YOU PLAN TO ENLIST OR YOU KNOW SOMEONE? 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.

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War Resisters League via uark.edu 4-16-12 to jbennet

wrl@warresisters.org

Help your school join the thousands that have stopped sending student test results to the military.

Dear WRL member,

WRL has teamed up with the National Coalition to Protect Student Privacy to stop the use of military testing as a recruiting device in high schools across the country. [http://www.studentprivacy.org/](http://www.studentprivacy.org/)

What you can do:

Click here and follow the instructions on how to download and send emails to your state’s superintendent of schools and school board members. [http://www.studentprivacy.org/letter.htm](http://www.studentprivacy.org/letter.htm) The letter asks school officials to protect the privacy of students by prohibiting the automatic release of test results to military recruiters gained through the administration of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or ASVAB.

When you receive a response from your letter, forward it to ASVAB@warresisters.org and we can discuss how to proceed.
More than a thousand schools, including all of the public high schools in Hawaii and Maryland have already acted to prohibit the automatic release of student information to recruiters through this deceptive Pentagon recruiting program.

Background info:

Each year, the military goes into 12,000 high schools nationally and gives a test to 660,000 kids under the guise of a "Career Exploration Program" that is actually one of the Pentagon's most important recruiting tools. It is known as the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or ASVAB. Three and a half hours of test results and sensitive personal information are forwarded to military recruiters for use in a sophisticated recruitment program, without parental knowledge or consent and often in violation of state laws. Usually, students are strongly encouraged to take the test, but more than a thousand schools nationally require students to take it.

You can learn a lot more about this deceptive Pentagon program in our schools and how to stop it at www.studentprivacy.org.

Counter-Power of Graphic Pictures
CIGARETTES
The federal government June 21, 2011 “unveiled none graphic images that will be required on all cigarette packs and advertising as part of a new warning strategy. The images include a picture of a man smoking through a tracheotomy hole in his throat, a horribly diseased lung, mottled teeth and gums, a man breathing with an oxygen mask, and a man’s body with a large scar running down the chest….Public-health authorities and anti-smoking advocates praised the move as a milestone in the battle against tobacco in the United States that began in 1964….Canada, which became the first country to require more graphic warnings in 2000, has seen a significant drop in smoking.” Arkansas Democrat Gazette (June 22, 2011).

RECRUITING
The same strategy could apply against wars, THE greatest public health plague. The peace movement should show images of shot, bombed, exploded, decapitated, dismembered, burned, disemboweled troops. What do you think?
Muste Notes (Spring-Summer 2011) lists its “Counter recruitment Grants, September-December 2010.” 7 grants, $1500 max. They offer us good ideas. OMNI needs a volunteer to focus on counter-recruiting here. A peace organization ought to be engaged steadily with counter-recruiting.

RECRUITING DECEPTION
Every week the Northwest Arkansas Times publishes “Military Briefs.” On December 29, 2010, the paper told about 5 new National Guard enlistees (3 men, 2 women), including the specialties assigned or promised them: “information technology specialist,” “multiple launch rocket crew member,” “petroleum supply specialist,” “field artillery tactical data system specialist,” and the fifth had just graduated from Basic Combat Training. Did they receive the training they were promised? What do these specialties actually train them to do? Will they prepare them for employment after discharge as some recruiting ads allege? Any of you working on military recruiting?

--Martin, Geoff and Erin Steuter. Pop Culture Goes to War: Enlisting and Resisting Militarism in the War on Terror. Lexington, 2010. See their article in ZMagazine (January 2011), “Bang, Bang You’re Dead: Legitimating Warrior Culture”: “The rise of conservatism and militarism over the last 30 years has led to a renewed effort to promote militaristic toys and activities to young people.” See also Antonia Fraser, History of Toys.