

Ten Points To Consider Before You Sign A Military Enlistment Agreement

- 1: Don't make a quick decision by enlisting the first time you see a recruiter or when you are upset.
- 2: Take a witness with you when you speak to a recruiter.
- 3: Talk to veterans who have been there about their experiences.
- 4: Consider your moral feelings about going to war and killing someone.
- 5: Get a copy of the enlistment agreement. Read the fine print, especially the part about what the military can order you to do.
- 6: Once you are in you cannot get out so easily. You will be in for eight years and the only way out before that is if the military decides to give you a dishonorable discharge.
- 7: Get all the recruiters promises in writing!
- 8: There are no job guarantees in the military. You go and do what someone else tells you to for eight years.
- 9: Military personnel may not be as free as civilians or have the same rights and civil liberties as civilians,
- 10: Many other opportunities exist for you to serve your community and better your skills.

For more information go to CAMS ~ Coalition Against Militarism In Our Schools ~ www.militaryfreeschools.org ~ 626-799-9118

ASVAB TEST (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

An OPTIONAL, free test administered to high school students by the military Purpose is not for determining general occupational aptitudes, but for admissions and placement into U.S. military

~Tests general knowledge in a variety of career possibilities

~Scores determine whether one gets into military

~Scores establish what jobs recruits are allowed to train in

~Used to obtain personal contact information

~You are NOT obligated to join military after taking the test

~You may be pursued at home by military recruiters

NO GI benefits for 57% of people who join up!

The ad says, "Join the army and earn up to \$50,000 for college." The reality is that 57% of those who sign up for the GI Bill educational benefits do not receive the benefits, and 23% receive only half their maximum benefit. Why? Because the military attaches many strings to eligibility and GI bill benefits. If they are received, don't pay enough to cover costs at even the most inexpensive schools.

DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM (DEP)

Under the Delayed Entry Program, you sign up now but don't enter the military until up to 12 months later. Some students sign up for DEP because they are not yet 18 years old. If you change your mind, you can get out of DEP, and DO NOT have to join.

Women report higher incidences of rape, sexual abuse and harassment than civilians. A 1999 review of Pentagon records found that 50,000 military spouses were victims of domestic violence-5 times the civilian rate.

JROTC (Junior Reserves Officer Training Core)

A Military-run training program for high school students. The goal is to create favorable attitudes and impressions towards the Services and careers in the Armed Forces (32 Code of Fed Regulations 542.5:3c). Between 1992 to 1997, JROTC programs more than doubled. After General Colin Powell visited South Central L.A. following the riots in 1992. He concluded inner city youth needed more discipline and structure. JROTC continues to grow to over 3,500 programs nationwide. More than 40% of cadets who complete JROTC eventually join the military, the vast majority as enlisted personnel.