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"I believe the best chance we have of keeping the current wars from eclipsing the 10-year length of Vietnam would be if groups put much more emphasis on cutting off the flow of human resources, i.e., through **counter-recruitment work and school demilitarization work.**" Rick Jahnkow, Coord., Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (YANO). Read his essay:

[http://www.projectyano.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=1](http://www.projectyano.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=1)

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## NETWORK FOR COUNTER-RECRUITING

*Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (YANO)(1984)(org).*

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Offers youths in San Diego County a contrasting view on military enlistment, informs them about non-military alternatives for skills training and college financial aid, and promotes careers in peacemaking and social change.

Many pubs., request resource list. Rick Jahnkow, Prog. Coord. (See: War Resisters League.) For a list of counter-recruiting orgs., go to [www.nnomy.org](http://www.nnomy.org) and click on Counter Recruitment Orgs in the left menu.

Six key groups, besides Project YANO and NNOMY, would be:

AFSC Youth and Militarism, Philadelphia

<http://www.afsc.org/youthmil/default.htm>

Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, Philadelphia/Oakland

<http://www.objector.org/>

Coalition Against Militarism in Our Schools, Los Angeles

<http://www.militaryfreeschools.org/>

Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft, San Diego

<http://comdsd.org/>

War Resisters League, Youth and Militarism Program, NYC

<http://www.warresisters.org/youth/>

Youth Activists / Youth Allies Network NYC

<http://www.yayanetwork.org/>

**Rick Jahnkow** on long-range counter-recruiting, impeding the flow to the imperial legions: "The problems that have minimized the effectiveness of the peace movement as a whole are many, including U.S. cultural and economic class factors. But to me, the bottom line is that the groups and individuals in the peace movement largely fail to think long-term and miss the bigger picture that would lead to more strategic thinking. I haven't read the Nation article, but long-term strategic thinking means that to prevent the invasion of Iraq, the peace movement should have acted over the preceding two decades to "combat" the resurgence of militarism. It especially would have made a difference to put more resources into preventing the militarization of schools, since the 20- and 30-year-olds who are acting as cannon fodder today were indoctrinated via that militarization. I believe the best chance we have of keeping the current wars from eclipsing the 10-year length of Vietnam would be if groups refocussed and put much more emphasis on cutting off the flow of human resources, i.e., through **counter-recruitment work and school demilitarization** work. That's something that the media, Congress and the next president would not be able to ignore the way they have ignored antiwar marches and demonstrations.

Rick

P.S. If you haven't already seen it, you might be interested in a piece I wrote on this that was picked up by Znet and a few other publications:

[http://www.projectyano.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=1](http://www.projectyano.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=40&Itemid=1)

Activists seek to counter military recruiters on L.A. campuses (from Lyell T)

"Group will ask school officials for access to high school facilities. But some say their message is controversial."

By Seema Mehta *Los Angeles Times*, June 9 2008

Troubled by military recruiting at Los Angeles high schools, activists are seeking equal access to students on campus to provide what they say is unvarnished information about the armed forces and information about nonmilitary careers.

The complete article can be viewed at:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-recruit9-2008jun09,0,7576883.story>

### [Youth Against War and Racism](#)

16th walkout of 125 students **against** the Iraq war and **military** recruitment ... **Youth**

**Against** War and Racism is a growing national network of **youth** activists ...

[www.yawr.org/](http://www.yawr.org/) - 15k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

### [Youth Against War and Racism](#)

If we build antiwar groups like **Youth Against War and Racism** in thousands ... consciously targeting poor and working-class **youth** for **military** recruitment. ...

[www.yawr.org/nov2/milout-povdraft.htm](http://www.yawr.org/nov2/milout-povdraft.htm) - 13k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

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### [MySpace.com - YOUTH AGAINST WAR & RACISM - MN - 20 - Male ...](#)

**Youth** in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area interested in fighting back **against** the occupation of Iraq and **against military** recruitment in our schools! ...

[profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=67164433](http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=67164433) - 161k -

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### [For an international mobilization of workers and youth against the ...](#)

Jan 22, 2007 ... In Iraq itself, most people not only want an end to the **military** ..... people and **youth against** the entire political establishment and the ...

[www.wsws.org/articles/2007/jan2007/war-j22.shtml](http://www.wsws.org/articles/2007/jan2007/war-j22.shtml) - 39k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) -

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### [Keep Building Youth Against War and Racism](#)

**Youth Against** War and Racism began in the fall of 2004 when three high school members of Socialist Alternative started to organize **against military** ...

[www.socialistalternative.org/news/article13.php?id=32](http://www.socialistalternative.org/news/article13.php?id=32) - 19k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) -

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[On the Fringe » Blog Archive » Youth Against War and Racism ...](#)

**Youth Against War and Racism** is a counter-recruitment organization in ... board to place meaningful limits on the access of **military** recruiters to schools. ...

[kvr.org/onthefringe/?p=34](http://kvr.org/onthefringe/?p=34) - 12k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

## [MANIFESTO AGAINST CONSCRIPTION AND THE MILITARY SYSTEM](#)

(2) **Against** Conscription and the **Military** Training of **Youth** 1930, signed among others by Jane Addams, Paul Birukoff und Valentin Bulgakoff (secretaries of ...

[www.peace.ca/manifestoagainstconscription.htm](http://www.peace.ca/manifestoagainstconscription.htm) - 5k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

### DAVID ROVICS' "HALLIBURTON BOARDROOM"

(last night Peace Train played during CAT Message Board, instead of KXUA's audio. A couple of my favorites played, "Baghdad Suite", and David Rovics' "Halliburton Boardroom Massacre." Jim Hale )

I joined the army when high school was through I didn't know what else to do  
Thought I'd take care of that traveling jones Then maybe take out some student  
loans  
They sent me away to the land of the dead Where I didn't know a word that they  
said  
I got shot at a lot, I was nearly toast But its the ones that I killed that  
hurts the most Most  
of the time I didnt know what was going on The rest of the time I knew there  
was something  
going wrong Every reason we were there turned out to be a lie I thought of that  
each time I  
saw another person die I was supposed to stay for a year, they kept me for four  
By the time  
I got back home no one knew me anymore Of the man I once was there didnt seem  
to be a  
trace And when I looked me in the mirror I didnt recognize my face I wasnt  
home too long  
before the time that I fell ill It was like the air was thick as mud and I ached  
enough to kill I  
didnt know Id been fighting in a nuclear war DU was in my blood and I was  
knocking on  
deaths door I cant tell you how it felt to be betrayed at every turn Like the  
earth was spinning  
backwards, like my heart began to burn Like I had to do something while I still  
had the strength  
to stand While I still could run with a machine gun in my hand I thought of  
Halliburton and the  
military brass And the things they get away with all for their ruling class But  
Im not a pawn and  
I cant just let it be And if Im gonna die, Im gonna take some of them fuc\*ers  
with me I'll spare  
you the details, I did what I had to do Theres a boardroom blown to hell and  
soon I will be, too  
You can say I lost it, you can say that Im insane But may no one ever say that  
my death was  
in vain I joined the army when high school was through I didnt know what else  
to do.

### ARTICLE ON COUNTER-RECRUITING

Here's a good article about countering military recruitment:

<http://www.lewrockwell.com/chartier/chartier103.html>

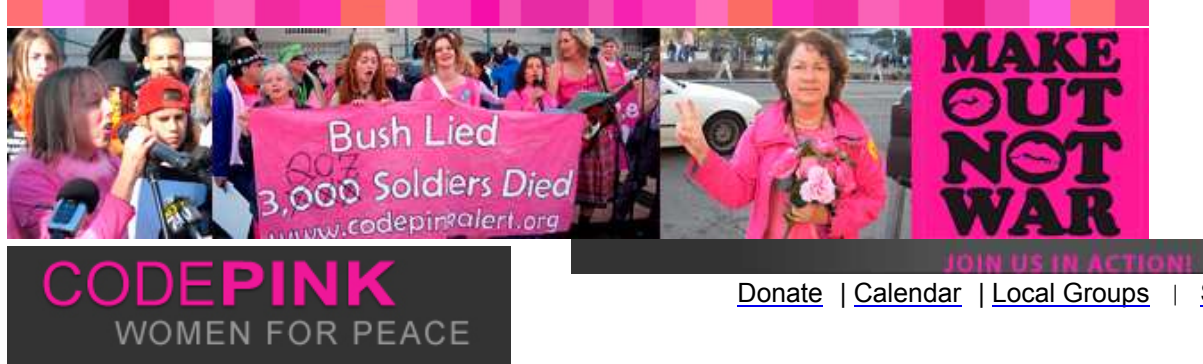
NEW FILMS INSPIRING REFLECTION ABOUT JOINING UP FOR WAR

If young folks saw the testimonials of returning soldiers like this: <http://ivaw.org/wintersoldier/testimony/rules-engagement-part-2/jon-turner/video> they might think twice about joining.

The movie "Redacted" would also be good to show to youngsters considering joining up.  
(Article and films from Bill O.)

Also see "The Valley of Elah" and "Stop Loss."

## BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL VERSUS MARINE RECRUITING STATION



February 14, 2008

Dear Dick,

In the early hours of yesterday morning, we witnessed a historical moment in the anti-war struggle. The Berkeley City Council withstood thousands of hate-filled emails, threats to cut off state and federal funds, hundreds of irate pro-war activists descending on their town insisting they were anti-troops. **They stood firm in their opposition to a Marine**

**Recruiting Station in the heart of their peace-loving city.** Yesterday as we gathered to celebrate, the City Council expressed their gratitude of the resolve and tenacity of CODEPINK. Finally people in power modeling for Congress how to choose peace, instead of trembling in fear as the right hurls insults and threats.

Help us spread this campaign and [sign our pledge of resistance to military recruiting and war](#) and [watch the video of youth and veterans speaking out for peace in Berkeley!](#)



Today, CODEPINKers and friends are holding "kiss-ins" at recruiting centers around the country with the message, **"Don't Enlist, Stay and Kiss ("That Way Everyone Makes Out!")** Of course, these actions are energized by the recent landmark actions in Berkeley. We are using the creative power of love to combat the destructive power of war. How better to celebrate Valentine's Day?!

*Standing strong, with hearts wide open,*  
**Dana, Desiree, Farida, Gael, Gayle, Jodie, Liz, Medea, Nancy and Rae**



[Watch veterans and youth speak out in our video, and sign our petition!](#)

**ACTION ALERT!**

[Sign our pledge of resistance to military recruiting and the war!](#)

"IT'S MY LIFE! A GUIDE TO ALTERNATIVES AFTER HIGH SCHOOL", from the AFSC for young people who aren't ready to make a decision about their future. Chapters on training and apprenticeships, travel, national service, social activism, "green" careers, paying for college, and more. 89pp. \$9.95. [www.afsc.org/store](http://www.afsc.org/store); [www.afsc.org/itsmylife](http://www.afsc.org/itsmylife)

GI Rights Hotline website is [www.girightshotline.org](http://www.girightshotline.org). The phone numbers are 877-447-4487, and in Alaska 888-554-2822 or 907-374-2822. It is a network of non-profit, nongovernmental agencies which provides information to members of the military about conscientious objection, discharges, grievance and complaint procedures and other civil rights; and information for people in the Delayed Enlistment Program.

CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL. FORM A GROUP OF PARENTS TO EXPOSE RECRUITING PRACTICES. COUNTER-RECRUITING SHOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OMNI'S COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-WAR STRATEGY.

**OMNI NEEDS A COUNTER-RECRUITING COORDINATOR. Contact Gladys Tiffany.**

END OF OMNI'S NEWSLETTER #1 ON COUNTER-RECRUITING  
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