YOU PLAN TO ENLIST? Going to the Recruiting Office?
Take a parent or friend with you.
Read over the enlistment agreement very carefully and ask questions.
Get all promises in writing. Spoken promises count for nothing.
Before signing anything discuss it with parents and friends.
Obtain a copy of the agreement. The recruiter must furnish it.
Get copies of everything you sign.

Contents of #2, Go to www.omnicenter.org
Contact NWA High Schools
Recruits Need to Know:
Combat Injuries, Suicide, Housing obstacles, and more
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Minority Women in the Military
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MILITARISM

“Data Minefield” by David Goodman, Mother Jones (Sept./Oct. 2009), 21-. Pentagon’s ongoing campaign to find more and more effective ways to reach potential enlistees.

RESISTANCE
The 2011 WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE PEACE CALENDAR


“A sacred cow, the U.S. military is revered in nearly every class within our class structure. Why?” The Pentagon and other centers of militarism spend billions of dollars to recruit young mind to perpetuate the ever-expanding empire. Each facing pages combine an account of resistance with photos or a poster, and the calendar with daily information about peacemaking and peacemakers.

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Counter Recruitment

WRL’s counter-recruitment work provides young people with the resources and training necessary to agitate against military recruitment in their schools and communities.

Our long term goal is to bring youth organizers and young veterans together to help build a unified, national anti-war movement. To help accomplish this, we produce materials, conduct trainings, and work in a number of national coalitions.

Get connected to youth counter recruitment activists all over the country. Check out DMZ: A Guide to Taking Your School Back from the Military an organizing guide for high school students interested in keeping the military out of our schools. We offer counter recruitment workshops and trainings for students, activists, and educators on a regular basis. Email wrl@warresisters.org for more information.
**Take a look at our compiled list of websites and resources for counter-recruitment work done by youth and by allies.**

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NNOMY NATIONAL NETWORK OPPOSING THE MILITARIZATION OF YOUTH (www.nnomy.org)

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The National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth is a network of counter-recruitment organizations and groups throughout the United States of ...

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The National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth (NNOMY) will be ... www.nnomy.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_frontpage...1 - Cached
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3. **National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth Schedules**

   Jul 4, 2009 ... The National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth (NNOMY) is holding its 2009 Conference July 17-19, 2009 in Chicago. ...

warisacrime.org/node/44199 - Cached

4. **Five Dollar Friday: NNOMY - The National Network Opposing the**

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5. **Organization: National Network Opposing the Militarization of ...**

   Dec 28, 2005 ... The National Network Opposing Militaryization of Youth (NNOMY) will be integral in bringing our groups together so we can help the nation ...

www.wiserearth.org/.../501d83133aa8adc9f87445ef8eccdf66 - Cached - Similar

6. **National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth - NNOMY ...**

   NNOMY (National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth) is a national networking body that brings together national, regional and local organizations ...

ihcenter.org/groups/nnomy - Cached

7. **The National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth |**

   Welcome to a Facebook Page about The National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth. Join Facebook to start connecting with The National Network ...


8. **Five Dollar Friday: NNOMY - The National Network Opposing the**
Jul 23, 2010 ... For today's Five Dollar Friday, I've given $5 to NNOMY. www.democrats.com/five-dollar-friday-nnomy-the-national-network-opposing-the-militarization-of-youth - Cached

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10. The Militarization of America's Youth
Oct 18, 2009 ... The Militarization of America's Youth. US Army Experience Center (AEC): ... of the National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth. ...

Excellent action handbook: ARMY OF NONE: STRATEGIES TO COUNTER MILITARY RECRUITMENT, END WAR, AND BUILD A BETTER WORLD. By Aimee Allison and David Solnit. 2007. Ask your bookseller to order you one, or contact Seven Stories Press, www.sevenstories.com
Section One analyzes military recruitment. Section Two presents counter-recruitment. Section Three offers ideas and examples for effective organizing to develop allies, employ direct action, and end war.

See the May 2009 number of PeaceWork.

Excellent pamphlet: OMNI’s own “What’s Your Dream.”

Excellent newspaper article: David Showers, “Finding Soldiers,” Fayetteville Free Weekly (Feb. 25, 2010).

“Students Armed with New Anti-Recruiter Regulations” By Jaisal Noor September 18, 2009
New regulations by New York City Department of Education Chancellor Joel Klein announced earlier this year hope to monitor U.S. military recruiters who focus on courting high school students. Under the new rules, which take effect this semester, recruiters will be banned from using class time for presentations and all 9th to 12th grade students will be given forms to opt out of the provision in the No Child Left Behind Act, which automatically releases students’ contact information to recruiters.
“I don’t want to just be fed a whole bunch of lies and possibly die in Iraq,” said Tracy Hobbs, a Flatbush senior who attends Metropolitan High School in Brownsville. Hobbs is also a member of the Ya-Ya Network.
Indypendent story here
Boys Into Men by John Graham

I went to a quiet meeting yesterday at the local Veterans Resource Center in the small rural county where I live. At the meeting were 25 vets, family members of vets and a few others. From that small group flowed gut-wrenching stories of suicides, addictions and shattered minds and bodies.

As a young man I’d gone to war in Vietnam for the adventure of it. What a fool I was. But I was hardly alone. Every war has recruited eager young men looking for adventure, seeking to prove their worth as men. And every war has left behind the wreckage that these young men did not foresee or chose to ignore.

I can imagine what it must be like to ride in a Humvee down a road in Falluja where the day before some eight-year-old has planted a bomb that killed your best friend. I went just once out near the A Shau valley, into triple-canopied jungle so thick that it was dark at noon on the forest floor. There could have been an entire regiment of North Vietnamese only 50 yards away and you would never know it until the first bullet sang past your ear or tore into your body. I didn’t know what fear was until I’d been in a place like that. Two years later I walked down the shadowed sides of streets in California to avoid sniper fire.

And on the other side of the gunsite, imagine nineteen year-olds just three months from their malls and video games looking through the crosshairs of their weapons at another human being they’ve never met and never will and pulling the trigger.

Nobody should have to experience these things. Which brings me to three thoughts:

I just finished reading *The Palace Files* by Jerry Schecter and Nguyen Hung, a carefully documented exposé of the Nixon/Kissinger strategy to prolong a lost war in Vietnam in a vain attempt to salvage American prestige and their own political careers. It cost tens of thousands of lives. By all means, let us blame the old men in power who have forever created wars, especially those who have done so driven by their own ambitions, ideologies, ignorance and pathologies.

We can worry too about cultures—including ours—that are rapidly losing any capacity for settling disputes through honest and committed efforts to work for the common good. As the governance of our (and other) nations sours into partisan warfare at home, how can we expect to do any better abroad? Fearful of perceived enemies within and without, we stereotype, we hate, and by our example teach our children to fear, to stereotype and to hate.

Finally, we need to find ways to initiate our boys into manhood without sending them to war (young women go to war these days too but someone else must speak to them). I speak to the boys who want so much to become men but whose guidance comes mostly from videogames and peer pressures and the adrenaline and testosterone coursing in their veins.

Thank God there are many boys who have strong, positive male role models in their lives. But boys need to be initiated into manhood not just by their fathers and uncles, but by their society. Native Americans initiated boys through lengthy, significant and often dangerous trials at the end of which they were
welcomed into the company of men and from that moment were expected to help take responsibility for the welfare of the tribe.

We don’t need to send our boys into the wilderness for a month with pocket knives in order for them to become men, but we do need to pay much more attention to developing appropriate rites of passage, following periods of study and trial. Using models that are thousands of years old, those periods should focus on heroic values of courage and compassion. They should build the skills and experience of service, a sense of responsibility for the common good and a capacity for reflection that in time will lead to wisdom.

I wish someone had done this for me.

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