

## THE BIG PICTURE...

In 2006, the Department of Defense committed over \$1.5 billion to its recruiting effort.  
(GAO, 2006)

For the next five years, the proposed federal discretionary budget apportions 51% to national defense, while only 9% goes to education, training, and employment  
(National Priorities Project, 2004)



The cost to recruit each enlistee is \$17,000  
(GAO, 8/06)

more than TWICE what California spends on education (less than \$7,000 per student)

### Our Mission:

- to inform students, educators, and the public about the growing militarization in our schools

- to provide nonviolent alternatives and resources

## THE MILITARY AND L.A. SCHOOLS

### The military infiltrates the school district by:

- **Federal law** (P.L. #107-110 Section 9528 of the "No Child Left Behind" Act) mandates school districts to release directory information of juniors and seniors to military recruiters unless a signed "Opt Out" form is returned.
- **Unrestricted access to students** by military recruiters at many high schools. The frequency of recruiters on campus depends upon school policy and administration.
- **Military classes on campus** including JROTC (Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps), California Cadets in middle schools, and other programs targeting elementary school children.
- **ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test)** An optional career interest test administered by the military. This exam violates parental rights and student privacy unless Option 8 is selected by the school.

### ONLINE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Educational testing programs such as Kaplan partner and share information with the U.S. Army. They provide online interactive academic activities for youth as young as 13.  
[www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)

### "JROTC":

A military-run training program for high school students to "create favorable attitudes and impressions towards the military"

(Policy Memorandum 50, Major General, U.S. Army Commanding)

## School Culture is Changing... Together, we are making a difference!

- CAMS initiated an **Operation Opt Out** campaign for the past 2 years resulting in an additional 10,000 students. In 2006 **Operation Student privacy** will include information about the ASVAB and Pentagon database.
- CAMS contributed to the first **LAUSD policy Bulletin 2067.1**, which clarifies the parameters for military recruitment, the roles and responsibilities of school officials and military recruiters. ([www.militaryfreeschools.org](http://www.militaryfreeschools.org))
- **Students** are resisting and taking action by **protesting the ASVAB and JROTC program**. They are organizing, forming **peace clubs**, and **demanding alternatives as school leaders!**



Students at Carson High School, 2005



**Myth:**



You'll get a lot of money for college through the Montgomery G.I. Bill, and bonuses of \$70,000 or more  
([www.army.military.com](http://www.army.military.com))

### Reality:

The enlistee must finish his/her term of service and receive an honorable discharge, which many fail to do, as well as contribute a \$1200 nonrefundable deposit. It was estimated in 2000 that 50% of GI Bill benefits went unused.  
(Veterans' Admin. Handbook)

## KNOW THE FACTS!

Military recruiters are under increasing pressure to enlist new soldiers.

"Substantiated military recruiting violations went up by more than 50% last year, going from 4,400 cases to 6,600 in 2005", according to the GAO (Government Accounting Office, 8/06)

"Military Sexual Trauma" refers to the thousands of service women harassed or sexually assaulted each year.  
(Military Medicine, March 2007)

### The Army's School Recruiting Program Handbook

(USAREC Pamphlet 350-13, 4/02) states:

"...school ownership is the goal" & to "penetrate the k-12 market".

([www.usarec.army.mil/im/form](http://www.usarec.army.mil/im/form))

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

- You can "OPT OUT" and keep your contact information private.

- Don't take the ASVAB. Don't join JROTC!

### Equal Access Law:

- Although the law allows military recruiters to be on school campuses, a 9th circuit court decision states that "equal access" must be applied. Secondary educational institutions or prospective employers of the students have the same access as military recruiters.

### Fight military recruiter harassment!

- Report the name of the recruiter to his/her commanding officer, to the school and school district
- Contact CAMS and our legal advisors, the ACLU-213-977-5236

**National Lawyers Guild/LA Chapter Bill Smith Military Resistance Project:**  
Monthly military counseling sessions & info: 323-653-4510  
[www.nlg-la.org/militaryinfo.htm](http://www.nlg-la.org/militaryinfo.htm)