

BE ALL YOU CAN BE

The Places You'll Go:

Recruiters say you can get lots of money for college and great jobs training. But is it true?

Half the soldiers who pay \$1200 to enroll in the GI Bill never see a dime. Nearly all enlistees end up on the GI Bill. Even if you *do* get money but attend a 2-year college, you probably will get less than half the max amount of \$36,000.

Veterans earned 15% less than non-vets because military service is NOT good jobs training, according to a 1990 study. Less than 1 in 8 veterans said they used the skills they learned in the military on their civilian jobs. Our own vice-president said: "The military is not a social welfare agency; it is not a jobs training program."

Will Enlisting Make Your Life Better?

At least 1 in 6 soldiers returning from Iraq suffer from depression, anxiety, or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

PTSD can prevent you from feeling and expressing emotion, and it can hurt your relationship to your child.

Women are especially prone to suffer from PTSD, because many experience attempted rape (30% of women) or sexual harassment (90% of women) in addition to combat.

Was That in the Job Description?

"Why do we soldiers need to dig through local landfills for pieces of scrap metal...to up-armor our vehicles?" -- Spc. Thomas Wilson

RACISM in the Armed Forces

--Black, Latino, and Asian men and women are over 30% of the military but only 12% of the officers.

--Minorities are overrepresented in military prisons and more likely to NOT get an honorable discharge.

--83% of those under death sentence at the Ft. Leavenworth military prison in 1994 were minorities.

REAL HEROES

Many veterans discovered they were sent to die for a lie. No WMD, no connection between Saddam and Al-Qaeda, and Iraqis were angry at having their country occupied. These veterans have returned and spoken out courageously against the war in Iraq.

"Everybody wants this to be a good war...But guys like me know it's not a good war" -- Lt Mike Hoffman

DON'T ENLIST

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