

flunk the WAR MACHINE

fact sheet

if only military recruiters had a Do-Not-Call list.

or, *Why you might want to be wary of those recruiting calls and the legislation that makes them possible.*

RECENTLY SPOTTED ON THE FRONT OF AN ARMY TRUCK IN IRAQ:

A sign that reads “One weekend a month, my ass!” The sign refers to an advertising hook the Army Reserve uses: they say you’ll serve one weekend a month and an additional two weeks a year, and get to keep your “civilian lifestyle.” That is, unless you get involuntarily shipped to a war zone, which isn’t exactly highlighted in the ads. **S** This is just one of many reasons you might be wary of promises from military recruiters. If you’re a high school student, your phone is probably ringing off the hook with recruiting calls right about now--and part of that is due to an obscure provision in the No Child Left Behind law that says your school has to turn your name and contact information over to the military. **S** Disguised as an effort to close the widening performance gap between poverty stricken and highly funded school districts, the No Child Left Behind Act leaves no child left unrecruited. In exchange for government funding, “each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students names, addresses, and telephone listings.” What you may not know is that you still have the right to withhold your personal information from military recruiters. “A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student’s name, address, and telephone listing... not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational agency or private school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request.” **S** Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), students’s directory information (name, address, and enrollment status) may be released without a student’s consent for military recruitment and scholarship.

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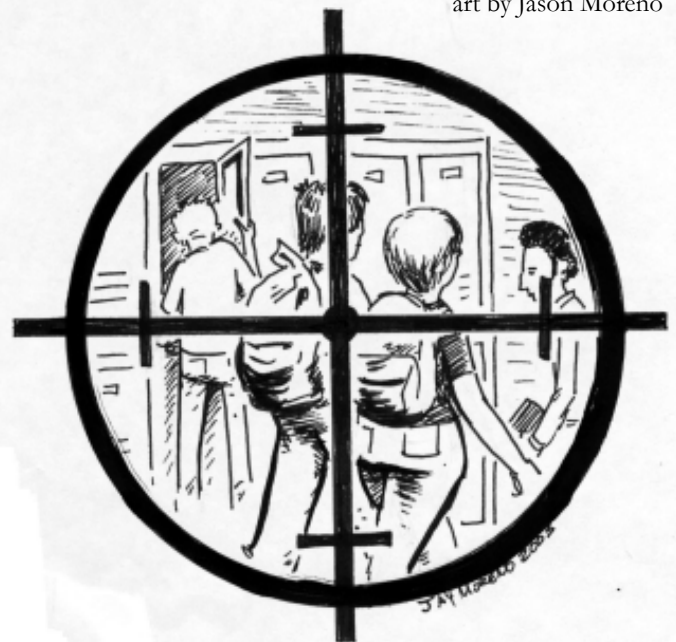
POP QUIZ... Who said this?

“The reason to have a military is to be prepared to fight and win wars. The military is not a social-welfare agency. It is not a jobs program.”

- a) Dick Cheney
- b) Colin Powell
- c) Ari Fletcher

Answer: Dick Cheney

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the Pentagon : keeping high schoolers on target.

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quick stats

\$56.5 billion

2003 proposed
Department of Education
budget.

\$396 billion

2003 proposed
Department of Defense
budget--7 times the
amount allocated for
education.

500,000 students cur-
rently enrolled in JROTC
programs.

35%

of the 71% of recruits
enrolled in the GI Bill
actually receive benefits.

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purposes, unless the student formally requests non-disclosure of this information through her/his school administration. Exercise your right to privacy and request that your personal information be kept confidential and educate others about their right to do the same.

What can I do? How to change the No Child Left Behind recruitment policy from "opt-out" to "opt-in" at your school

- 1 Request that your school administration adopt an Opt-in policy, rather than Opt-out. Opt-in would prohibit military recruiters from accessing students' information unless explicitly permitted by the student or parent. If your school does not agree to an Opt-in policy, require that it send out a mass mailing to inform students and parents of their right to Opt-out.
- 2 Place literature displays in career and counseling offices. You can also set up counter-recruitment displays at career and college fairs. Make posters to put up on bulletin boards in the halls, classrooms, and other free space.
- 3 Say NO! to the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test.
- 4 Invite speakers from your local chapter of Veterans for Peace to give testimonials about their military experiences.
- 5 Contact SPAN and the organizations below to find out how to take more action.

WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFO

- C Central Committee for Conscientious Objection www.objector.org
- C War Resisters League www.warresisters.org
- C Roots www.warresisters.org/Roots/newsite5.html
- C American Friends Service Committee www.afsc.org
- C Center for Conscience and War www.nisbco.org
- C Not in Our Name www.notinourname.net
- C Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft www.comdsd.org
- C Goodbye ROTC www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/2906
- C Students Transforming and Resisting Corporations www.staralliance.org
- C Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (YANO) www.projectyano.org



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