

## MILITARY TRAINING

- Military training is for military jobs. Less than 10% of veterans say that they were able to use their military training in civilian jobs.
- In the military you are trained to kill or directly support those who kill.
- Forty percent of the male homeless in the US are veterans.
- Veterans earn almost 20% less than non-veterans. Many new enlistees earn less than minimum wage.

“The reason to have a military is to be prepared to fight and win wars – it’s not a jobs program”

-- Former Vice President Dick Cheney

## RESOURCES

National Network Opposing Militarization of Youth

[www.nnomy.org](http://www.nnomy.org)

Youth Against War and Racism

[www.yawt.org](http://www.yawt.org)

GI Rights Hotline, information on discharges and GI rights: [www.girights.org](http://www.girights.org), 800-394-9544

War Resisters League, excellent organizing guide, “DMZ,” [www.warresisters.org/youth](http://www.warresisters.org/youth)

American Friends Service Committee Youth & Militarism Program, excellent video: “Before You Enlist.Org” 206-632-0500, [www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org)

## SEXUAL TRAUMA

Both men and women experience “Military Sexual Trauma” [MST]. “One in three women vets said they had been sexually assaulted while on active duty” (American Journal of Industrial Medicine March 2003)

“A study by the Department of Veterans Affairs shows 75% of assaulted military women never tell their commanding officer” (Seattle P.I. 4/11/05)

## EDUCATION

Any educational benefits from the military will require eight years of your life, multiple combat tours and likely permanent combat stress (PTSD) or perhaps disabling wounds. For a list of post-high school options on continuing your education, serving your community, job options or starting a career, see your career counselor. For information on financial aid for college see

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) or

[www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com).

Any money received from GI Bill is deducted from other federal student aid.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS

Army studies show that 30 percent of the troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from depression, anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Others suffer from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) from explosive percussions which can cause long-term physical and mental impairment. Suicide rates in 2007 among

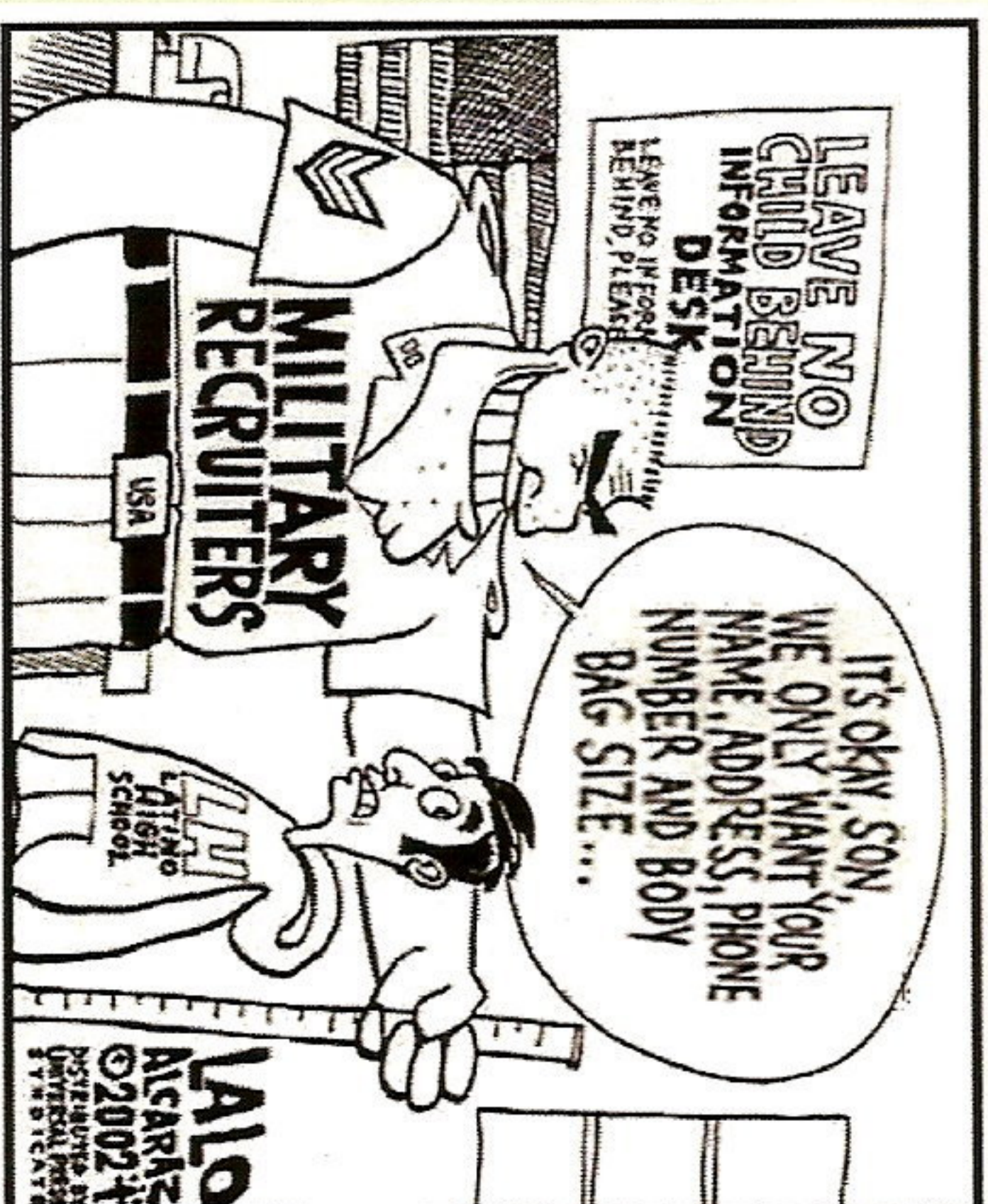
active duty soldiers are the highest on record and significantly higher than in the general population. One-third of the Gulf War Veterans have filed disability claims with the Veterans Administration.

## ENLISTMENT BONUSES

Bonuses have increased but they are paid in installments. Forty percent of the recruits do not finish their enlistments or do not otherwise qualify and forfeit their remaining bonus payments.

“We must consider the point at which we confuse ‘volunteer to become an American soldier’ with mercenary”.

(Lt. Gen. Hemley, Commanding Officer Army Reserve)



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## FUTURE SOLDIERS TRAINING PROGRAM

Also called the Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP)

Students enroll in this program while in high school and formally enlist when they graduate.

Recruiters do not tell students that they may drop out of the program at any time, with no penalty whatsoever. Students should not be threatened or harassed if they change their minds.

If you are threatened by recruiters call the GI Rights Hotline at 1-800-394-9544 or the Recruiter Abuse Hotline 1-877-688-6881.

## MILITARY SERVICE

Once you are in the military, you are required to follow all orders and give up your right to free speech. You may find yourself in a kill or be-killed war. You cannot change your mind once you enlist in the military. The penalty for desertion is prison. It is not true that you can enlist for a trial period to see how you like it.



## OPT OUT

Federal law requires that schools give students private information to the military unless students or parents choose to OPT OUT.

There are two ways your information is recorded for the military lists:

### 1) No Child Left Behind

Under this federal law you must file an OPT OUT form with your own school. As a student, you have the right to opt yourself out.

2) Joint Advertising and Marketing Research & Studies Office (JAMRS): The Pentagon hired a private company to collect student information for military recruitment purposes. 30 million people ages 16-25 are on the list. To remove yourself from this contact list you must contact JAMRS, Direct Marketing Program Officer, 4040 N. Fairfax Dr. #20, Arlington, VA 22203-1613. For copies of the OPT OUT forms contact your school or Washington Truth in Recruiting (WaTiR), [www.watir.org](http://www.watir.org)

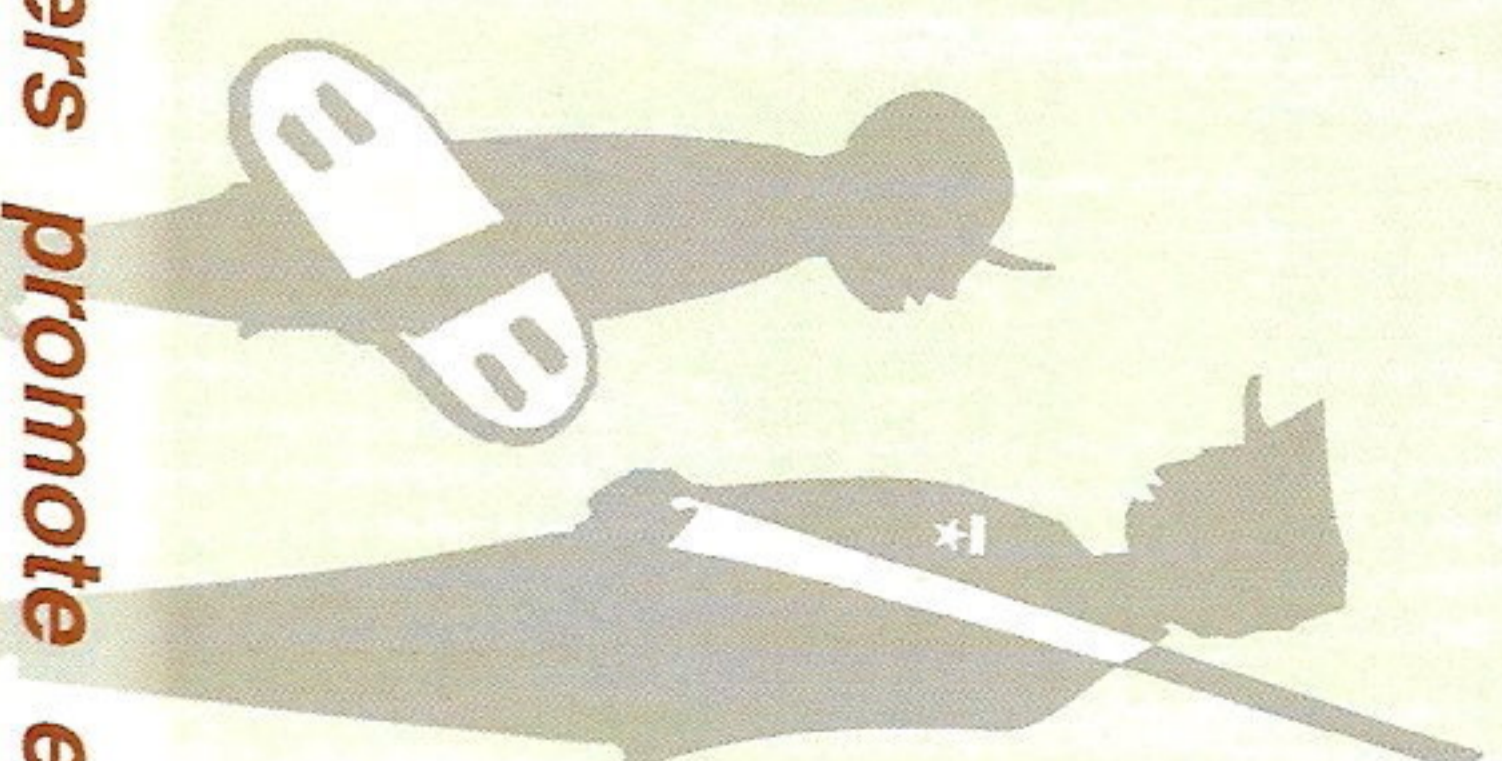


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# WHAT RECRUITERS DON'T Tell You



***Recruiters promote enlistment by glorifying military service and exaggerating the educational and career benefits, while ignoring the dangers.***

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