

## Some questions to ask yourself:

Will enlistment help me achieve my goals?

Am I willing to be available for the next 8 years to do anything the government asks me to do?

Am I willing to kill...and be killed?

Do I have other options?



## If you talk to a recruiter:

Talk with veterans who have had both good and bad experiences.

Talk with a civilian counselor.

Take along a relative or friend.

Have someone you know and trust review any documents before you sign.

**Don't rush.** Your decision will affect the rest of your life.

- Since the war in Iraq began in 2003, over 6000 U.S. military service members have died in Iraq. Over 33,000 have been wounded and more than **114,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed.** (as of January 2012)
- **15% of women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan have experienced sexual assault or harassment.**
- **Over 6000 veterans per year are lost to suicide. Suicide rates among active-duty troops are twice as high as that of the civilian population, and veterans with PTSD are six times more likely to attempt suicide.**
- **Nearly 1 out of 3 homeless persons is a military veteran.**

Sources: *IVAW.org, nationalpriorities.org, iraqbodycount.org, antiwar.com/casualties*

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Truth and Alternatives to Militarism in Education

# Some decisions can't be reversed.

## Before you decide to enlist... Get all the facts.

The military is not:

- a jobs training program.
- a leadership development program.
- a college funding program.
- a job you can quit if you change your mind.

## The military trains you for war.



**Over \$10 billion of our taxes is spent each year on recruiting.**

**Military recruiters are paid and trained to sell you the military.**

**9-4. Recruiter responsibilities**

a. Assess your school market to determine problem areas. Identify those key influencers and policymakers who can help remove the barriers to recruiting.

ment for a sales presentation on the first contact, then do so. Remember, that you will probably need to tailor your sales message to meet the stage of the SY.

**Here are some things they may not mention:**

**You are not guaranteed the job or location of your choice.**

**You may be recalled to service after your enlistment term has ended.**

**You are governed by military law and no longer protected by certain constitutional rights, such as the right to a trial by jury and the right to publicly disagree with or criticize the military and/or its decisions.**

**You are bound by the terms of the enlistment contract but the military is not:**

"Laws and regulations that govern military personnel may change without notice to me. Such changes may affect my status, pay, allowances, benefits, and responsibilities as a member of the Armed Forces REGARDLESS of the provisions of this enlistment/ reenlistment document."

**Learn more from people who aren't paid to tell you:**

Veterans  
Military personnel  
G.I. Rights Counselors  
Historians  
Former Recruiters

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Non-military options after high school

Truth-in-recruiting information

Guidelines for students considering enlistment

Video testimony by veterans

Information about:

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No Child Left Behind Act

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**Explore your options.**

Jobs  
Careers  
Apprenticeships  
Schools  
Education funding  
Public service

**YOU**  
have options!



**Let TAME help you:**

Arrange a speaker or video for your school or classroom

Obtain Options packets for school counselors and youth mentors

Learn what else you can do