

You don't have to!!!

The oath you take to become a member of the D.E.P. does not make you legally obligated to go to Basic Training and be in the United States military. Your recruiter wants you to believe that you will get in trouble, even arrested, if you don't go.....



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D.E.P.

(Delayed Entry Program)

The Real Story



Have you signed up for
the D. E. P....

...And now you don't
want to go?

But you won't!

Remember:

Recruiters have a job to do. They have a certain quota they need to meet each month. If they don't meet this quota, their careers are in jeopardy. It is in their best interest to get you to:

Sign up.....



Graduate.....

and go to basic training, at which point you count towards their quota...



BUT.....

Your recruiter cannot force you to go to basic training because as a member of the D. E. P., you are NOT subject to military law. In fact, the Army instructs its recruiters that, under United States Military Regulations, they are not allowed to:

“threaten, coerce, manipulate, or intimidate D. E. P. members, nor may they obstruct separation requests. (USAREC Reg 601-56§3-1.c) ...At no time will any recruiter tell a D. E. P. enlistee he or she must ‘go in the Army or he or she will go to jail,’ or that ‘failure to enlist will result in a black mark on his or her credit record,’ or any other statement indicating adverse action will occur if the applicant fails to enlist.” (Excerpted from **USAREC Reg 601-95 §3-1.b.**; see also **USAREC Reg 601-45 §2-3.h.**)

The above regulations are for the Army, but each branch has similar regulations.



No matter what your recruiter says, until you **report** for Basic Training you are not in the U.S. Military. If you decide not to join the military after signing up with D.E.P., you are not legally required to have any further contact with your recruiter. You may want to go out of town around your original date of enlistment to avoid pressure from your recruiter. You don't have to answer the door, the phone, or go anywhere with your recruiter. If your recruiter pressures you or tells you that you will be in legal trouble if you do not show up for Basic Training, refer them to the military regulations.

So you don't have to go.

If you don't go, you are not in the military.

It's as simple as that.