787

A.F.S.C. www.afsc.org 215.241.7176

C.C.W. www.nisbcc.org 202.483.2220

I WAS DEPLOYED TO IRAQ.

THERE I WAS, AT LAST, WORKING SIDE BY SIDE WITH REAL DOCTORS.

ONE PATIENT AFTER ANOTHER, WE PREPARED THEM TO GO OUT AGAIN, TO HURT OR BE HURT, MAYBE TO KILL OR BE KILLED.

WHAT GOOD ARE WE DOING HERE?

WE LOST THOUSANDS, AND MAYBE TEN TIMES AS MANY OF THE PEOPLE WE WERE SUPPOSEDLY HELPING.

THIS WAS ALL WRONG FROM DAY ONE. HOW COULD WE EXPECT TO BRING PEACE THROUGH VIOLENCE?

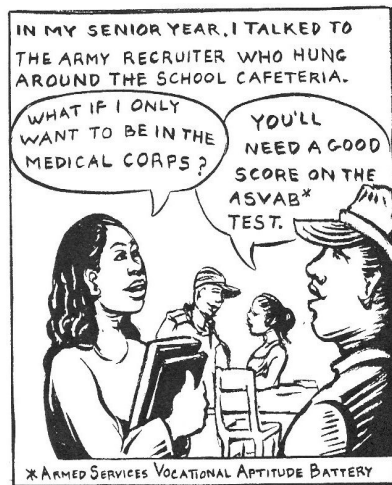
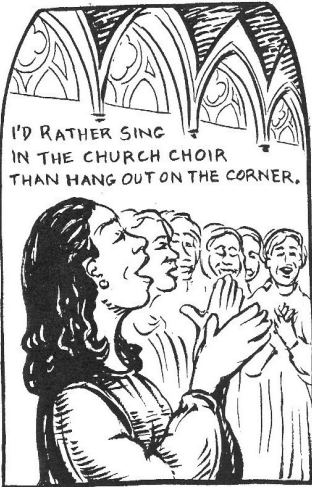
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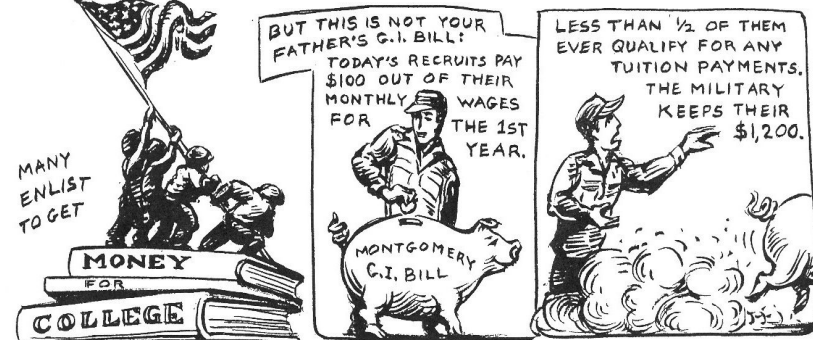
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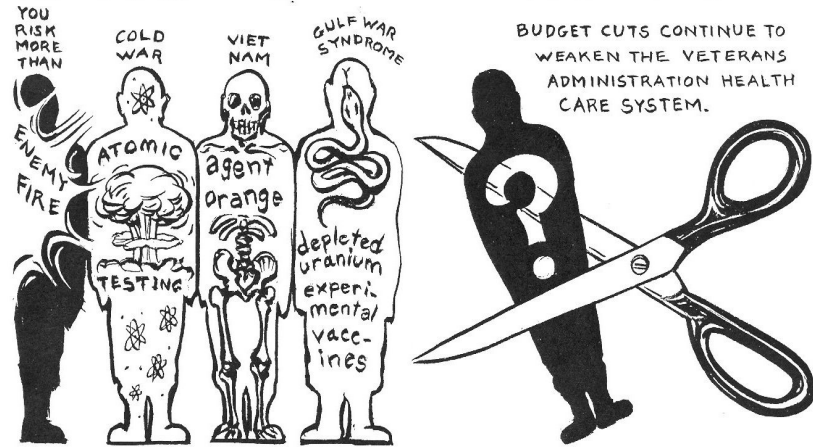
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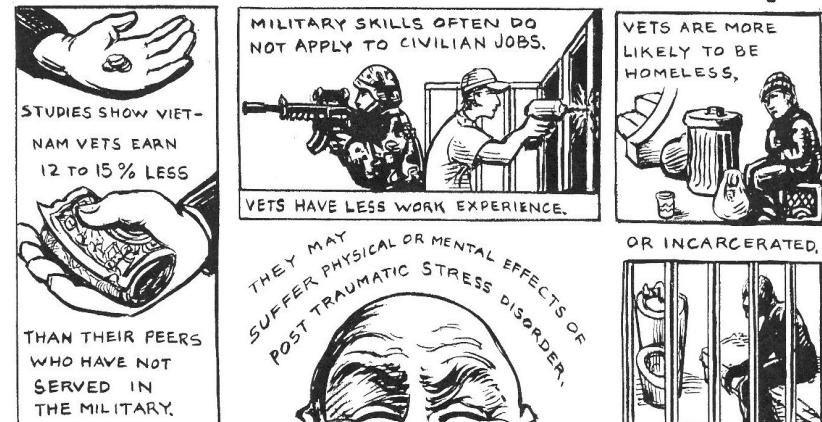
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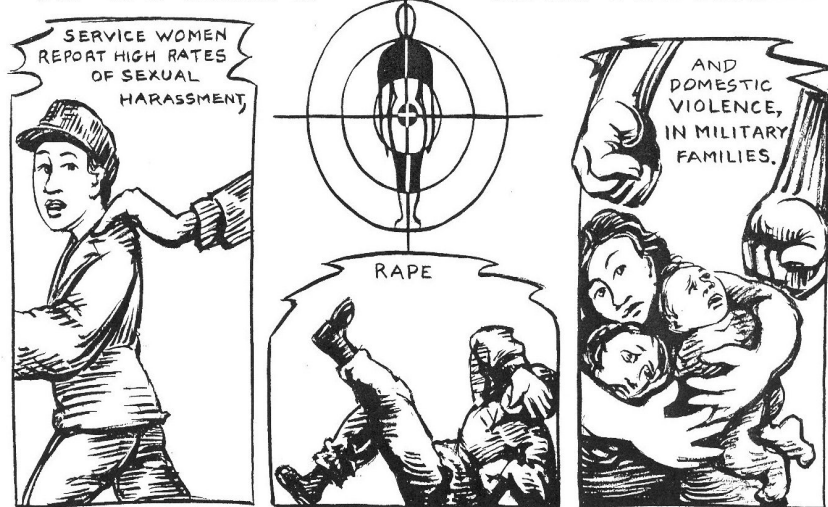
HAZARDS TO YOUR HEALTH!



JOB SKILLS & OPPORTUNITIES?



WOMEN BEWARE



HOW COLORBLIND IS THE MILITARY?



HOMOSEXUALITY

